





Keystone School  
St George Campus



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## SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Keystone School is located in the university district in the Annex, in a gorgeous Victorian heritage house. We offer an enriched curriculum with a project-based, experiential approach to learning.

*Our mission* at Keystone is to help children realize their full potential by having them be active participants in their own learning and giving them the skills they need to achieve their true capabilities.

We aim to nurture students into becoming individuals with the educational and social skills necessary for a healthy and happy life by fostering respect and awareness for the people and environment around them.

Average  
Class Size

14



University  
Acceptance Rate



Student-  
Teacher Ratio

7:1



With a holistic approach to education, our curriculum goes beyond academic excellence. We nurture critical thinking, problem-solving, and adaptability to ensure our students are well-prepared for the evolving landscape. By bridging theory and practice, we empower them to thrive in our rapidly changing world.

*Our focus* is on providing a dynamic and forward-thinking learning experience that embraces technology, encourages creativity, and fosters well-rounded individuals who excel academically while also being adaptable, empathetic, and socially responsible global citizens.



## STUDENT DIVERSITY & GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

At Keystone, we celebrate the richness of student diversity, recognizing that every individual brings unique perspectives, experiences, and talents to our community. Our inclusive environment ensures all students feel welcomed, valued, and respected, regardless of cultural, ethnic, linguistic, or socioeconomic backgrounds. By fostering inclusivity, we cultivate empathy, understanding, and appreciation for diverse viewpoints, creating a vibrant learning community. This prepares students to excel in an interconnected world.



We welcome international students from all over the world. Our school values the unique perspectives, experiences and contributions that international students bring, enriching our campus environment and fostering cross-cultural understanding.





## EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

At the heart of our educational philosophy lies a deep commitment to recognizing and catering to the individual needs, abilities, and learning styles of each student. Our program is firmly rooted in a student-centered approach, where learners are empowered to take charge of their educational journey, progressing at a pace that suits their unique capabilities. We believe in providing a nurturing environment where students have the freedom to explore subjects in depth, ensuring a thorough mastery of concepts before advancing to new material.

Our curriculum is designed to uphold rigorous and challenging learning outcomes, motivating students to stretch their intellectual and academic boundaries. Understanding that diversity is the norm when it comes to learning, we offer a rich array of instructional methods and assessment strategies to accommodate varying preferences and strengths. Whether it's through traditional lectures, immersive hands-on activities, dynamic project-based learning experiences, or innovative technology-enhanced lessons, we strive to provide multiple avenues for students to engage with and showcase their comprehension of the content. By instilling a sense of autonomy, flexibility, and accountability in their learning journey, we empower students to take ownership of their education, enabling them to unlock their full potential and succeed in both academic and personal realms.



## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

At Keystone School, our academic program is designed to foster a dynamic and engaging learning environment that cultivates critical thinking and creativity. We place a strong emphasis on project-based learning, where students actively participate in hands-on projects that allow them to apply their knowledge in real-world contexts. Through this approach, students develop essential skills such as collaboration, problem-solving, and communication while deepening their understanding of academic concepts. Our commitment to project-based learning ensures that students are not only well-prepared for academic success but also equipped with the practical skills necessary for future endeavors.

Our curriculum is designed to cultivate an international mindset, encouraging students to explore issues and ideas from a variety of cultural, geographic, and historical perspectives. Through inquiry-based learning and experiential opportunities, students develop the skills and dispositions needed to navigate complex global challenges with empathy and critical thinking. We emphasize the importance of social responsibility, environmental stewardship, and ethical leadership, instilling in our students a sense of duty to contribute positively to local and global communities. By promoting global citizenship, we inspire our students to become agents of positive change, equipped to address pressing global issues and create a more equitable and sustainable world for future generations.



## Middle School

During this critical transition phase, students prepare for high school by refining foundational skills across subjects like language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. These years serve as a crucial stepping stone in their academic journey toward high school success.

### Grades 7 & 8

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Visual Arts
- Health & Physical Education
- French

## The Foundation Years

During these years, students build upon foundational skills acquired in elementary school through compulsory subjects. These years provide a solid academic framework for students as they prepare for more specialized studies in grades 11 and 12.

### Grade 9 (8 Courses)

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography
- Visual Arts
- Health & Physical Education
- French
- Learning Strategies

### Grade 10 (8 Courses)

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Civics & Careers
- 3 Electives

#### Electives

- ICT on Business
- Introduction to Business
- French
- Healthy Active Living
- Media Arts

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## University Preparation

With a focus on elective courses tailored to student interests and future academic pursuits, these years provide students the opportunity to delve deeper into subjects aligning with their career aspirations, ensuring readiness for post-secondary studies and beyond. There are compulsory course requirements for university programs. Placement in these courses involves consultation with students and their parents to align with academic goals and career aspirations. This collaborative approach fosters a supportive environment for academic growth and personalized learning experiences, enhancing overall educational outcomes.

### Grade 11 (8 courses)

- English
- Mathematics
- 6 Electives

#### Electives

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Intro to Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology
- Marketing
- Travel & Tourism
- Media & Visual Arts
- Designing Your Future
- French
- Healthy Active Living

### Grade 12 (6 courses)

- English
- 5 Electives

#### Electives

- Advanced Functions
- Calculus & Vectors
- Data Management
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Challenge & Change
- Analyzing Current Economic Issues
- World Issues
- Business Leadership
- Recreation & Healthy Active Leadership
- French

## Graduation

In addition to completing the required 30 credits, students must pass the Ontario Literacy Test and complete 40 hours of Community Service.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community service is a cornerstone of the educational experience at Keystone School, with a firm belief that giving back to the community is not only important but also integral to personal growth and character development. Community service offer students a diverse range of opportunities to make a positive impact in their local community and beyond. Whether it's volunteering at local shelters, participating in environmental conservation projects, or assisting in community outreach programs, students are encouraged to explore various avenues for service that align with their interests and passions.

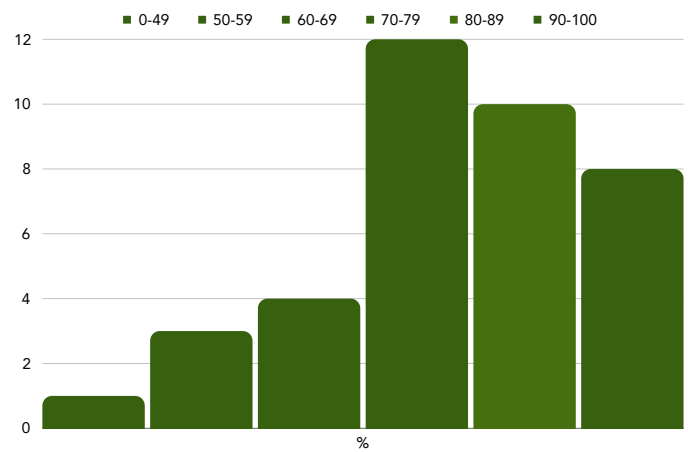
Through these experiences, students develop a deep sense of empathy and understanding for the challenges faced by others, fostering a spirit of empathy and social responsibility. They also learn valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, which are essential for success in both academic and professional settings.

Ultimately, the community service program at Keystone School not only benefits the recipients of the students' services but also contributes to the personal and academic growth of the students themselves. By instilling a sense of social responsibility and empathy in them, Keystone School prepares its students to become compassionate and engaged citizens who are committed to making a positive difference in the world.

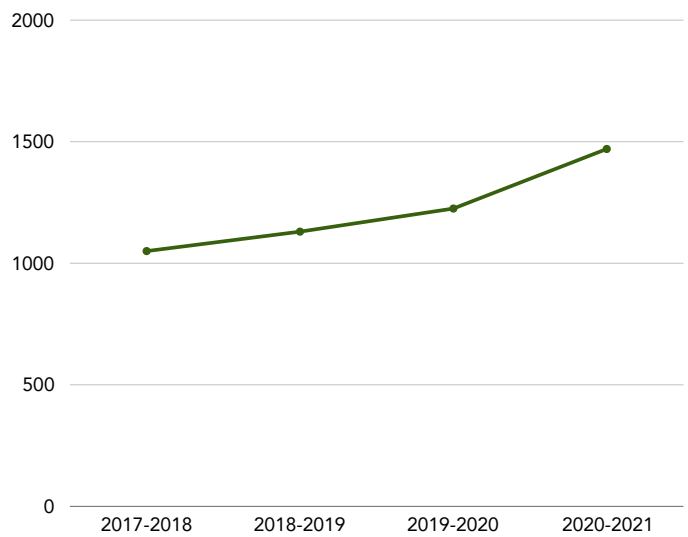




## DISTRIBUTION OF GRADES



## SAT SCORES



Grade distributions are calculated based on 2020-2021 end of year results.



**H. Nezirovic '22**  
***King's College, UK***  
**Neuroscience**

## ACCREDITATION & MEMBERSHIPS

Keystone School is an inspected private school accredited by the Ministry of Education of Ontario, holding the BSID (Board School Identification) number 888468. As an inspected private school, we adhere to strict guidelines regarding curriculum, student safety, and staff qualifications, providing families with the assurance that their children are receiving an education of the highest caliber. Keystone School is also a member of the Ontario Federation of Independent Schools.

Keystone School holds a gold membership with EcoSchools Canada and is also a member of the Green Schools Alliance. These affiliations reflect our unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability within our educational practices. We actively engage in initiatives aimed at promoting environmental education, reducing our ecological footprint, and fostering a culture of sustainability among our students, staff, and broader community.

Keystone School collaborates with IDP Test Centers in Canada to administer the IELTS test. Additionally, we partner with College Board to administer the SAT test, with our designated College Board number of 826966. These partnerships enable us to support our students in their academic pursuits by offering internationally recognized assessments that are essential for admission to universities and colleges worldwide.

## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION & JUSTICE

At our school, we are fully dedicated to promoting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice in all facets of our community. We embrace the richness of human diversity, recognizing and celebrating the unique backgrounds, perspectives, and identities of every individual. We are committed to fostering equity by addressing systemic barriers and ensuring equal access and opportunities for all members of our community. Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do, as we strive to create a welcoming and supportive environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered to thrive. Moreover, we recognize the importance of promoting justice by actively addressing and dismantling systems of oppression and working towards a more equitable and just society for all.



## UNIVERSITY GUIDANCE

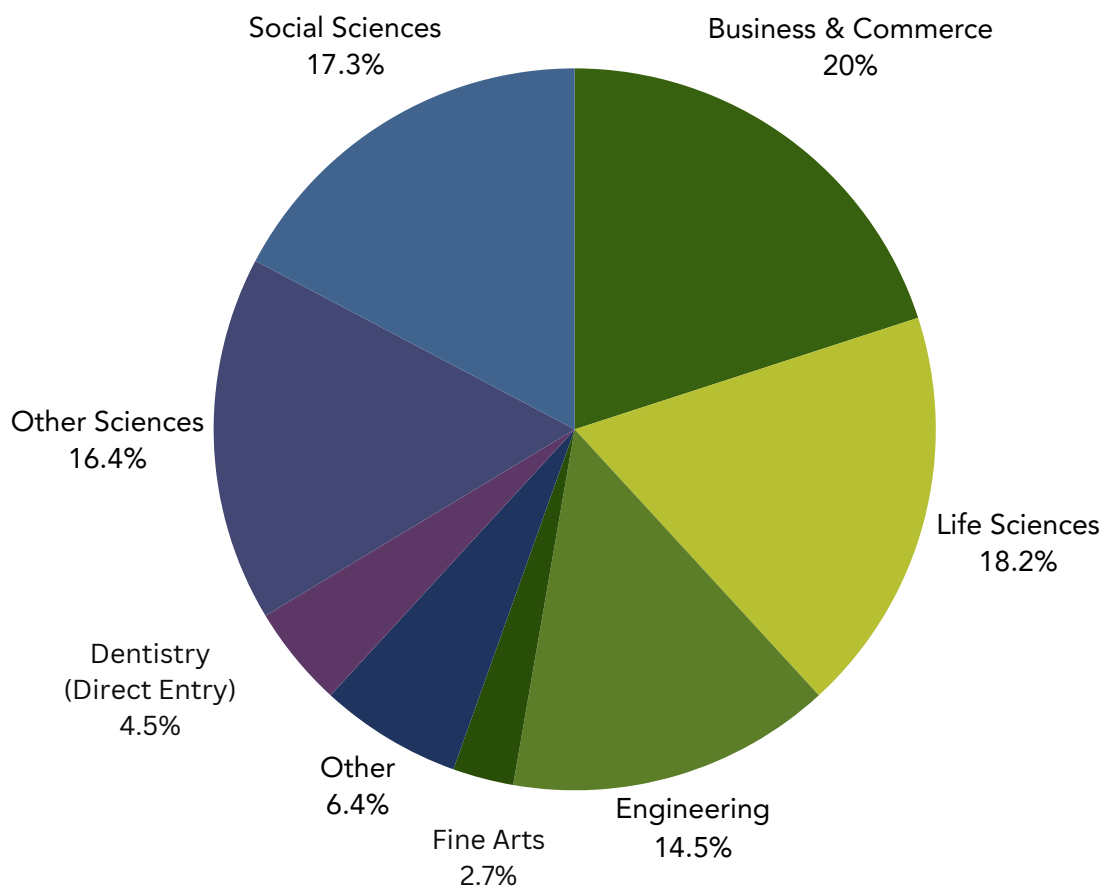
At Keystone School, we prioritize guiding our students toward their future academic and career aspirations through a robust university guidance program. Beginning early in their academic journey, students are encouraged to explore various career paths and are provided with opportunities to gain insight into different fields. Through regular meetings with our Academic Coordinators, students develop a clear understanding of the steps needed to achieve their dreams.

Every year in the Fall, admission team representatives from top universities visit Keystone to engage directly with students. This allows students to ask questions, gather information, and make informed decisions about their future academic pursuits.

As students progress through their high school years, the university guidance process continues to evolve, with grade 11 students participating in university campus tours and engaging in meetings with admission teams to further refine their university aspirations and application strategies. At Keystone, we understand that careful planning and personalized support are essential in helping students to navigate the path to higher education and achieve their goals.

## UNIVERSITY PROGRAM CHOICES

Compiled from graduate student data between 2018 and 2021.



## UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Our graduates have chosen to attend universities and colleges around the world. The following list represents only some of the universities where our students have been accepted.

### CANADA

University of Toronto  
University of British Columbia  
University of Waterloo  
University of Guelph  
York University  
McMaster University  
Western University  
Toronto Metropolitan University  
University of Ottawa  
Simon Fraser University  
University of Guelph  
Dalhousie University  
Wilfrid Laurier University  
OCAD

### ABROAD

Bryn Mawr University - USA  
Drexel University - USA  
Menlo College - USA  
King's College - United Kingdom  
University of Edinburgh - United Kingdom  
University of Southampton - United Kingdom  
University of Bath - United Kingdom  
University of Leeds - United Kingdom  
University of Essex - United Kingdom  
University of Portsmouth - United Kingdom  
Aston University - United Kingdom  
University of Maastricht - The Netherlands  
Utrecht University - The Netherlands  
Vrije University - The Netherlands  
University of Amsterdam - The Netherlands  
Les Roches - Spain  
Lund University - Sweden  
Ca' Foscari University of Venice - Italy  
Karel de Grote University - Belgium  
Metropolitan University - Czech Republic  
Koc University - Turkey  
University of Tokyo - Japan

# STUDENT LIFE

Being in the heart of Toronto, Keystone students enjoy an urban school life with numerous amenities and attractions within a short walking distance. Our vibrant campus is surrounded by cultural landmarks, recreational facilities, and diverse dining options, offering students a dynamic environment to explore.

Our school year is divided into two semesters, winter and spring, with each day starting at 9 am and concluding at 3:30 pm. After-school clubs are available Monday through Friday, offering students opportunities to pursue various interests and passions. Additionally, students are always welcome to stay after school for study hall, where they can complete assignments and receive assistance from teachers to further support their academic progress.

## School Year

Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	August
Semester 1					Semester 2					Optional Summer School	

## School Day

Morning Classes	Lunch	Afternoon Classes	Clubs/Study Hall
9:00 - 11:50	11:50 - 12:40	12:40 - 3:30	3:40 - 4:30



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After-school clubs, initiated by students, empower them to take the lead in exploring their interests and passions outside the traditional academic setting. This fosters the development of leadership skills, collaboration, and confidence. Whether it's nurturing artistic and creative development through creative clubs, promoting mindfulness and mental health practices through wellness clubs, or fostering political and multicultural awareness through debate and cultural clubs, our extracurricular offerings are designed to inspire and empower students to explore their passions in a supportive and engaging environment.





## **MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

Our mentorship program is a cornerstone of our commitment to student success. Each student is paired with a dedicated mentor who provides personalized guidance and support beyond the classroom. Through regular meetings, students receive encouragement tailored to their needs, boosting their self-esteem and confidence. These interactions also strengthen relationships with parents, teachers, and peers, enhancing the overall school experience. By fostering a safe space to discuss challenges and aspirations, mentors help students develop a positive attitude toward learning and setting achievable goals.

With a focus on holistic development, our mentorship equips students with skills and resilience for academic and personal growth, paving the way for lifelong success. Through mentorship, students not only receive academic support but also develop essential life skills such as communication, problem-solving, and time management. This comprehensive approach ensures that students are not only academically prepared but also equipped to navigate challenges and seize opportunities in all aspects of their lives.

## **GUEST SPEAKER SERIES**

At Keystone School, we believe in providing our students with diverse and enriching opportunities to expand their horizons and gain insights into various industries and career paths. One way we achieve this is through our engaging Guest Speaker Series. In this unique, forum-like setting, students have the opportunity to interview professionals from different industries and backgrounds, allowing them to learn firsthand about the intricacies of various careers and the pathways to success within them. Our Guest Speaker Series aims to inspire and educate students by exposing them to a wide range of experiences and perspectives. Following the interview portion, students are encouraged to actively participate by asking questions, fostering interactive dialogue, and gaining valuable insights directly from industry experts. By hosting guest speakers from diverse fields, Keystone School provides students with a platform to explore their interests, broaden their understanding of the professional world, and envision their own future paths with clarity and purpose.

Through our Alumni Speaker Series, we foster a strong sense of community and support that empowers students to achieve success in their university endeavors and beyond.



**My Profile**

<b>NAME</b>	
<b>DATE</b>	
<b>CLASS</b>	
<b>TEACHER</b>	
<b>PERSONAL INFORMATION</b>	
<b>HOBBIES</b>	
<b>FAVORITE SUBJECTS</b>	
<b>GOALS</b>	
<b>ACHIEVEMENTS</b>	
<b>CHARACTERISTICS</b>	
<b>PERSONALITY</b>	
<b>VALUES</b>	
<b>INTERESTS</b>	
<b>HOPE</b>	





**MEET SOME OF OUR  
RECENT GRADS**

**Natalia Mizonova '23**

***EU Business School - International Relations***

If I had a chance to go back in time, I definitely would choose to study at Keystone again!  
I am thankful for all the encouragement, support, assistance, valuable feedback and kindness. The knowledge that I was awarded with at Keystone is extremely helpful for me now, as a university student.



**Manolya Yatman '22**

***Bryn Mawr College - Astrophysics (Full Scholarship)***

The experiences I've had at Keystone have all shaped who I am today, and I can't imagine myself anywhere else. I am really grateful for all of my experiences at Keystone, as well as the life-long friends that I made.



**Arina Bahramnejad '22**

***University of Portsmouth - Dentistry***

My time at Keystone School was extraordinary. I found it so easy to make new friends when I first came to Keystone School. The students and teachers both made me feel so welcome.  
My teachers were fantastic motivators, and the academic program was excellent.



**Kamyar Esfahani '19**

***TMU - Biomedical Sciences & Philosophy***

I enjoyed my time at Keystone very much, especially because I felt welcomed from the first day I arrived. It is my pleasure to return and visit the teachers who impacted my life so significantly. I feel my courses and the relationships I formed prepared me for my time in university.



**Courtney Martin '19**

***University of Ottawa - Psychology & Linguistics***

I joined Keystone School with the intention of preparing for university. Keystone's teachers are experienced, knowledgeable and caring. The contents and styles of teaching are perfect preparation for university.



**Ruby Ma '18**

***University of Toronto - Business Administration***

We are learning something really useful in our daily lives here. Teachers not only teach us something from the textbook but teach us more skills that we can use in our real lives. At Keystone, we have lovely teachers and interesting classmates. Everyone studies here, meets new friends here, and has a lot of fun here. I absolutely fell in love with this school.





## ADMISSION PROCESS

We understand that every student's journey is unique, which is why we accept applications on a rolling basis. This means you can apply at any time throughout the year, allowing for flexibility and convenience.



### 1. Book a School Tour

Visit our campus and see our classes in session and meet some of our students. Our Admissions Coordinator will meet with you and answer any questions you may have about the application process and all that goes on around the school.

### 3. Schedule an Admissions Meeting

Once your application has been received with required documents and the fee payment, we will schedule an admission interview.

### 2. Submit your Application

Fill out the online application directly on Keystone's website and submit the form along with your IDs and most recent transcript or last 3 years' report cards. You will receive a link to complete the application fee payment.

### 4. Receive Offer of Admission

Once you receive your Offer of Admission, carefully review the terms and complete the tuition payment before the last day of confirmation.



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