

## **Summer Academy 2026**

**Course:** Foundations of Leadership

**Age:** Rising 11th-12th graders.

**Format:** In-person sessions, papers due later in summer

**Description:** Foundations of Leadership, open to all Grade 11 and 12 students, draws upon a comprehensive leadership curriculum that includes the study of leadership, the acquisition of leadership skills, and each student's self-evaluation of leadership strengths and challenges. The course includes self-evaluation tools and reading research to assist in fostering an individual leadership style and self-confidence in each student. Topics include the study of project management, career coaching and interviewing, business etiquette, writing for leadership, public speaking, social media, strategic planning, team building, and presentations. Every student will receive a Myers Briggs personality assessment to help her understand her preferences in leading and also how to lead individuals who have different strengths. Examination of workplace themes for women leaders will also be included. This is a required course for the Leadership Certificate. It is not limited to only Leadership Certificate students. To ensure the student achieves mastery of the subject matter, there may be homework outside of class throughout the duration of the in-person sessions.

**As the study of leadership requires practice and reflection and to maximize our in-person time together, there will be 3 reading/reflection assignments to be completed upon conclusion of the in-class sessions. Due dates for these assignments will be discussed during class.**

**Prerequisites:** Only students enrolled at Maryvale for the 2026-2027 school year may register for this course. Students must be a rising 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grader, have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above, and approval from the Upper School Head.