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## Debunking the Myths of Online Education

Today's live, virtual high school can take your preconceived notions about remote learning and flip them on their heads. As Bryn Mawr Online Director Justin Curtis says, "There's a misconception the online class will be easier or not as rigorous, that students won't have support and won't interact with other people. But they are getting the same academic experience online. We meet students where they are and push them along the way."

### Myth #1: Online school is easier.

Bryn Mawr Online offers an honors-level curriculum that mirrors the nationally ranked campus school. Courses include Honors Algebra, Precalculus and Calculus; Honors Physics, Chemistry and Biology; Computer Science; world languages, and AP History.

Adds Curtis, "We're not willing to compromise on the academics. We're not learning online because we have to, but because we can make it a better experience for the student."

"My daughter spends a good deal of time outside of the classroom training and competing her horses. Additionally, she spends winters in Florida competing. The online aspect allows her to participate in a rigorous academic program, while also providing flexibility to spend an adequate amount of time participating in her sport."

– *Current Bryn Mawr Online Parent*

### Myth #2: You're just watching videos all day.

Monday through Thursday, Bryn Mawr students attend live, synchronous classes taught by a teacher—cameras on, everyone! Friday is an asynchronous day for students to catch up on work, meet with teachers or participate in optional activities.

"Online teaching permits me to teach my curriculum in creative and challenging ways while remaining faithful to the curriculum and standards. Online teaching embraces flexibility in scheduling for both faculty and students."

*—Christine Valenti, Faculty Member, Bryn Mawr Online School*

### **Myth #3: Students have no interaction with each other.**

In addition to the live classes, students at Bryn Mawr Online participate in extracurricular activities and community activities together online. Bryn Mawr finds creative ways to establish social connections and bonds such as afternoon clubs, virtual meetups like movie nights, international travel opportunities and an annual on-campus retreat.

“The biggest change was getting used to interacting with people online a lot. One of the best things is getting to know and make friends with the people here, having all our classes with them, as well as all the fun things we get to do.”

*– Bryn Mawr Online Student*

### **Myth #4: You won’t have the support you need.**

Bryn Mawr Online students receive individual support from a college counselor and a success coach, as well as dedicated time with teachers during classes and office hours. Plus, classes are kept small—no more than 15 students.

“Small size online classes allow each child to get more attention and help. One of the advantages is that the communication between students and teachers is effective and timely, the Success Coach for each girl is very helpful.”

*– Current Bryn Mawr Online Parent*

“Having a success coach is so important. The success coach keeps you on track and checks in with you every Monday and Thursday to make sure you are doing assignments, and if you have any concerns with your class.”

*– Bryn Mawr Online Student Government Members*

### **Myth #5: Colleges frown upon online classes.**

Bryn Mawr Online provides a full college prep experience, including Advanced Placement courses approved by the College Board. Students are assigned a college counselor in their sophomore year who will guide them and their families through the college admission process, and Bryn Mawr boasts an impressive list of college acceptances and matriculations.

## Bryn Mawr Online

The Bryn Mawr School is a premier all-girls college preparatory school in Baltimore, Maryland. Founded in 1885, it ranks as the number one college prep private high school in Maryland and 16th among all-girls high schools in the United States by Niche.com.

Bryn Mawr Online expands access to a prestigious Bryn Mawr education beyond Maryland to girls anywhere in the country. It is a full-time, fully accredited, diploma-awarding program offering an honors-level curriculum taught by the acclaimed Bryn Mawr faculty.

With Bryn Mawr Online, you can re-imagine online high school. Could it be a fit for you?

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