WOODSIDE PRIORY PROFILE 2017-2018

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English: 4 years
Theology: 6 semesters
World Language: through level 2 or demonstrated fluency
Senior Project: 1 semester (Spring)
Math: 3 years
Visual Arts: 2 semesters
Science: 3 years – Physics, Biology, Chemistry
Performing Arts: 2 semesters
Social Studies: 3 years
Computer Science: 1 semester
Electives: 6-9 semesters, varying with student's program
Physical Education: 1 year or team sports participation
Health & Wellness: 1 semester

THE SCHOOL

Located in Portola Valley, California, Woodside Priory School is a Catholic Benedictine independent, co-educational, college preparatory school. Our mission is to assist students in becoming lifelong learners and stewards who will productively serve a world in need of their gifts. With an enrollment of 375 students in grades six-twelve, Woodside Priory is home to 51 boarding students representing 11 countries, in addition to day students from the surrounding communities. Founded in 1957 by a group of Benedictine monks fleeing post-war Hungary, Woodside Priory, with its 50-acre rural campus, maintains its original tradition of being a small community that is dedicated to values-centered and academically rigorous education.

Woodside Priory's educational experience is centered around the values of individuality, community, integrity, hospitality, and spirituality. In pursuit of these values, teachers encourage collaboration, creativity, communication, critical thinking, and resilience through the pursuit of knowledge and problem solving. The college preparatory academic program, led by the monastic and lay faculty, is supplemented with visual and performing arts, athletics, community service, and interest driven co-curricular activities. The average class size is 13 and the student-teacher ratio is approximately 7:1.

GPA RANGE

Computation for GPA is based on all courses during six semesters, excluding P.E. Mid-year reports include seventh semester grades, at which time the GPA is recalculated. Students who have transferred to Woodside Priory have only their Woodside Priory grades included in GPA calculations. Extra weight (.5) is given for Honors and AP courses.

RANKING

Due to our small graduating class size, we do not rank our students.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

99% of students are accepted into 4-year colleges and universities.

COURSE OFFERINGS

ENGLISH (4 years required)
English 9
English 10*
All juniors and seniors take AP English Literature or English electives.

ELECTIVES:
American Woman*
Culture of Competition*
Discourse of Dining*
Gothic Literature*
Literature of Witness*
Literature Through the Camera Lens*
Poetry*
Short Story*
Vision of Excess*
*honors option

WORLD LANGUAGE (through level 2 or demonstrated fluency)
French 1, 2, 3, 4 (H), AP Language
Japanese 3, 4 (H), AP Language
Mandarin 2, 3, 4 (H), 5 (H)
Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4 (H), AP Language, AP Literature

MATHEMATICS (3 years required)
Algebra 1
Algebra 2
Algebra 2 (H)
Geometry
Geometry (H)
PreCalculus
PreCalculus (H)
Principles of Engineering **
Principles of Precalculus
Statistics
Advanced Problem Solving
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Differential Equations (H)**
Linear Algebra (H)**
Multivariable Calculus (H)**
**Offered every other year

THEOLOGY (6 semesters required)
Basic Beliefs & Values
Hebrew Scriptures
Christian Scriptures
Morality & Social Justice

ELECTIVES:
Atheism & Faith
Benedictine Leadership
Bioethics
Devil Wear Prada
Christianity Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust
Pop Goes Religion
Superheroes of Myth & Scripture
The Feminine Face of God
World Religion

HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (3 years)
American Democracy
Global Issues
World History*
US History
AP US History
Senior Project
*honors option

ELECTIVES:
Critical Analysis of Current Events
Economics
Psychology
Student Government
AP Economics
AP Human Geography
AP Psychology
AP US Government and Politics

SCIENCE (3 years)
Physics *
Biology *
Chemistry*
Health and Wellness
*honors option

ELECTIVES:
Food Production and Natural Sciences
Marine Biology
Eco Design and Sustainability
Science of the Very Fast and Very Small
AP Environmental Science
AP Chemistry
AP Physics C

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1 year)
Physical Education
Outdoor Education
Yoga

VISUAL ARTS (2 semesters required)
AP Studio Art
AP Art History
CAD and 3D Printing for Product Design I
CAD and 3D Printing for Product Design II
Digital Photography
Drawing and Painting
Glass
Metals
Yearbook

PERFORMING ARTS (2 semesters required)
Advanced Fundamentals of Music Theory
Concert Choir
Chamber Singers
Drama
Drama II
Guitar
Guitar II
Jazz Ensemble
Speech
String Ensemble
Symphonic Band
Musical Theater Performance
Technical Theater and Design
Wind Symphony

COMPUTER SCIENCE (1 semester required)
Digital World
First Robotics
Maker Skills
Multimedia Production I
Intro to Computer Science
AP Computer Science
Data Structures and Algorithms (H)

SAT: Summary 1600 Test Scores for the Class of 2016-2017			
Subject	**Mean Score**	**Middle 50%**	**# of Students**
EBRW	650	610-700	31
Math	660	570-760	31
Writing	33	31-35	31
Total	**1310**	**1210-1460**	**31**
ACT Test Scores for the Class of 2016-2017			
Composite	28.9	27-32	70

SAT: Subject Test Scores for the Class of 2016-2017			
Subject	**Mean Score**	**Middle 50%**	**# of Students**
Biology-Ecology	691	630-720	14
Chemistry	722	710-770	23
English Literature	671	610-720	17
Math Level II	717	670-790	55
U.S. History	726	680-770	20

WOODSIDE PRIORY GRADUATES FROM 2014-2017 HAVE MATRICULATED AT THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

University of Arizona
Barnard College
Baylor University
Belmont University
Boise State University
Boston University
Bowdoin College
University of British Columbia
Bucknell University
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
California State University, Chico
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 California, Santa Cruz
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design
Champlain College
Chapman University
Claremont McKenna College
Clark University
Colby College
Colgate University
University of Colorado at Boulder
Colorado State University
Concordia University - Portland
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
University of Dayton
Drew University
Duke University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emory University
Foothill College
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Hamilton College - NY
University of Hartford
Harvard University
Haverford College
Hofstra University
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Kenyon College
King's College London
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Linfield College
Loyola Marymount University
Marymount California University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
University of Massachusetts, Amherst
McGill University
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Middlebury College
Montana State University - Bozeman
Muhlenberg College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
Occidental College
Olin College of Engineering
University of Oregon
University of the Pacific
Pepperdine University
University of Pittsburgh
Pitzer College
Pomona College
University of Portland
Princeton University
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
Reed College
Regis University
Rhode Island School of Design
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
Scripps College
Seattle University
Skidmore College
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
Southern Oregon University
St. Edward's University
University of St. Thomas
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
University of Texas, Austin
Trinity College
Tufts University
University Centre Hartpury
University of Edinburgh
University of Utah
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University
University of Washington
Wellesley College
Wheaton College - MA
Whitman College
Willamette University
Williams College
University of Wisconsin, Madison
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Xavier University
Xavier University of Louisiana