About Brentwood

Brentwood provides a modern, West Coast learning experience for globally-minded students who embrace the School’s values of Grit and Joy. We are a progressive, co-educational boarding school for Grades 9 to 12 located on Vancouver Island, BC, Canada. It is a place of transformative learning and leadership, a remarkable place where students make lifelong friends while gaining a world-class education.

At Brentwood, student choice is a unique part of our culture and a deciding factor in who attends the School. This results in a warm, friendly, and passionate community of students from nearly 40 countries around the world who gain the independence and skills necessary to succeed in the post-secondary world. At the same time, a significant majority of students are Canadian. This means Brentwood offers students a unique Canadian boarding experience wherein our students enjoy the best of both worlds: a traditional boarding experience that draws from the best domestic and international students.

The Brentwood Curriculum

Brentwood is very proud of our truly tripartite curriculum that celebrates student success in academics, the arts, and in athletics. While many schools boast offerings in these three areas, Brentwood is unique in that the student’s experience is genuinely balanced across them:

• Students attend academic classes during the first half of the day, six days a week, Monday to Saturday.

• Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons: ALL of our students are committed to at least two hours of fine arts—although many students will take three, and even four hours of fine arts in the four-hour block—taking advantage of our state-of-the-art facilities in the performing, visual, and technical arts.

• Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons: ALL of our students participate in our athletics programme, spanning a wide variety of sports.

Brentwood Academics

Our senior students graduate with a British Columbia Grade 12 Secondary School Diploma and thus must meet specific graduation requirements in Grades 10, 11 and 12, including the writing of a province-wide exam in English 12. To challenge our students beyond the extent of this set of provincial requirements, we deliver the vast majority of our classes at an honors level. In addition, Brentwood proudly offers a wide variety of Advanced Placement courses to challenge our senior students. While we do not explicitly restrict the number of AP courses students can take, it is rare for any students below Grade 11 to take an AP, Grade 11 students are limited to how many they can take due to provincial course requirements for graduation, and there is no limit placed on Grade 12 students.
### Brentwood Academics (continued)

In Grades 9 to 11 the standard academic load is SIX classes, while in Grade 12 it is FIVE (Mandatory Classes/Electives):

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<td><strong>21st Century Studies</strong></td>
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<td>AP Physics 1 or Physics 11</td>
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<td>Marketing 11</td>
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<td>AP Comparative Government &amp; Politics</td>
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<td>Science &amp; Ethics 11</td>
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<td>Applied Coding Explorations 11</td>
<td>French 11</td>
<td>AP English Literature &amp; Composition or Literature 12</td>
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<td>Coding Robotic Explorations 11</td>
<td>Mandarin 11</td>
<td>AP Environmental Science</td>
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**Fine Arts options** (various levels): A Capella Show Choir, Art Foundation, Brentwood Broadcast, Choreography, Chamber Choir, Composition Rock Band, Dance Performance, Debate and Model United Nations, Drawing & Painting, Digital Photography, Guitar Ensemble, Hand Built Pottery, Jazz Ensemble, Musical Theatre, Photojournalism, Portfolio Production, Pottery, Public Speaking, Robotics, Rock Band, Sculpture, Stage and Screen, Strings Ensemble, Theatre Production, Traditional Photography, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Woodwork, Yearbook

**Athletics options** (various levels): Badminton, Basketball, Cross Country Running, Cross Training, Dynamic Movement: Yoga, Field Hockey (girls), Golf, Ice Hockey, Outdoor Pursuits, Rowing, Rugby, Soccer, Squash, Strength & Conditioning, Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball (girls)

### GRADING SYSTEM

Percentages and letter grades are awarded according to the following scale:

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<td>86 – 100</td>
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<td>73 – 79</td>
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<td>67 – 72</td>
<td>C+</td>
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<td>60 – 66</td>
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<td>(pass) 50 – 59</td>
<td>C-</td>
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<td>Below 50 (fail)</td>
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To perform at the straight ‘A’ level in British Columbia (86-100%) is very difficult and usually is attained only by 3-5% of the total student population in the province. To put students’ academic averages into context, below is the Mean Final Grade Distribution for our graduating classes over the last five years:

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<td>&lt; 65%</td>
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### TESTING

**Advanced Placement**

- In May 2018, 207 students wrote 336 AP exams (it is school policy that writing AP exams is optional for those enrolled in AP courses).
- 73% of the results were 3 or better, 40% were 4 or 5.
- 46 of the students were acknowledged as AP Scholars, 13 of them with Honor, 10 with Distinction, and 4 as National AP Scholars.

**SAT**

- No formal SAT preparation is provided to students as part of the academic curriculum. Only students bound for U.S. colleges elect to write the SAT at Brentwood, and test preparation is completed independently.
- Among the students who sat the SAT in 2018, their mean scores by section were: Evidence-Based Reading and Writing = 602, Math = 628

### UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT

- 158 students graduated in the Class of 2018: 96% matriculated to 4-year institutions and 4% to 2-year institutions; in all they matriculated to 48 different institutions in 5 Canadian provinces, 9 U.S. states, and 10 different nations.
- Earning an overall admit rate of 76%, they gained 554 acceptances from 111 different institutions in 11 different nations.
- 86% were admitted to their first choice of university, and 47% were awarded merit scholarships by at least one university.
### UNIVERSITY PLACEMENT (continued)

**Graduates of the Last Five Years: University Offers Accepted, Offers Declined**

**Canada**
- Alberta College of Art & Design
- Acadia University
- University of Alberta
- University of British Columbia, Okanagan
- University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- British Columbia Institute of Technology
- Brock University
- University of Calgary
- Camosun College
- Capilano University
- Carleton University
- Concordia University
- Dalhousie University
- Emily Carr University of Art & Design
- University of the Fraser Valley
- University of Guelph
- University of King's College (NS)
- King's University College (AB)
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- Langara College
- University of Lethbridge
- MacEwan University
- McGill University
- McMaster University
- Mount Allison University
- Mount Royal University
- University of New Brunswick
- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of Ottawa
- Queen's University
- Quest University
- Richard Ivey School of Business @ Western University
- Royal Military College of Canada
- Ryerson University
- St. Francis Xavier University
- Saint Mary's University
- Saint Mary's University, Nova Scotia
- Simon Fraser University
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of Toronto, Mississauga
- University of Toronto, St. George's
- Vancouver Film School
- Vancouver Island University
- University of Victoria
- University of Waterloo
- Western University
- Wilfrid Laurier University
- York University
- Bishop's University
- Bow Valley College
- Brescia College
- College of New Caledonia
- Concordia University Edmonton
- Douglas College
- George Brown College
- Grande Prairie Regional College
- Huron University College
- Laurentian University
- Ontario College of Art & Design
- Randolph Academy
- Red Deer College
- University of Regina
- Sheridan College
- St. Thomas University
- University of Toronto, Scarborough
- Trent University
- Trinity Western University
- University of Winnipeg

**United States**
- University of Arizona
- Arizona State University
- Babson College
- Barry University
- Bates College
- Bentley University
- Brigham Young University
- Bucknell University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, San Diego
- Columbia College Chicago
- The Cooper Union
- Cornell University
- Dartmouth College
- University of Denver
- Drew University
- Duke University
- The George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Hamilton College
- Harvard College
- Haverford College
- University of Hawaii
- Hawaii Pacific University
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Loyola Marymount University
- Marist College
- University of Miami
- Middlebury College
- New York University
- New York Film Academy, Los Angeles
- Northeastern University
- University of Oklahoma
- Old Dominion University
- University of Oregon
- Oregon State University
- Parsons, The New School
- University of Pennsylvania
- Portland State University
- Princeton University
- Reed College
- University of San Diego
- San Diego State University
- University of San Francisco
- Scripps College
- Skidmore College
- University of Southern California
- Stanford University
- University of Texas, Austin
- University of Texas, El Paso
- Trinity College
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- Whitman College
- Willamette University
- Alfred University
- American University
- Barnard College
- Bates College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Brigham Young University, Idaho
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Riverside
- University of California, Merced
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- California Institute of the Arts
- California Polytechnic State University
- San Luis Obispo
- Catholic University
- Central Washington University
- Chapman University
- University of Chicago
- Claremont McKenna College
- Clark University
- Colgate University
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- University of Denver

**United Kingdom**
- Bath University
- University of Birmingham
- City University London
- University of Dundee
- Concordia University Irvine
- University of Connecticut
- Connecticut College
- Davidson University
- University of Denver
- Dickinson College
- Dominican University
- Drexel University
- Emerson College
- Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
- Fordham University
- Gettysburg College
- University of Idaho
- University of Indiana, Bloomington
- Kapi'olani Community College
- Lafayette College
- Lehigh University
- Lewis & Clark College
- Life University
- LIM College
- Lindenwood University
- Linfield College
- Louisiana State University
- Lynn University
- Maryland Institute College of Art
- University of Michigan
- Michigan State University
- University of Mississippi
- Mount Holyoke College
- Mount St. Mary's University
- Newbury College
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- University of Northern Arizona
- Northwestern University
- University of Notre Dame
- Occidental College
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Orange Coast College
- Otis College of Art & Design
- Pace University
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Pennsylvania State University
- University of Portland
- University of Puget Sound
- Quinnipiac University
- University of Redlands
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Richmond
- University of Rochester
- St. Mary's College of California
- Santa Clara University
- Seattle Pacific University
- Seminole State College
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- Trinity College (TX)
- Union College
- University of Utah
- Vassar College
- Villanova University
- Virginia Polytechnic Institute
- Washington State University
- Wellesley College
- Western University
- Western Michigan University
- Western Washington University
- Whittier College
- Williams College
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**International**
- University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Universidad Anáhuac, Mexico
- Ashesi University, Ghana
- Bond University, Australia
- Erasmus University, Rotterdam School of Business, The Netherlands
- ESCP Europe, France
- Glen Institute of Higher Education, Switzerland
- Instituto Marangoni - Italy
- Les Roches International School of Hotel Management - Switzerland
- Mahidol International University - Thailand
- University of Melbourne - Australia
- National University of Ireland, Galway
- University of Queensland - Australia
- Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland
- Sciences Po University - France
- Tecnológico de Monterrey - Mexico
- University College Dublin - Ireland
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam - The Netherlands
- University of Western Australia
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Colegio de Isabel La Católica - Guatemala
- Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
- Universidad de Guadalajara - Mexico
- International University of Monaco
- New York University, Shanghai - China
- University of Twente - The Netherlands
- Utrecht University - The Netherlands
- Yale-National University of Singapore