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Sixth Form Experience

The Sixth Form at Millfield is a time of enjoyment, excitement and discovery. You should expect the pace of life to be fast but you should also expect to have fun.

We make no apologies for the fact that you will be challenged in whatever you do. Millfield is an aspirational community which expects the best of its students and its teachers.

For our students, the Sixth Form acts as a crucial bridge between life at school and life at university. We want you to challenge, we want you to be positive disruptors and we want you to be thinking actively about life after Millfield.

Whether you are one of the many students who join us in the Lower Sixth, or whether you started with us in Millfield Pre-Prep, the Sixth Form is a very different place to other years at Millfield. Considerable responsibility is given to our Sixth Form students and we expect a great deal from them.

We acknowledge that your voice is essential in how the school is led, and we will look to you to support and mentor younger students.

I wish you every success in your Sixth Form journey.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Gavin Horgan.

Gavin Horgan, Headmaster



"Millfield's reputation precedes itself as one of the top schools in the country and in my view, it absolutely lives up to this. The school has provided me with once-in-a-lifetime opportunities that I wouldn't have received elsewhere."

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Morgan

Golfer now at a US university

The step up from GCSE to studying Mathematics, Accounting and Psychology at A level was hard, but made easier by the support I received from my subject teachers. Workshops are held during lunchtime for specific subjects and additional sessions nearer to exam times are put on after school. The teachers are all flexible and you can arrange to see them if needed. All the teachers at Millfield want to bring out the best in you and see you achieve in all that you do.

I have recently accepted a place to study at Xavier University in Cincinnati to study accounting and finance and to continue to play golf. Millfield supported me through the application process to make my dream a reality. To study in the US, you must take the SAT. Millfield holds study sessions, going through exam techniques and past papers, which were of great benefit and raised my confidence. The school is an SAT centre which means I could take the exam on-site.

There are many talks and lectures that take place after school; in Mathematics there is the Pi Shop, where pupils discuss extended mathematics topics to gain a wider understanding and in-depth meaning of the subject. There is also the Academic Society where a complex topic is explained at each session which helps to broaden your knowledge.

Millfield has some of the best sporting facilities in the country. No matter the level of your ability, the school helps you make important steps up in your sporting career. I specialise in golf and receive three training sessions per week to perfect my long and short game. Along with a programme of away fixtures I also play at local Golf Clubs, which really helps me as it's a real challenge and a proper test of your golf. I always look forward to every golf session, as the team have all bonded so well, there is a real element of fun, something that is really encouraged by both coaches. Outside of golf, I go to the gym where there are sessions geared towards your specialist sport. Having a personal trainer that guides you through all the exercises and individualises the session to your needs is a real privilege and has made a big impact to my sport.

At Millfield you can mix with people from many different backgrounds and cultures. Despite our differences, everyone always comes together, and I have met some friends for life. My advice would be to make sure you optimise and grasp every opportunity, everything that comes your way, even if it seems outside your comfort zone or unfamiliar, you never know unless you try.





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"My journey at Millfield began in Year 9; over these last five years I have welcomed all the opportunities I have been given, from public speaking and debating, to exploring a broad range of sport such as football, golf, badminton and squash, all of which have their own specialist coaches and facilities."



Harry

An aspiring investment banker

The breadth of activities at Millfield has also taught me something that my father values above anything, time management! The ability to juggle my sporting schedule alongside my academic commitments helped me on my way to becoming a Prefect, a position which has improved my leadership skills. Developing these skills has allowed me to become a Millfield Ambassador, where I am given leadership opportunities such as helping to run the Millfield Polo Invitational and other fundraising events. I cannot thank the school enough for giving me the chance to develop skills in such a creative way.

As an academic, I have been given many chances to enhance my learning outside the classroom, such as attending lectures from external speakers, taking part in House Debating, travelling to Spain to improve my language skills and cultural understanding for GCSE Spanish and visiting New York on an A level Economics trip. At A level, I studied Geography, Economics and Psychology, and with Millfield's fantastic facilities and teaching staff I have become a confident and ambitious pupil, with a burning desire to build a career within the investment banking arena. With the support of Millfield's excellent Careers Department, I pursued an internship in investment banking in December.

Looking back, I almost didn't change schools in fear of change and the unknown, however I cannot express enough how happy I am now, so I know that I made the right decision. If I was able to go back and speak to my younger self I would simply say 'take a chance and do your best'. Now I feel equipped with a strong academic education, bolstered by life lessons and leadership skills, which I feel is a combination incomparable to anywhere else.



"My time at Millfield has been diverse and fun, and I have been so privileged to have access to its facilities and opportunities."

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Florence

Actor, musician and vocalist, taking a gap year

The support network of teachers have allowed me to broaden my Sixth Form experience, enabling me to involve myself in a range of co-curricular activities, whilst maintaining my academic grades. As a result, I have been able to embrace a multitude of different communities within Millfield; from my Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award team, who helped me master wild camping in the Brecon Beacons, to my specialist music teachers, who continuously inspire me to perform to the best of my ability.

A highlight of my time at Millfield has been my involvement in the music department, I really enjoyed performing Mozart's flute concerto in D with a full professional orchestra and conductor, and going on tour with Camerata during the summer. The music community has become my second family, and it is a haven that I will miss immensely when I leave Millfield.

Millfield has offered me a wide variety of academic enrichment to help progress my understanding on particular topics. I am a member of the Academic Society, which is a group of students who are able to attend lectures on specific topics and even take lectures themselves. Two of my A level Music classmates and I gave a lecture entitled: "Music is the most emotive of the Arts". This provided me with the opportunity to explore our subject outside of the syllabus, and heightened my enthusiasm for it. I am now hoping to study music as part of my degree at University.

It was from my love of performing that I also became involved in various drama productions including: an original play directed and written by students, to Arthur Miller's "The Crucible", to "High School Musical". Last year, I was fortunate enough to take the female lead role in "Sweeney Todd: the demon barber of Fleet Street", a weird, hilarious, and challenging six month process, that I will forever cherish as a production. The theatre facility is outstanding, and the friendly crew are always so creative in how they transform the stage and lights, depicting the most absurdly wonderful settings. Most of all, it was a great honour to waltz above a semi-professional pit orchestra, whilst singing about how good various street-goers would taste in pies.

I decided to take a gap year in New Zealand, working at St Margaret's College, Christchurch, doing music, drama and helping with the boarding programme. I am heading to Durham University, to study Liberal Arts, specialising in Music and English, next year.





“Since being at Millfield, I have had the privilege of being inundated with opportunities, including completing Ten Tors, listening to incredible speakers from around the globe, academic enrichment opportunities, outdoor expeditions and travelling to seven different countries on rugby tours.”

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Tyler

Rugby Player and future Doctor

I have seen my academic ability develop a huge amount since joining the school and my grades have transformed. We are very lucky to receive regular academic enrichment lectures; a recent favourite of mine was a lecture and dissection demonstration by a Professor and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Cambridge. In addition to studying A level Physics, Biology and Chemistry, I have completed an Extended Project Qualification. My chosen topic was medicines that treat a range of cancers, as I hope to study Biomedical Sciences at Cardiff University, with a further plan to pursue a career in Medicine. My aspirations have been supported by my teachers, in addition to my Group Tutor and the Careers Department, who have worked out plans and extra study sessions to help me get where I want to go.

Another big part of my time at Millfield has been rugby. Millfield has great recognition for its sporting excellence for a good reason. My first experience of success with Millfield Rugby was in Year 8, when we won the Rosslyn Park 7s. My passion and commitment to rugby has continued throughout my school years and more recently the 1st team had an awesome pre-season in France, which built the foundation for our successful season. I have now been selected for Wales U19s and have started training with Cardiff Blues Academy; this standard of rugby is reflective of Millfield's 1st team, which has five age grade internationals and numerous academy players.

During my time at Millfield, I have been offered a huge range of opportunities and been able to pursue my hobbies and interests. For example, playing piano, performing in concerts, as well as exhibiting a piece of my art in the Tate Modern. This school has become a huge part of my identity and has helped me discover my passions and drives. It is a place for everyone and I will look back on my time here with very fond memories.



"Everyone's time at Millfield is unique; no-one's journey will be the same. My experience has been fantastic as there is so much to get involved with."



Freya

Musician pursuing a career in Chemical Engineering

My motto is 'work hard, be nice'. I have thoroughly enjoyed the step up from GCSE to A level and I am currently studying French, Chemistry, Mathematics and the EPQ. There is a lot more individual responsibility, including the opportunity and expectation for you to read ahead and undertake in-depth research when studying. There are also lots of academic enrichment opportunities in addition to classroom learning; I attended talks from guest speakers, started one-on-one language sessions with the French Assistant and completed a Lower Sixth Research Project.

The EAGLES programme is a great part of our timetable which includes helping the local community. I am currently volunteering at a local gymnastics club, where not only is it a chance to meet and support new people, it also contributes to my Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Millfield has an outstanding sporting reputation and I'm still in awe of the facilities. I'm a hockey player, and the support, professionalism and motivation I have received from my coaches has been amazing; from the relationship you build, their dedication to your skill development, to the intense schedule of training, gym and one-on-one sessions each week, in addition to matches. I'm lucky to have experienced the once-in-a-lifetime chance to tour South Africa, where we played teams from across the world.

Music is also a big part in my life. I play the flute and saxophone and am involved with jazz band, orchestra, a chamber group and choirs. I've had the opportunity to play solo flute at recitals, as well as join chamber choir performances. The Music Department is a space where I can express myself, relax and meet new people outside my academic and sporting commitments.

I joined Millfield in the Lower Sixth and have already started thinking about my future. This school is a launchpad that I intend to make the most of. I am currently interested in studying at a university abroad, as I wish to travel and experience the world. There are plenty of careers fairs and talks where I can explore this option. Additionally, I have been a part of the Futurewise programme, where I can talk with an advisor about potential future professions, which has given me the confidence to pursue my dream career of being a Material Scientist and study chemical engineering at university.





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"Since joining Millfield, I have been impressed by the wide range of diversity. Interaction with fellow pupils was definitely what made my Millfield experience so enjoyable; learning about people's culture is always fun and interesting. I have made many friends who all have different interests and skills. There are pupils who are academic, creative and athletic; I see Millfield as a platform that brings the best out in everyone."



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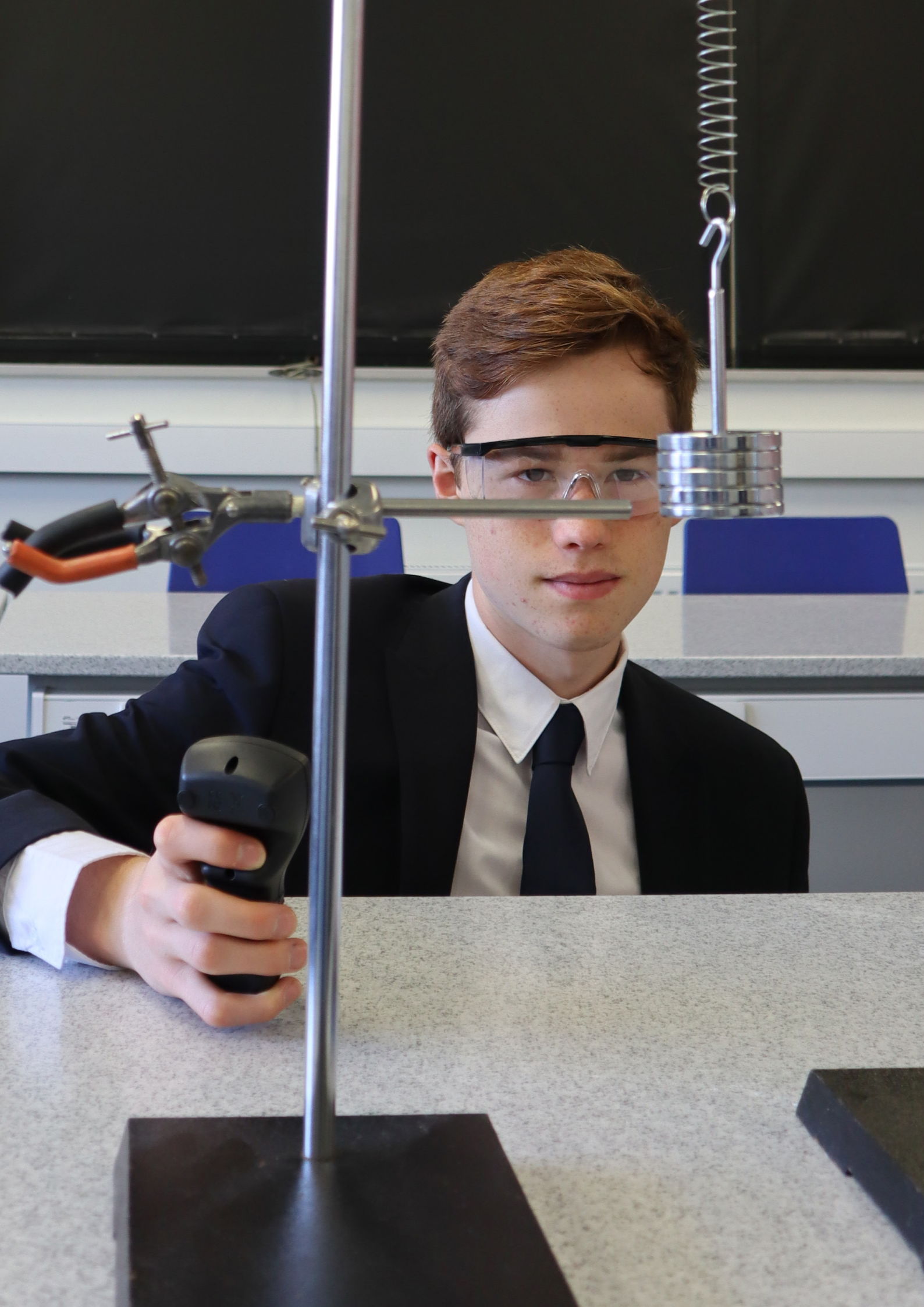
Artist and Fashion Designer

Personally, I chose Millfield because of its excellent Art & Design Department, which has everything you need to achieve the top grades; excellent teachers, outstanding facilities and a great atmosphere. I study BTEC Art & Design, which is the equivalent of three A levels. Millfield has offered me abundant support and whenever I feel like I'm falling behind there is always teacher support, additional art sessions and weekly drawing sessions such as Life Drawing, which all help to bolster my grades.

During my UCAS application for a BA in Fashion Design, the Careers Department provided much-needed support, advising me at every step of the application process to help me best compete for a place on the course. Coming from Thailand, English is my second and weaker language, but the school has offered support with English as an Additional Language (EAL) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) examinations, which are crucial for studying at an English-speaking university. Without the help from my teachers and the Careers Department, I am not sure if I would have received the offers I did. Millfield has enabled me to fulfil my goal, as in September I will be studying at University of the Arts London.

At Millfield there are many extra-curricular societies and events run by the school and pupils. My favourite has been the International Society which was certainly a fun experience. My motto is, 'great opportunities will always come and go, so be ready to seize the moment'. Millfield will be a chapter of my life which I will always remember.

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"In the ten years I have been at Millfield I have had endless opportunities. Having to balance multiple sports, drama, academic work and more has played a key role in making me the person that I am today."



Max

Mathematician and International Chess Player

I am studying for A levels in Mathematics, Physics, Spanish and Further Mathematics and benefit greatly from the abundance of co-curricular events that are available to pupils. Academic Enrichment at Millfield is second to none, from the extensive library of books to the regular lectures given by high profile guests in every subject. I always find myself drawn to the Academic Society, where pupils research and give talks on a wide range of topics, and Pi Shop, where the pupil-led presentations are much more Mathematics focused. Having the opportunity to research and discuss the fields of Mathematics which interest me the most has helped me to discover my love for the subject.

In addition to my academic work I have enjoyed playing a variety of sports. Coaching from Millfield's resident grandmaster has supported me in playing chess at international level.

The school's excellent facilities, as well as the motivating coaches who adapt to every player's different needs, have enabled me to enjoy playing both hockey and cricket as part of a team.

One of my favourite aspects of Sixth Form at Millfield is the fantastic EAGLES programme. A great feature of EAGLES is the opportunity to volunteer in the community. I have particularly enjoyed participating in the Year 9 mentoring scheme as well as running a chess club for younger children at Elmhurst, a local primary school.

I have never been short of things to do at Millfield. When I joined the school in Year 3 I could never have imagined the joy I'd take in learning to play the piano, participating in regular house debates, or performing in one of the many exciting drama productions that take place in the Meyer Theatre every year.

Yet, despite all of this, my favourite part of Millfield has always been the people. Where else can you interact with diverse characters of such a vast range of nationalities, from so many backgrounds, and who have such a breadth of different skills? I will never forget my time at Millfield, and all the incredible individuals I have met along the way. Millfield has truly given me an education for life.

At Millfield, the teachers and boarding team work with you to make sure that you have a broad and challenging programme and, crucially, the right programme for you.

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The Right Programme for You

Although we ask you to give an indication of your likely choices in the Spring before your GCSEs, course choices are not finalised until Advice Day, the Sunday at the start of the Autumn Term, where subject specialists are on hand to advise on the merits and demands of studying their subject. The Sixth Form curriculum has been designed to provide you with a broad and flexible choice of subjects and courses which include A levels, BTEC courses and Pre U. Further information can be found on the school website. Our class sizes are small – on average around 11 pupils – so the teaching and support you receive in class can be tailored to you.

In addition to subject lessons, independent study is a key feature of the Sixth Form. All students in the Lower Sixth have the opportunity to undertake a research project, and the skills learned during this process provide the foundation for the EPQ (the Extended Project Qualification). This is highly regarded by universities and is worth half an A level in UCAS points. There are lectures from extraordinary speakers in our perspectives programme, opportunities to volunteer and to develop advanced skills in leadership as well as unrivalled opportunities and facilities for our talented musicians,

artists and sporting students. Your teachers, coaches and the house team will work with you to build a programme that works for you. With over 300 students in each of the Sixth Form years, Millfield's Sixth Form environment is certainly dynamic. One fifth of our students come to Millfield from over 70 countries, so our boarding houses, the Sixth Form club and the diverse social programme provide the forum to make friendships from across the globe.

Looking back over the stories told here, Morgan's Millfield was different to Harry's Millfield. What is your Millfield story?

There are over 22,000 Old Millfieldians spread across the world for you to connect with... a network of endless possibilities.



Miles

Brochure Photographer

I joined Millfield in Year 9, which provided an amazing opportunity to discover the Arts; I chose to focus on photography, piano and poetry. I also tried new sports, such as climbing and cross country and gained leadership and resilience skills through the Outdoor Adventure programme. After gaining ten GCSEs, with one in Photography, I chose A levels in Photography, English Literature and Economics. During Sixth Form, my love for photography has grown with the

encouragement of my tutors and peers. Beyond the classroom, Millfield has allowed me to further develop my capabilities with the camera; such opportunities include photographing Sir Gareth Edwards during his scholarship event, touring with Millfield's premier chamber choir Camerata as the photographer and doing the photography for this brochure. I also plan to visit Malawi to help raise awareness of a charity. I have received an unconditional offer from Falmouth University to study Photography (BA Hons), with a future goal to work with luxury fashion brands such as Yohji Yamamoto and Louis Vuitton.