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Pomfret School is an independent college preparatory boarding and day school for students in grades 9 through 12 and postgraduates. Admission to the School is competitive; the comprehensive application process requires an interview, transcripts, teacher recommendations, and a student essay, and follows a test-optional policy.

OUR MISSION

Pomfret School cultivates a healthy interdependence of mind, body, and spirit as we prepare our students for college, and to lead and learn in a diverse and increasingly interconnected society.

OUR PURPOSE

Since its founding in 1894, Pomfret has focused on innovation and progressive thinking about what a great education should be. "If the next generation is to flourish in a changing world," says Head of School Tim Richards, "we must prepare them wisely, differently, and well." We acknowledge and embrace the idea that education must evolve to meet the needs of a new age, and we are dedicated to preparing Generation Z with the knowledge, skills, and character they will need to thrive in the 21st century.

OUR LEARNING PRINCIPLES

At Pomfret, learning is student-centered, relevant, and meaningful. It values diversity in thought, perspective, and expression. It engages not just the mind, but the heart and the spirit. It happens within a variety of contexts through multiple instructional approaches. And it requires appropriate levels of rigor and challenge to foster growth and develop mastery.

OUR STUDENT BODY

At Pomfret, we believe diversity is who we are. Diversity refers to those differences in identity that impact our social experiences, including status and access to resources. Most obviously it is determined by race, gender, and culture. On a more subtle level it includes class, sexual orientation, religion, ability, and appearance.

STUDENTS HAIL FROM



20
COUNTRIES

40%
RECEIVE
FINANCIAL AID

20%
BIPOC

ENROLLMENT 2021-2022

368
STUDENTS

85%
BOARDING

15%
DAY

106
SENIORS

21%
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS

OUR **VALUES** EMBODY THE PATTERNS OF THOUGHT AND BEHAVIOR WE CARE ABOUT MOST.

COMMUNITY

GROWTH

INTEGRITY

Academic Program

Pomfret's curriculum provides broad exposure to foundational skills and discipline-specific content in the third- and fourth-form years through a series of interdisciplinary core courses. Upper form students enjoy great freedom across academic departments where they leverage practiced skills in courses that are student-centered, relevant, and meaningfully interdisciplinary.

HONORS AND ADVANCED COURSES

Advanced courses are our highest-available level and require departmental approval.

DEPARTMENT	HONORS	ADVANCED (EQUIVALENT TO AP COURSES)
Arts	Photography: Portfolio Build Painting and Drawing Chamber Ensemble Vocal Chamber Ensemble	Ceramics: Hand Building Potter's Wheel Studio Art: Painting and Drawing • Photography: Master Portfolio Dance Repertory • 3D Design
English	Humanities II: English	The Harlem Renaissance • James Joyce • Oscar Wilde • The Invisible Man Gender and Identity • Homer's Odyssey • Toni Morrison British Literature • Writing Fiction • English III: Reading Fiction and Criticism Hamlet • Haruki Murakami
History & Social Science	Global and Sustainable Development	Comparative Government & Politics • African American Studies Anthropology • Psychology • Topics in American Studies Topics in Global Studies • Islam in the Modern World
Mathematics	Geometry • Algebra II • Pre-calculus	Pre-calculus • Calculus I • Calculus II • Calculus III • Calculus IV • Statistics Topics in Math
Science	Biology • Chemistry • Physics	Biochemistry • Biology • Chemistry • Environmental Science Physics • Computer Science • Computer Coding I
World Language	Spanish II, III, IV French II, III, IV	Spanish Literature and Culture • Spanish Language and Culture Francophone Language and Culture Latin Literature • Mandarin Language and Culture Mandarin: Literature and Culture

DIFFERENT BY DESIGN

These program opportunities do not fit into categories — and that is their strength. They ask questions without clear answers and pose problems without definite solutions. In the process, they challenge our students to stretch and grow.



Project: Pomfret

Experiential Learning Lab

Every year we set aside 10 days for our students to explore and investigate problems that inspire and perplex them during our **Project: Pomfret** experiential learning lab. Rooted in the principles of **design thinking**, faculty members serve as co-learners and journey guides. The capstone of the program is the Project Fair, where students share and celebrate their design work with the Pomfret community.



Certificate Program

A college major — for high school

Our certificate program gives motivated, independent-minded students the opportunity to gain deep exposure to a specific area of study. Certificates are offered in five domains (**Social Justice, Sustainability, Global Citizenship and Awareness, Artistic Expression and Design, and STEM Exploration**). Certificates are diploma distinctions that appear on a student's transcript.



QUEST

Real World Learning

Question. Understand. Engage. Share. Transition. **QUEST is the cornerstone of our student life curriculum.** Students explore issues of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Wellbeing; Character; and Community.



Travel Based Experiential Learning

Global Exposure

This program gives students the opportunity to receive one trimester credit with a travel-based experiential learning class. Offerings include a religion course in **Morocco**, an intensive drawing studio in **France**, marine ecology in **Maine**, and culture studies in **Peru's Sacred Valley**.

55

HONORS & ADVANCED COURSES

25

CLUBS & AFFINITY GROUPS

50

ELECTIVES

NEPSAC CLASS B

15 **42**
SPORTS **TEAMS**

GRADING SYSTEM

- » Pomfret School does not rank or report a GPA to students or colleges, except for scholarship application purposes.
- » D- is considered the lowest passing grade; E is a failing grade
- » PASS (P): In the spring of 2020, with the shift to Distance Learning, students had the option to replace any passing letter grade with PASS. One-term courses receiving PASS earned 1 credit. Year-long (3-credit) courses receiving PASS earned the student a 2-credit summative grade from the fall and winter terms, and a 1-credit PASS for the spring term.
- » A grade of NO RECORD (NR) for spring 2020: Student was unable to meet the demands of the course due to the challenges of COVID-19 and/or distance learning.

LETTER	NUMBER
A+	96.5-100
A	92.5-96.49
A-	89.5-92.49
B+	86.5-89.49
B	82.5-86.49
B-	79.5-82.49
C+	76.5-79.49
C	72.5-76.49
C-	69.5-72.49
D+	66.5-69.49
D	62.5-66.49
D-	60-62.49
E	< 60

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR A FOUR-YEAR STUDENT

- » Four years of **English**, and English in every term of attendance
- » Three years of **Mathematics**, through Integrated Math III/Algebra II and through the junior year
- » Three years of **History & Social Sciences**: Humanities I: Global Studies; Humanities II: American Studies (or a U.S. history equivalent); and the equivalent of one full year of history or social sciences during the junior or senior year.
- » Two years of core laboratory **science**: Engineering: Science By Design, Physics, Chemistry, Forensic Science, Engineer Your World, or Biology (Students must complete the equivalent of one full year of science during the junior or senior year.)
- » Through level three of a **World Language** (required for native English speakers)
- » Seven terms of **arts** (recommended sequence: three as a freshman, two as a sophomore, one as a junior or senior):
 - » One term of digital arts
 - » Six terms of fine arts
- » Two terms of **Wellbeing**: In the Fall of 2021, Pomfret created a new Wellbeing department designed to offer students the opportunity to engage with mind, body, and spirit and to confront what it means to be human. Students must complete Foundations of Wellbeing and one additional Wellbeing course.
- » One term of **Religion***
- » Four years of **Project: Pomfret** and **QUEST** programming
- » **Senior Chapel Speech**: Pomfret's public speaking requirement
- » **Afternoon Program**: Interscholastic sports, dance, and musical performance as well as group activities such as robotics, yoga, weight training, and community service.
- » Behavior in accordance with the student handbook

* As of Fall 2021, there is no longer a Religion department or corresponding graduation requirement for our students. Religion courses have been absorbed into History & Social Sciences.

HOW POMFRET RESPONDED TO COVID-19

IN 2019-2020:

- » The fall and winter terms were in-person while the spring term was at-a-distance
- » Our extracurricular program did not take place in the spring
- » Students had the option to replace any spring letter grade in any course with PASS
- » Term courses receiving PASS earned one credit
- » Year-long (three-credit) courses receiving PASS earned the student a two-credit summative grade from the fall and winter terms and a one-credit PASS for the spring term

IN 2020-2021:

- » We offered in-person and distance learning in the fall and spring
- » We offered a modified extracurricular program with no interscholastic games in the fall and few in the spring
- » We offered only distance learning in the winter and had no extracurricular program

IN 2021-2022:

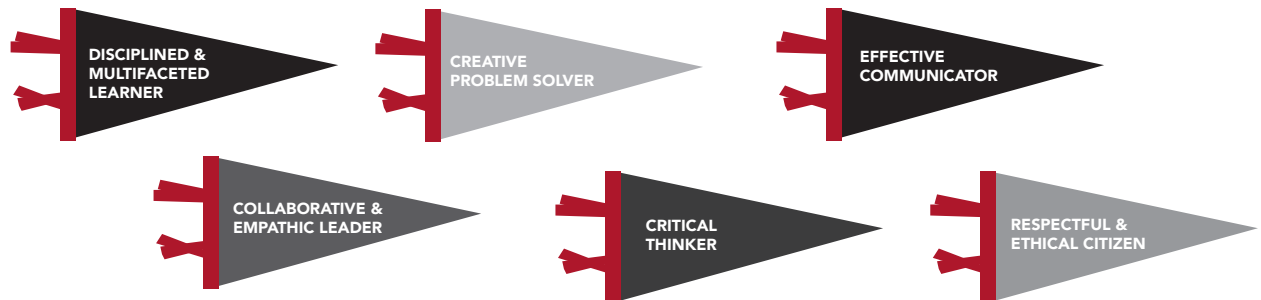
- » We are only offering in-person learning and have returned to a full extracurricular program
- » Our teaching faculty have done a terrific job maintaining Pomfret's characteristic warmth and academic rigor throughout the pandemic

Matriculation List

Classes of 2019-2021

Alfred University	Ithaca College	Trinity College (10)
American University (3)	James Madison University	Tufts University (2)
Amherst College	King's College London	Tulane University of Louisiana (4)
Appalachian State University	Kenyon College (2)	Union College (2)
Babson College (2)	Lafayette College (2)	United States Military Academy
Barnard College	Lehigh University (2)	Universidad CEU San Pablo
Bates College (5)	Loyola Marymount University	Universidad de Navarra
Baylor University	Loyola University Maryland	University at Buffalo
Becker College	Lynn University	University of Calgary
Bentley University (2)	Macalester College	University of California-Irvine
Binghamton University	Marist College	University of California-Los Angeles
Boston College (3)	Middlebury College (3)	University of California-Santa Barbara
Boston University (11)	Middlesex Community College	University of California-Santa Cruz
Brandeis University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of Colorado Boulder (4)
Bryant University (2)	Nazareth College	University of Connecticut (6)
Bucknell University	New England College	University of Dayton
California State University-East Bay	New York University (5)	University of Denver
Carleton College	Nichols College	University of Hartford
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	North Carolina Central University	University of Kentucky
Case Western Reserve University (2)	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	University of Maine at Farmington (2)
Chapman University (3)	Northeastern University (11)	University of Massachusetts-Amherst (3)
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	Oberlin College	University of Miami (5)
Clark University	Occidental College	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Colby College	Ohio State University	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Colgate University	Otis College of Art and Design	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
College of Charleston	Oxford Brookes University	University of Notre Dame
College of the Holy Cross	Pennsylvania State University (3)	University of Pennsylvania (2)
Colorado College	Pomona College	University of Rhode Island (3)
Columbia University	Providence College	University of Richmond (3)
Connecticut College (4)	Queen's University	University of Rochester (2)
Cornell University (3)	Quinnipiac University (4)	University of Saint Joseph
Dalhousie University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)	University of Scranton
Dartmouth College (2)	Rhode Island College	University of Southern California
Denison University (4)	Rhodes College	University of Southern Maine (2)
Dickinson College (3)	Roanoke College	University of St Andrews (2)
Duke University	Rochester Institute of Technology (2)	University of Toronto
Elon University (5)	Rollins College	University of Vermont (4)
Emmanuel College (2)	Sacred Heart University (4)	University of Virginia (5)
Emory University	Saint Michael's College (2)	University of Wisconsin-Madison (2)
Endicott College (3)	Santa Clara University (2)	Vanderbilt University
Florida State University	Savannah College of Art & Design	Vassar College (2)
Franklin and Marshall College	Skidmore College (9)	Villanova University
Franklin University Switzerland	Smith College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
George Washington University (2)	Southern Methodist University (4)	Washington and Lee University
Hamilton College (2)	Springfield College	Washington University in St Louis (3)
High Point University	St. Lawrence University (5)	Wesleyan University (4)
Hobart William Smith Colleges (4)	Swarthmore College	Western New England University (2)
Hofstra University	Syracuse University	Western Wyoming Community College
Houghton College	Temple University	Williams College (3)
Indiana University-Bloomington	The University of Arizona	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (4)
Instituto de Empresa Business School	The University of Tampa (3)	

VISION OF THE POMFRET GRADUATE



Pomfret School expects its students to answer any question concerning discipline fully and honestly in the spirit of our **Vision of the Graduate**. In accordance with the National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Code of Ethics and Professional Practices, the School is obligated to disclose to colleges any change in a student's enrollment status whether pre- or post-admission. Colleges to which a student has applied will be informed ten calendar days after the official date of a student's withdrawal from Pomfret School.