OVERVIEW
Located amid the lakes and mountains of central New Hampshire, Holderness School is a traditional co-ed independent secondary school, serving grades 9-12. Holderness strives to create a balance in fostering the resources of the mind, body, and spirit: the mind through a challenging college preparatory curriculum, the body through outdoor activities and required interscholastic athletics, and the spirit through school and community service, ongoing anti-racism work, and affiliation with the Episcopal Church. Holderness remains, by choice, a small school where everyone plays an important role, and where students and faculty maintain close personal relationships.

HOLDERNESS AT A GLANCE
- Enrollment: 303 students
- Grades: 9–12
- Boarding/Day Distribution: 262 boarding/41 day
- Geographic Distribution: Students hail from 25 states and 11 countries, including Australia, Bermuda, Canada, China, Germany, Japan, The Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Viet Nam.
- Teaching Faculty: 50
- Student/Faculty Ratio: 6:1
- Average Class Size: 10
- Faculty Average Years of Experience: 16
- Faculty Tenure at Holderness >10 years: 36%
- Faculty Holding Advanced Degrees: 68%

ACADEMIC STATEMENT
At Holderness School, we are guided by an academic mission which seeks to develop students who:
- Can articulate and understand how they learn as well as what they learn
- Find a sustaining fuel in learning and not simply in earning good grades
- Recognize that effective learning happens both inside and outside the classroom
- Embrace the premise that all learning starts with asking good questions
- Exhibit a growth mindset in all things
- Are defined by curiosity, resilience, compassion and a sense of humor
- Actively work to build an equitable and inclusive culture in their community

ACADEMIC ADJUSTMENTS IN THE WAKE OF COVID-19
Spring 2020: Holderness quickly shifted to distance learning after spring break in March 2020. Students learned both synchronously and asynchronously. There was no change to our grading system.

2020-2021 Academic Year: Students received in-person instruction from the start of the school year through Thanksgiving break, then completed the final two weeks of the semester via distance learning. Instruction was in-person throughout the spring semester. Courses ran Monday-Friday with new healthiness, social justice, service, and other grade-specific programming on Saturdays. Any students who were not able to join us for in-person instruction were accommodated with a similar and equally rigorous distance learning program, enhanced by improved technology infrastructure across campus. There was no change to our grading system.

Fall 2021–Present: We have been able to return to our regular pre-Covid schedule with full in-person instruction, family style meals, and chapels. There continues to be no change to our grading system.
JOB PROGRAM AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP
Students at Holderness play an active role in the daily management of the school. In a unique balloting system, student leaders are elected by all members of the community (including adults) on the basis of dependability, initiative, fairness, and empathy. Every student at Holderness participates daily in the Job Program, serving in myriad support capacities and learning important lessons of individual responsibility.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
Each March, the school begins its two-week period of Special Programs. Students, grouped by graduating class, engage in activities that address lessons of mind, body, and spirit through hands-on experience:

- **PROJECT OUTREACH:** Leadership begins by knowing how to serve others, so in March, the ninth graders travel to Massachusetts where they stay at Christ Church United in Downtown Lowell and work with a variety of non-profit organizations.

- **ARTWARD BOUND:** Artward Bound is a nationally-recognized program during which we invite working artists from all over the country to work closely with and perform alongside our tenth-grade students and faculty.

- **OUT BACK:** In March, the junior class disperses into the White Mountains for a ten-day hike, three days of which are spent alone. Generations of Holderness students have discovered endurance, resilience, and self-confidence through Out Back.

- **SENIOR CAPSTONE:** In this year-long course, students practice research and presentation skills with guidance from a class advisor and mentoring from adults with expertise within the student’s field of interest. In March, they embark on self-designed, hands-on learning opportunities and in May present their theses to the school community.

CURRICULUM
All courses are advanced/college preparatory, seeking to prepare students for success at the highest levels in college. Honors courses are offered in Chemistry, Physics, Algebra 2, and Precalculus.

Many new courses have been added for the 2022-23 academic year; here are a few highlights:

* **Adv. English Seminar: The Lit. of Sports:** This course uses the lens of sports to look at literature, writing, and a series of larger philosophical questions about what it means to be a human being in our contemporary world.

* **The Politics and Technology of Food:** In this course students will consider politics, technology, and the environmental impact behind the food we eat. Students will investigate salt (how it transforms dishes and how it was one of the world’s first global commodities), fats (nutritional impact and social constructs of body image), and the global food market (availability of foods not grown in the local climate and environmental impact).

* **Adv. English Seminar: Playwriting:** In this advanced writing elective, students will acquire and develop skills for dramatic storytelling through the writing of monologues, scenes, and short plays. Instruction will focus on the craft basics: structure, plot, character, conflict, setting, dialogue, and formatting.

AP COURSES (18) INCLUDE:
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Statistics
- Biology
- Environmental Science
- Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
- Physics C: Mechanics
- Computer Science
- Comparative Government and Politics
- European History
- Economics
- US/European History: Advanced History of the West
- French Language and Culture
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Spanish Literature and Culture
- Art and Design (2D, 3D, and Drawing)

GPA AND CLASS RANK
Holderness does not report GPA on transcripts or rank its students.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RESULTS:
ALL STUDENTS, 2020–22

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COLLEGE DESTINATIONS, CLASSES OF 2020-22

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American University
The American University of Paris
Babson College
Bard College
Bates College
Bentley University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryant University
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University
University of California - Davis
University of California - Irvine
University of California - Los Angeles
University of California - San Diego
University of California - Santa Barbara
Case Western Reserve University
Castleton University
Clark University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Colby College
University of Colorado Boulder
Colorado College
Colorado School of Mines
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
University of Delaware
Denison University
University of Denver
Dickinson College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Flagler College
University of Florida
Fordham University
Gettysburg College
Gordon College
Hamilton College
Harvey Mudd College
Hobart William Smith Colleges
College of the Holy Cross
CUNY Hunter College
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University - Providence
University of Kansas
Keene State College
Lehigh University
Loyola University New Orleans
Marist College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
University of Massachusetts - Amherst
University of Massachusetts - Lowell
McGill University
Merrimack College
University of Michigan
Middlebury College
Montana State University
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Paul Smith's College
Pepperdine University
University of Pittsburgh
Plymouth State University
Providence College
Reed College
Regis College
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Saint Michael's College
Skidmore College
Smith College
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
St Bonaventure University
St. Lawrence University
The College of Saint Scholastica
Stanford University
Stockholm School of Economics
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
The University of Texas at Austin
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
United States Naval Academy
University of Utah
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
University of Vermont
Villanova University
Virginia Military Institute
University of Washington
Wentworth Institute of Technology
Westminster College
Wheaton College
Whitman College
William & Mary
Williams College
University of Wisconsin

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