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AT WINDERMERE PREPARATORY SCHOOL



### ABOUT NORD ANGLIA

We are Nord Anglia Education, the world's largest international schools' group, and we offer prestigious boarding programs across the globe including in the United States. We deliver innovative teaching in state-of-the-art facilities and a competitive program in STEAM academics (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math), fine arts, sports, and social experiences.

We also have collaborations with pioneer institutions such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), The Juilliard School, UNICEF, and IMG, allowing students to create, innovate, and make a positive impact in the world.

One of the advantages of our boarding schools is our global network, which enables students to connect and collaborate with peers from around the world, foster cultural understanding, and share classes with American and multicultural peers – all while living in safe, beautiful, and modern residences.

87+
Schools

33+
Countries

86,000+ Students Worldwide





## WELCOME TO WINDERMERE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

At Windermere Preparatory School, you are encouraged to create your future. This mantra is an integral part of our expectations for staff, students, and the wider community, and we incorporate limitless opportunities into our everyday curriculum and beyond.

At our beautiful 48-acre campus, students are encouraged to pioneer their own educational journeys by experiencing a varied, challenging, and exciting curriculum. Teachers consistently facilitate high-quality individualized learning programs based on students' interests and abilities by identifying their developmental next steps.

Everyone at Windermere Preparatory School believes that embedding an expectation of limitless achievement drives students to become the best and well-rounded version of themselves.





#### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Windermere Prep is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School comprised of local and international students representing over 50 nationalities world-wide. In pursuit of our crest values of Unitas, Veritas, and Virtus, we explore learning through innovative academic approaches, global partnerships, and a belief that we are better together as a Laker community.



Mitchell Salerno, Ed.D. Head of School





# A SNAPSHOT OF WINDERMERE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Located in Orlando, Florida, Windermere Preparatory School has been at the forefront of education since 2000. We offer day programs for students in PreK3 - Grade 6, as well as day and boarding programs for students in Grades 7 through 12. With over 50 nationalities represented, we are a local school with a global vision that provides stimulating and diverse learning experiences, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills for every child's success. Our tailored approach to learning prepares your child for the future through a significant emphasis on intellectual, personal, emotional, and social growth, developing holistic thinkers well-prepared to solve the complex challenges of tomorrow.

1,600 Student Population 655
High School
Students

20%
Residential
Students

80%
Day Students

**86%**IB Average Pass Rate\*

100% College Acceptance Rate

\*Global IB Average Pass Rate was 79.35%.

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

At Windermere Preparatory School, we are committed to providing our High School students with an educational journey that fits their unique learning style and career aspirations, while preparing them for the challenges of university studies ahead. Our students have the opportunity to graduate through one of three distinct pathways: WPS Diploma, Laker Learner Concentration Diploma, and International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.

## ONLY IBDP PROGRAMME IN CENTRAL FLORIDA



The International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) is a challenging two-year, pre-university course of study that demands the best from motivated students and teachers. It is widely recognized for its academic rigor as the "Gold Standard of Education."





## LAKER LEARNER CONCENTRATION PROGRAM

Windermere Preparatory School's High School offers a unique concentration program designed to prepare students for success in various fields: STEM, Social Impact and Leadership, and Fine Arts. This program spans four years, with a focus on building foundational knowledge through the Middle Years Programme (MYP) in grades 9 and 10, followed by specialized concentrations in grades 11 and 12.

**STEM -** Future healthcare, medical, engineering, computer science, and other STEM-related professionals will immerse themselves in a program covering IB Sciences, as well as science electives, extracurricular experiences, and the IB's Collaborative Sciences Project.

**Social Impact and Leadership** - Aspiring lawyers, politicians, entrepreneurs, and financiers will engage in a program with IB courses in areas of English, Language Acquisition, Social Studies, Psychology, and Business. Students will further develop their understanding of the skills required in the world of social impact.

**Fine Arts** - Students passionate about visual and performing arts or creative expression can delve into specialized IB courses such as Studio Art, Theatre Studies, Dance, and Music. They will showcase their talents through on-campus exhibitions, seasonal performances, and collaborative projects.



#### **COLLEGE COUNSELING**

The philosophy we embrace and encourage is that finding a great college or university is about finding the one that's right for you. Utilizing various resources, the counseling team at Windermere Prep guides our students on a personal journey to engage with their life beyond the classroom. This personalized approach helps to facilitate the thoughtful selection, application, and admission to the top-choice university for each of our students.

**Focused fit -** In the same spirit that drives our personalized learning approach, our counselors provide an individualized approach for each unique student in The WPS family. Each student is assigned a counselor in grade 9, who will guide the student through the college planning process through grade 12. Through individual meetings with students and parents, we initiate the right conversation with the critically

important questions that help each student develop their "best fit" college list.

**Group sessions and insider access** - We host group events at WPS that provide a powerful set of benefits to parents and students. Informational meetings for parents are held throughout the school year, and we host over 150 college admission officers who meet with students on campus annually.

**Reputation and relationship building** - The quality of Windermere Prep's curriculum, and best fit college counseling enables students to find great success in college. This has enabled us to form lasting quality relationships with college admissions representatives and grow the reputation of our school.

#### **UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION**

Leagues and other private institutions.

Windermere Preparatory School is proud to share that **100% of all of our graduating classes have had a 100% college acceptance rate.** Each senior class of an average of 160 students has been accepted to Top 50 & Top 100 schools, including Ivy



**Boston University** 

**Brown University** 

Carnegie Mellon University

Case Western Reserve University

Columbia University

Cornell University

Dartmouth College

**Duke University** 

Florida State University

Georgetown University

Georgia Institute of Technology

**Harvard University** 

Indiana University

**Bloomington Johns Hopkins** 

University Michigan State University

**New York University** 

North Carolina State University

Northeastern University

Pennsylvania State University

Pepperdine University

Pratt Institute for Art and Design

**Princeton University** 

**Purdue University** 

Savannah College of Art and Design

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Stanford University

Syracuse University

TBS Business School, Barcelona Spain

The Ohio State University

University College London

University of British Columbia

University of California, Berkeley

University of California - Davis

University of California - Irvine

University of California - Los Angeles

University of California - San Diego

University of California - Santa Barbara

University of Florida

University of Illinois - Chicago

University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign

University of Miami

University of Michigan

University of North Carolina

Chapel Hill University of Pennsylvania

University of Southern California

University of Texas at Austin

University of Virginia

Virginia Polytechnic Institute

State University Wake Forest University

Yale University

### OUTSTANDING LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Our students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of school trips and excursions throughout the school year, designed to connect their lessons in the classroom to the world beyond. These memorable experiences enable our students to develop long-lasting friendships while exploring fascinating places around the world.



## UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

CAS Trip - Lisbon

Tanzania Expedition

French Immersion Trip

Washington D.C. Trip

**Switzerland Expedition** 

### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

High School students aged 13 up have the opportunity to go on an eight-day expedition in the Arusha Region of Tanzania. Our students participate in a highly-rewarding program of community service, while also learning about sustainable development and exploring the diverse flora and fauna of the Tarangire National Park.

Working with fellow Nord Anglia peers from around the world, this experience will broaden their horizons and open their eyes to the cultures and people around them, as they build lifelong friendships and memories. This fantastic opportunity allows your child to grow personally and emotionally. The program activities support key skills like confidence, resilience, independence, and leadership.





# OUR WORLD-CLASS COLLABORATIONS

- The Juilliard School
- MIT/STEAM Education
- UNICEF

As part of the premier Nord Anglia global education network, we learn from the very best research and talent. Thanks to our collaborations with top institutions of creativity, science, and social impact, your child has unparalleled opportunities to grow their skills and knowledge with the best.



#### THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL

Our collaboration with Juilliard, the world-renowned performing arts school, combined with our outstanding dance, drama, and music programs, inspires our students' creativity, teamwork, and resilience. The Juilliard School is recognized around the world as a leader in the performing arts. Our exclusive collaboration with them harnesses their expertise and experience to create an arts program that both inspires our students and sparks their passion to pursue their talents and interests.





### MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)

Our global program inspires students to look beyond individual subjects and harness the benefits of an interdisciplinary, practical, hands-on approach to learning guided by the world's leading STEAM institution. Our students are encouraged to solve problems creatively, to embrace curiosity and learn from world-leading experts at MIT. It also gives our teachers the chance to learn and receive professional development from inspiring figures in the world of STEAM and pass on their passion for learning to our students.

#### **UNICEF**

We want to give both our students and teachers the chance to make a meaningful, positive impact in their community. This includes embedding the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in all aspects of teaching and learning across our schools, using materials developed by UNICEF.

# WINDERMERE PREP'S EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Windermere Prep, we don't just know your child for their grades. Our teachers care about your child personally, developing exciting experiences that holistically grow their interests and aspirations. Our teachers find what motivates your child so they can achieve more than they ever imagined possible. Through continuous challenges and commitment, our students strengthen their creativity and resilience, whether they're on a trip, in dance class, swimming, or participating in world language society.



# SCHOOL CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### LIST OF HONOR SOCIETIES ON CAMPUS

International Thespian Society

Mu Alpha Theta - Math Honor Society

National Art Honor Society

National English Honor Society

National Honor Society

National Honor Society for Dance

Rho Kappa (History Honor Society)

Science National Honor Society

Societe Honoraire de Français - French Honor Society

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica - Spanish Honor Society

Tri-M Music Honor Society

#### **LIST OF CLUBS ON CAMPUS**

AI App Club

Asian Culture Club

Black Student Union Club

**Book Buddies** 

Chess Club

Christian Student Union Club

**DECA Club** 

**DESI Club** 

**Environmental Club** 

Feeding Florida Club

Hope for Health Club

**HOSA Club** 

**Humble Hearts Club** 

International Club

International Thespian

Organization

**Jewish Student Union** 

Lakerthon Club

Media Club (Sports Broadcasting, Laker Times, Podcast Club, Filmography) Mandarin Club

Mock Trial Club

**Muslim Student Union** 

**Nutrition Club** 

Paws and Threads Club

Play for Keeps

Runway to Hope Club

Science Olympiad Club

Social Impact Club

Speech and Debate

Club

**Sports Medicine** 

**UNICEF Club** 

World Perspectives
Solutions /Social Impact

Club

**Wounded Warrior Club** 

Youth for Elders Club

# ATHLETICS TEAMS & ON-CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS

With over 60 competitive teams in 20 different sports, the Windermere Prep Athletics program provides a high-quality, competitive opportunity for our student-athletes to develop the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and leadership. Through athletic participation, we encourage our students to gain new skills in recreational and competitive play as they find their place in athletics.









#### **LAKER AQUATICS**

Laker Aquatics prepares elite swimmers to compete nationally while building a lifelong love for the sport. Every swimmer meets their highest potential through an exemplary work ethic; discipline in thoughts, attitudes, and actions; unwavering support of their team; and strong character development that extends to life beyond the pool. Laker Swim offers instruction at all ages and levels, from stroke instruction for entry-level swimmers to highly advanced instruction athletes preparing for Olympic Trials.

#### **ORLANDO TENNIS ACADEMY**

Orlando Tennis Academy provides players with the ideal environment to improve their tennis skills with professional coaching while also gaining an exceptional education. We work with all our players on their tournament planning, training schedule, and academic work/life balance so they can achieve their maximum potential.



# OFF-CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS

#### **MMG GOLF PERFORMANCE ACADEMY**

Specifically designed to help students who want to play college golf in the United States, MMG Golf Academy is a world-leading high-performance program for junior golfers to train like the best players in the world. They educate students on the values and philosophies that build and sustain high performance, and support them in developing the training and lifestyle habits that lead to growth and success in the game.

#### **ORLANDO AREA ROWING SOCIETY**

Rowing is one of the world's most enduringly popular amateur sports and it's available to people of nearly all ages and abilities here in Central Florida with the Orlando Area Rowing Society (OARS). OARS' High School Men's and Women's teams are the pinnacle of their competitive rowing efforts. The team is made up of young women and men in or near their athletic prime, both physically and technically. Tenacity, discipline, camaraderie, self-discovery, resilience — these benefits and more await rowers who want to learn and excel with OARS.

#### **IDEASPORT**

IdeaSport is a diversified sports company operating out of ESPN Wide World of Sports in Kissimmee, Florida. They provide soccer training adapted to the ages and levels of each player. Their training program is focused on four main content groups of professional soccer training: tactical cognitive, technical coordinative, physical-conditional, and psychological-mental.



# BOARDING AT WINDERMERE PREP

By becoming a part of the Windermere Prep Residential Life program, your student will have the unique opportunity to become ingrained in traditional American education, living in a suburb of a large U.S. city. Your student will receive the best care, resources, and services in our first-rate environment.

WPS faculty, dorm parents, and residential life team look after the Residential Life community and take a personal interest in each student, helping them adjust to life in Windermere, Florida. With many social opportunities, our international students can master their English conversational skills to fluency and make life-long friends.



135+

Boarding Students **50+** 

**Nationalities** 

7th to 12th

Grades



# EXCEPTIONAL LIVING WITH A GLOBAL VISION

Windermere Prep Middle school and High School students from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade live in converted townhouses that give the luxury and feel of real homes. Within our nurturing living spaces and during our activities, we embrace the diversity and internationalism of our residential students, keeping a global mindset present through all our activities. Residential students mature in their independence, confidence, and self-reflection while developing a variety of good habits such as a strong work ethic.

#### **HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS**



"My experience at WPS has been very unique. I've connected with many different people from different countries, and I've enjoyed everything we have done, like going out on the weekends and being a part of a sports team. I've just joined football and it's been a great experience."

- Angelo

"The theater program at WPS has blown my mind. I like how people are so coordinated, and that there are so many ensembles and competitions in our performing arts department. I just love the community."



- Daniel



"The best parts of my experience would have to include the supportive college administrative office, who were able to help me pick and choose the right colleges. Additionally, the IB Diploma Programme helped me adjust to a completely new learning style, accompanied by teachers who were able to support my preparedness for this journey."

- Stephanie



# A DAY IN THE LIFE AS A WPS RESLIFE STUDENT

#### BREAKFAST

#### 6:50 and 7:10 am

We get on the bus and head to our main campus for a healthy breakfast at the Laker Cafe before going to class.

#### **SCHOOL DAY**

#### 7:45 am - 2:50 pm (2:05 pm on Wednesdays)

After a nutritious breakfast, we head to science class where we dissect rats to better understand their anatomy and see how organs work. From there, we head to english class where we engage in an analytical conversation on the book we've just read before going to eat lunch with our friends at the Laker Cafe. After lunch, we head to our last two periods of the day, history and spanish.

#### **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

#### 3:15 pm - 9:15 pm: Shuttle runs to and from dorms

Once the school day is over, we head to our favorite afterschool activity, working out at the sports performance center. It's much more than just weightlifting, but education surrounding staying healthy and active, while fueling our bodies with nutritious and beneficial food.

#### **DINNER**

#### 6:30-7:30 pm

We eat dinner as a group at Marcy Hall, and then we love going to the shopping center within walking-distance of our dorms to grab some ice cream from Jeremiah's before resuming homework.

#### **STUDY HALL**

#### 8:00-9:30 pm

Back at our WPS-exclusive townhome community, we have so many options for places to study—group study rooms, living rooms, tables by our plunge pools, desks in dorm rooms. We can study in the place that works best for us.

#### BEDTIME

#### 10:30 pm

After enjoying dinner and studying alongside friends, our ResLife students and dorm parents can enjoy a nightly view of the magnificent Walt Disney World fireworks before lights out at 10:30 pm.

### BOARDING LIFE

#### **ACTIVITIES AND WEEKENDS**

Home & Away Football Games

Winter Garden Farmers Market

Orlando Magic Basketball Games

ICON Park on International Drive

**Disney Springs** 

Millenia Mall

Mario Andretti's Racing Experience

TopGolf

Restaurants and Shopping locally



#### **HOLIDAY TRIPS**

Students in the Residential Life program partake in two, week-long trips over holidays in the states. In the Fall Semester (Thanksgiving Break), students travel to a local beach resort and participate in fun water activities, group dinners, and visiting the city. During Spring Break (Spring Semester) students will partake in a week-long cruise! This is a fun activity full of events and setting sail in the Gulf of Mexico. Students can participate in water sports, game rooms, concerts, movies, and so much more.

#### **DINING AND NUTRITION**

FLIK Independent School Dining is our food service provider for all meals. There are a variety of options outside of the standard student meal on campus including outside vendors that provide healthy and balanced options such as sandwiches, salads, fruits, cookies, and more.





#### **DORM PARENTS**

Our Residential Life community is under the care of full-time Dorm Parents and part-time Residential Assistants who ensure the health, safety, and happiness of our students. They closely monitor proper behavior, study habits, and help to create a sense of community. Dorm Parents also work closely with parents, teachers, and tutors to ensure each student is comfortable and engaged in class.



# MEET OUR RESIDENTIAL LIFE ALUMNI

Yoko Tai, '22 grad, boarding student, attending Columbia University.

WPS has made me respectful, kind, open, and honest. When I first came to WPS in 6th grade, my teachers and classmates were extremely welcoming, and I formed a close-knit friend group that I'm still very much close with today. The open and generous attitude they've shown me has motivated me to do the same with other interactions in my life.



**Yoko Tai** Alumni

Aaron Jarvis, '21 grad, boarding student, signed to play golf at UNLV.

Windermere Prep allowed me to focus on my academics as well as my golf interests. My teachers supported me academically and personally, and the Residential life staff also supported me personally. I felt well supported to pursue my dreams, stay focused, and take advantage of all the opportunities available.



**Aaron Jarvis** Alumni

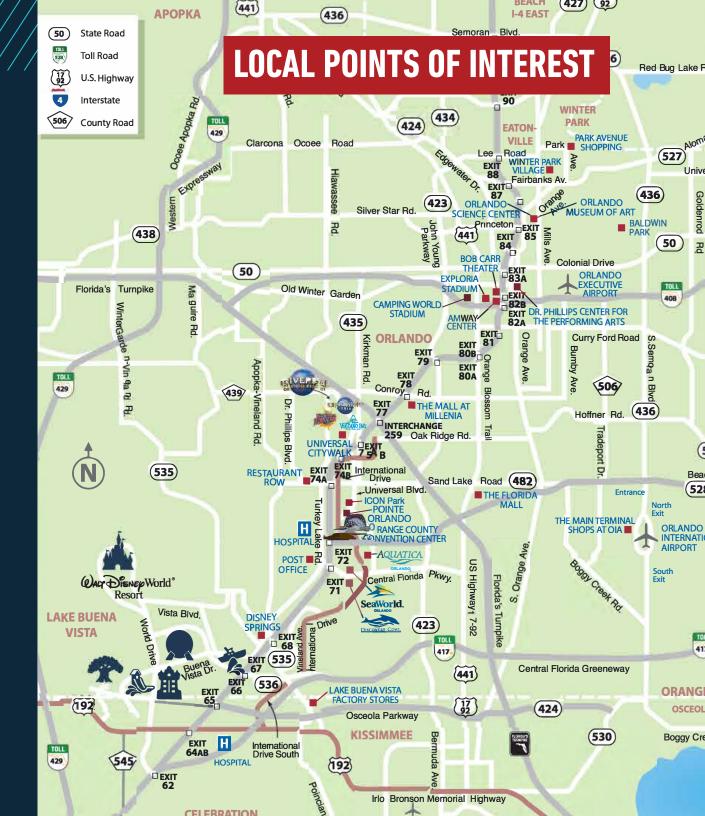
Taeyoung Kang, '24 grad, boarding student, attending New York University.

As I pursued the IB Diploma
Programme at Windermere Prep, I
came across many moments in which
I reflected and improved upon myself
in terms of my academic attitude. WPS
prepared me for NYU as the academic
program at the school puts emphasis on
time management and maximum effort,
which are essential for college classes.



Taeyoung Kang Alumni

# LIKEA LAKER



#### **LIFE IN FLORIDA**

Florida is known as the Sunshine State. The average daily temperatures range from a low of 57°F/13°C in January to a high of 88°F/31°C in August. While summers are the warmest, students get to experience the best of Florida, avoiding high humidity and rainy months. No winter jackets needed!



## ADDITIONAL FACTS ABOUT ORLANDO

Windermere Florida is located in Orange County Florida, a suburb of Orlando Florida. Home to more than just theme parks, the greater Orlando area offers great shopping, one-of-a-kind restaurants, local farmer's markets, water sports, beaches just 1 hour away, and endless fun.



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