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## **POMFRET SCHOOL**

### **2018-2019 Profile**

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#### **THE SCHOOL**

Founded in 1894, Pomfret is an independent coeducational college preparatory boarding and day school. Admission to the School is competitive; the comprehensive application process requires an interview, transcripts, teacher recommendations, a student essay, and standardized testing.

#### **MISSION**

Pomfret School cultivates a healthy interdependence of mind, body, and spirit in its students as it prepares them for college and to lead and learn in a diverse and increasingly interconnected society.

#### **FACULTY**

- » 88 faculty members, 55 classroom teachers
- » 75% hold advanced degrees

#### **STUDENT BODY**

- » 367 students, grades 9-12 and postgraduates
- » 307 boarding students, 60 day students
- » From 25 states and the District of Columbia
- » 19 foreign countries represented
- » 108 seniors, including 16 postgraduates
- » 45% of current students receive financial aid
- » 100% of graduates attend 4-year colleges or universities

#### **ACADEMIC SCHEDULE**

- » Three ten-week terms, modified block schedule
- » 70 minutes classes, meeting five times every two weeks
- » Average class size: 12
- » Each student takes six courses per term, starting Fall 2018

#### **HONORS AND ADVANCED COURSES**

- » Beginning 2016-2017 Pomfret no longer offers AP courses. The transcript designation for our highest level courses is "Advanced"
- » Admission to Honors and Advanced courses is selective and is at the discretion of each academic department
- » Due to the sustained rigor of Advanced courses, Pomfret students are generally advised to take no more than three at a time
- » Students enrolled in Advanced courses may elect to take the corresponding AP exam, though Pomfret does not teach the AP curriculum

#### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A FOUR YEAR STUDENT**

- » **English** four years
- » **History** courses in Modern World History and US History
- » **Mathematics** three years, through junior year and Integrated Math III (Algebra II)
- » **Science** two years of laboratory science (physics, chemistry, or biology); students must take three terms of science during their junior and senior years combined
- » **Foreign Language** through Level Three
- » **Fine Arts** six terms
- » **Religion** one term
- » **Digital Arts** one term
- » **Project: Pomfret** four years

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- » **Project: Pomfret:** A two-week period following the winter term, students engage in a collaborative learning adventure and explore a topic/question beyond the core curriculum. Student leaders aid teachers in designing these deep-dive explorations, which take students off campus and build empathy, leadership, collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and new understandings. The project period culminates with a public showcase of learning and growth.
- » **Interdisciplinary Offerings:** Pomfret has developed a series of classes, such as Honors American Studies, the Humanities I and Humanities II core courses in English and history, Global Sustainable Development, and Engineer Your World that extend student learning across disciplines.
- » **QUEST Program:** Question, Understand, Engage, Share, Transition. Pomfret School is committed to educating the entire child. The QUEST program, offered on select Saturdays, explores issues of Social Justice, Health and Wellness, Character and Community, and life beyond and after Pomfret School.
- » **Independent Studies:** The Independent Study program permits motivated and ambitious upper-form students to design and explore areas of interest that fall outside of the School's course catalogue. Overseen by faculty mentors, these rigorous and personally meaningful courses can serve as student-driven capstone experiences.
- » **Summer Quarter:** Beginning in 2018, Pomfret School launched a Summer Quarter of one-term, off-campus experiential learning elective courses. Initial offerings were Peace, Wonder, and Understanding Islam (Religion course in Morocco), L'Atelier au Chateau (Fine Art course in France), and Marine Ecology and Climate Science (Science course at Hurricane Island, Maine). These courses, which can be taken to satisfy graduation requirements, appear on a student's transcript in the subsequent academic year.

## GRADING SYSTEM

Letter	100 Point Scale	4 Point Scale
A+	97.0-100	4.333
A	93.0-96.9	4.000
A-	90.0-92.9	3.667

- » D- is considered the lowest passing grade; E is a failing grade
- » Pomfret School does not rank or report a GPA to students or colleges, except for scholarship purposes
- » Pomfret courses are weighted at .15 for honors courses and .30 for advanced courses (see table) for internal metrics
- » Students may earn Head of School Scholar distinction (4.000 or above, no grade below an A-), achieve High Honors (3.669, all B+ or better) and Honor Roll (3.330, all B or better) distinctions

## HONORS COURSES OFFERED 2018-2019

- » **Mathematics:** Geometry, Algebra II, Precalculus
- » **Science:** Physics, Chemistry, Biology
- » **World Languages:** French II, French III, Latin III, French IV, Spanish II, Spanish III, Spanish IV, Spanish V
- » **History:** American Studies
- » **Fine Arts:** Painting and Drawing, Sculpture and Ceramics, Photography

## ADVANCED COURSES OFFERED 2018-2019

- » **English:** English III, English IV
- » **History:** U.S. History, World History, Comparative Government and Politics, Anthropology, Psychology
- » **Mathematics:** Precalculus, Calculus I, Calculus II, Calculus III, Calculus IV, Statistics
- » **Science:** Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science
- » **Language:** Spanish Language and Culture, Francophone Culture, Chinese, Latin
- » **Fine Arts:** Studio Art: Painting and Drawing, Independent Sculpture and Ceramics, Music Theory, Photography

In accordance with the National Association for College Admission Counseling Statement of Principles of Good Practice, Pomfret School expects its students to report any disciplinary infraction that results in a separation from a secondary school. Our college counseling office will report any separation from Pomfret to colleges and to other educational institutions, even if the separation occurs after our Secondary School Report has been submitted.



## MATRICULATION LIST: CLASSES OF 2016-2018

Adelphi University  
American University  
Assumption College  
Babson College  
Bard College  
Barnard College  
Bates College  
Bentley University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bowdoin College  
Brandeis University  
Brown University  
Bucknell University  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Centre College  
Chapman University  
Clark University  
Colby College  
College of Charleston  
College of the Holy Cross  
Colorado College  
Connecticut College  
Dartmouth College  
Davidson College  
Denison University  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
Eastern Connecticut State University  
Elon University  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
Emory University  
Endicott College  
Fairfield University  
Fordham University  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Franklin Pierce University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
Goucher College  
Hamilton College  
Harvey Mudd College  
Haverford College  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
James Madison University  
Johnson & Wales University  
Lehigh University  
Long Island University  
Loyola University Maryland  
Marist College

McGill University  
McMaster University  
Mercy College  
Merrimack College  
Muhlenberg College  
New York University  
Northeastern University  
Northland College  
Northwest Missouri State University  
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Pennsylvania State University  
Pepperdine University  
Pitzer College  
Providence College  
Queen's University  
Roanoke College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rollins College  
Sacred Heart University  
Saint Anselm College  
Saint Joseph's University  
Saint Michael's College  
Salve Regina University  
Santa Clara University  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Simmons College  
Skidmore College  
Smith College  
South Plains College  
Southern Methodist University  
St. Lawrence University  
Stanford University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stevenson University  
Stonehill College  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
Temple University  
Texas Christian University  
The George Washington University  
The New School  
The University of Arizona  
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
The University of Scranton  
The University of Tampa  
The University of Warwick  
Towson University  
Trinity College  
Tufts University  
Tulane University

Union College  
United States Military Academy  
United States Naval Academy  
University of Alaska  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of Chicago  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Denver  
University of Exeter  
University of Glasgow  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
University of Miami  
University of Michigan  
University of Mississippi  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of San Diego  
University of Southern California  
University of the Arts London  
University of Vermont  
University of Virginia  
Vanderbilt University  
Vassar College  
Villanova University  
Wagner College  
Wake Forest University  
Washington College  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar  
Wellesley College  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wesleyan University  
Wilkes University  
Xavier University

