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Pomfret School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and is approved by The Connecticut State Department of Education.

Pomfret School is a member of The National Association of Independent Schools, The Connecticut Association of Independent Schools, TABS, Folio Collaborative, CWRA, CASE, and the Cum Laude Society.

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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 empowers students to pursue lives of meaning and purpose.

VISION

To inspire the next generation of change makers and problem solvers.

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 students 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



ENROLLMENT 2023-2024

350

85%
BOARDING

15%

40%

OF STUDENTS
RECEIVING AID

22%

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 meaningful.

HONORS AND ADVANCED COURSES

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

DEPARTMENT	HONORS	ADVANCED (EQUIVALENT TO AP COURSES)
Arts	Ceramics Chamber Music Ensemble Contemporary Music Painting and Drawing Photography: Portfolio Build Vocal Chamber Ensemble	Ceramics Dance Repertory Photography: Master Portfolio Studio Art: Painting and Drawing
English	Humanities II: English	English
History & Social Science	Global and Sustainable Development Humanities II: American Studies	African American Studies • American Studies: Criminal Justice Anthropology • Comparative Government & Politics Psychology • Topics in American History Topics in Global Studies • US Government & Politics
Mathematics	Algebra II • Geometry • Pre-calculus	Pre-calculus • Calculus I • Calculus II • Calculus III • Calculus IV • Statistics Topics in Math
Science	Biology • Chemistry Engineer Your World • Physics	Biology • Chemistry • Computer Coding • Engineer Your World Environmental Science • Physics
World Language	Spanish II, III, IV French II, III, IV	Francophone Language and Culture Latin Literature Spanish Language and Culture • Spanish 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.



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.



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 six domains (Social Justice, Sustainability, Global Citizenship and Awareness, Artistic Expression and Design, Character and Leadership and STEM Exploration). Certificates are diploma distinctions that appear on a student's transcript.



Global Studies

Let the world be your teacher.

This program gives students the opportunity to receive one trimester credit with a travel-based experiential learning class. Offerings include **Spain, Vermont, France** and **Maine**.

AFFINITY

GROUPS

GRADING SYSTEM

- » Pomfret School does not rank or report a GPA to students or colleges.
- D- is considered the lowest passing grade;E is a failing grade.
- » At the discretion of the academic office, students may earn a Pass

LETTER	NUMBER
A+	96.5-100
А	92.5-96.49
A-	89.5-92.49
B+	86.5-89.49
В	82.5-86.49
B-	79.5-82.49
C+	76.5-79.49
С	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
- » Seven terms of Arts

- » Two terms of **Wellbeing**, to include Foundations in Wellbeing plus one additional term-long wellbeing class in junior or senior year
- » 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

Matriculation Classes of 2021-2023

Allegheny College American University (2) Appalachian State University

Assumption University Babson College (2) Barnard College Belmont University Beloit College Bentley University (3) Boston College (3) Boston University (5) Bryant University (2) Bucknell University (2) Caldwell University

Case Western Reserve University (3)

Centre College Chapman University (2)

Canisius University

Citadel Military College of South Carolina Claremont McKenna College

Clemson University Coastal Carolina University

Colby College Colgate University

College of Charleston (2) College of the Holy Cross (2) Connecticut College (4) Cornell University (2)

Curry College Dalhousie University Dartmouth College Denison University (7) Dickinson College (2) Drexel University Duke Kunshan University

Duke University

Eastern Connecticut State University

Elon University (2) Emerson College Emory University (3) Endicott College (2) Fordham University Gettysburg College Hamilton College (3) Harvard University (2) Haverford College High Point University

Hobart William Smith Colleges (3)

Hofstra University (2) Hood College Houghton College Howard University

IE University (2)

Indiana University-Bloomington (2)

Johns Hopkins University

Kenyon College

King's College London (2) Lehigh University (2) Loyola Marymount University

Lynn University Middlebury College Nazareth Úniversity New England College

New Jersey Institute of Technology

New York University (4) Nichols College

North Carolina Central University

North Carolina State University at Raleigh

Northeastern University (11) Northwestern University

Oberlin College Occidental College Ohio State University

Pennsylvania State University (2)

Pratt Institute

Providence College (2) Purdue University (2) Quinnipiac University (3)

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)

Rhodes College Rider University

Ringling College of Art and Design

Roanoke College (3)

Rochester Institute of Technology (3)

Rollins College Sacred Heart University Saint Leo University Saint Michael's College (2) Santa Clara University (3) Sarah Lawrence College Skidmore College (2)

Smith College

Southern Methodist University (2)

St. Lawrence University St. Thomas Aguinas College (2)

Suffolk University (2) SUNY College at Plattsburgh Syracuse University (3)

Technische Universiteit Eindhoven The American University of Paris The George Washington University (7)

The New School (2)

The University of Tampa (2) Trinity College (12)

Tufts University (3)

Tulane University of Louisiana (6)

Union College (3)

United States Military Academy

University of Calgary

University of California-Irvine University of California-San Diego University of California-Santa Barbara

University of Colorado Boulder (2) University of Connecticut (6)

University of Delaware University of Denver (3) University of Florida University of Hartford University of Hong Kong

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Kentucky

University of Maine at Farmington University of Massachusetts-Amherst (3)

University of Miami

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (4) University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (2)

University of Mississippi University of Pennsylvania University of Rhode Island (3) University of Richmond (3) University of South Florida

University of Southern California (2) University of St Andrews (3)

University of Toronto University of Vermont (3) University of Virginia

University of Wisconsin-Madison (2)

Vanderbilt University Vassar College (2) Villanova University (2) Virginia Tech

Wake Forest University (2)

Washington and Lee University (2)

Washington College

Washington University in St Louis (6) Wellesley College

Wentworth Institute of Technology

Wesleyan University (4)

Western New England University William & Mary

Williams College (2) Wilmington University

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)

