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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.

**OUR 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**

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**



**29**

REGIONS / COUNTRIES

**36%**

OF STUDENTS  
RECEIVING AID

**22%**

BIPOC

**21%**

INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS

**ENROLLMENT 2024-2025**

**350**  
STUDENTS

**85%**  
BOARDING

**15%**  
DAY

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 Ensemble Contemporary Music Performance 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 • Psychology • Topics in American Studies Topics in Global Studies • US Government & Politics
Mathematics	Algebra II • Geometry • Precalculus	Precalculus • Calculus I • Calculus II • Calculus III • Calculus IV • Statistics Topics in Math
Science	Astronomy • Biology • Chemistry Engineering: Design & Analysis • Physics	Anatomy • Biology • Chemistry • Computer Coding • Engineering: Design & Analysis Environmental Science • Forensic 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*

Each year we set aside two weeks for students to collaborate with faculty on creative and impactful experiential education projects. We use our Hands to make something, our Feet to do something, our Heads to learn how to do something, and our Heart to do something for others. Our projects have real world applications and align with at least one United Nations Sustainable Development Goal. The culmination of our work is celebrated in a project fair, TEDx event, art gallery, and reflective essays.



### QUEST

#### *Real World Learning*

Question. Understand. Engage. Share. Transition. **QUEST is the cornerstone of our student life curriculum.** Students explore issues of Character, Community, Belonging, and Being.



### 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 Alabama, West Virginia, France, Ecuador & The Galápagos, Maine, Greece, Spain, Dominican Republic, Vermont, and Costa Rica.

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HONORS &  
ADVANCED  
COURSES

25

CLUBS &  
AFFINITY  
GROUPS

50

ELECTIVES

A member of the New England  
Preparatory School Athletic Council

17

UNIQUE  
SPORTS

25

VARSITY  
TEAMS

47

TOTAL  
TEAMS

### 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
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 laboratory **Science**: physics, chemistry, biology, Lab Science By Design or Engineer Your World. Students must complete the equivalent of one full year of science during their junior or senior years.
- » 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

LEARNS WITH  
CURIOSITY AND  
INTEGRITY

COMMUNICATES  
PURPOSEFULLY

CREATES  
AUTHENTICALLY

CULTIVATES HABITS OF  
WELLBEING

ENGAGES  
INCLUSIVELY WITH  
THE COMMUNITY

NAVIGATES  
CHALLENGES  
STRATEGICALLY

PORTRAIT  
OF THE  
GRADUATE

LEADS AND  
COLLABORATES WITH  
HUMILITY

Pomfret School expects its students to answer any question concerning discipline fully and honestly in the spirit of our values. In accordance with the National Association of College Admission Counseling (NACAC) Guide to Ethical Practice in College Admission, the School will 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 by the School no later than ten calendar days after the official date of a student's withdrawal from Pomfret School.

# Matriculation

Classes of 2021-2024

Allegheny College	Ithaca College	Union College (4)
Anáhuac University	Johns Hopkins University (3)	United States Merchant Marine Academy
American University (2)	Kenyon College (2)	United States Military Academy
Appalachian State University	King's College London (2)	University of Alabama
Assumption University	Lehigh University (3)	University of Calgary
Babson College (2)	Loyola Marymount University	University of California-Irvine (2)
Bard College	Lynn University	University of California-Los Angeles (2)
Barnard College	Macalester College	University of California-San Diego
Bates College (2)	Marist College	University of California-Santa Barbara
Baylor University	Middlebury College	University of Chicago
Belmont University	Nazareth University	University of Colorado Boulder (2)
Beloit College	New England College	University of Connecticut (8)
Bentley University (4)	New Jersey Institute of Technology	University of Delaware
Boston College (7)	New York University (9)	University of Denver (3)
Boston University (6)	Nichols College	University of Exeter
Bryant University (2)	North Carolina Central University	University of Florida
Bucknell University (3)	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	University of Georgia
Caldwell University	Northeastern University (15)	University of Hartford
Canisius University	Northwestern University	University of Hong Kong
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	Oberlin College	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Case Western Reserve University (4)	Occidental College	University of Kentucky
Centre College	Ohio State University	University of Maine at Farmington
Chapman University (2)	Pennsylvania State University (3)	University of Maryland
Citadel Military College of South Carolina (2)	Princeton University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst (3)
Claremont McKenna College	Pratt Institute	University of Miami (2)
Clemson University	Providence College (4)	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (4)
Coastal Carolina University	Purdue University (3)	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (2)
Colby College	Quinnipiac University (3)	University of Mississippi (2)
Colgate University (2)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (2)	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
College of Charleston (3)	Rhodes College	University of Pennsylvania
College of the Holy Cross (3)	Rider University	University of Rhode Island (3)
Connecticut College (4)	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of Richmond (4)
Cornell University (5)	Roanoke College (3)	University of Rochester
Curry College	Rochester Institute of Technology (6)	University of South Carolina
Dalhousie University	Saint Anselm College	University of South Florida
Dartmouth College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Southern California (2)
Denison University (7)	Rollins College	University of St Andrews (4)
Dickinson College (2)	Sacred Heart University	University of Toronto
Drexel University (2)	Saint Leo University	University of Vermont (3)
Duke Kunshan University	Saint Michael's College (2)	University of Virginia (2)
Duke University	Santa Clara University (3)	University of Wisconsin-Madison (2)
Eastern Connecticut State University	Sarah Lawrence College	Vanderbilt University (2)
Elon University (3)	Skidmore College (2)	Vassar College (2)
Emerson College (2)	Smith College	Villanova University (2)
Emory University (4)	Southern Methodist University (4)	Virginia Tech
Endicott College (2)	St. Lawrence University (3)	Wake Forest University (2)
Fordham University	Stonehill College	Washington and Lee University (2)
Gettysburg College (2)	St. Thomas Aquinas College (2)	Washington College
Hamilton College (3)	Suffolk University (2)	Washington University in St Louis (7)
Harvard University (2)	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	Wellesley College
Haverford College	Syracuse University (6)	Wentworth Institute of Technology
High Point University (2)	Technische Universiteit Eindhoven	Wesleyan University (4)
Hobart William Smith Colleges (3)	The American University of Paris	Western New England University
Hofstra University (3)	The George Washington University (7)	William & Mary
Hood College	The New School (2)	Williams College (3)
Houghton College	The University of Tampa (3)	Wilmington University
Howard University	Trinity College (13)	Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)
IE University (3)	Tufts University (6)	
Indiana University-Bloomington (3)	Tulane University of Louisiana (8)	