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Keio University

## Keio to Send High School Students to two of America's Prestigious Boarding Schools, Phillips Exeter Academy and Philips Academy Andover, under a Double Diploma Program

With the goal of fostering global leaders from the secondary school level, Keio offers a study abroad program, in which students with high academic motivation are selected from its five affiliated high schools<sup>1</sup> to study at prestigious boarding schools in the US and the UK. Starting 2017, Keio high school students will participate in the program at Phillips Academy Andover, as well as at the newest addition to the list of host schools, Phillips Exeter Academy. Third-year high school students who are sent to these boarding schools will attain diplomas from both Keio and their host institution.

### 1. Objectives

In 2014, Keio launched a study abroad program at its affiliated schools in which excellent students are selected to study abroad for one year at a prestigious boarding school among the so-called Ten Schools<sup>2</sup> in the US and the Great Nine<sup>3</sup> public schools in the UK. By 2015, the list of host schools expanded to three in the US and two in the UK and Keio sent a total of ten students abroad. By offering students the opportunity to live and study with some of the brightest students from around the world and to pursue a variety of academic and extracurricular activities, Keio seeks to develop global leaders that will lead future society.

From 2017, America's Phillips Exeter Academy will become the newest addition to the list of host schools. Phillips Academy Andover, which joined in 2015, and Phillips Exeter Academy are often referred simply as "Exeter" and "Andover" and have shared a long and friendly rivalry, much like that between the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge. Both boarding schools are among the oldest in the US, and also being among the most selective, their graduates typically matriculate to top-tier Ivy League universities. Furthermore, Phillips Exeter Academy has developed its own teaching methodologies, such as the Harkness Method<sup>4</sup>, and its high standards in education and expertise of the teaching and staff members have been widely recognized not only within the US, but also among secondary education institutions outside the US, and as the school of choice for many parents around the world.

Keio strives to advance the internationalization of high quality education and foster global leaders from the secondary school level. At the same time it will continue to build on the strengths of its affiliated schools, which are derived from high school-university collaboration, and promote internationalization in all aspects of its education.

<sup>1</sup>Keio Senior High School (Kohoku-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa), Keio Shiki Senior High School (Shiki-shi, Saitama), Keio Girls Senior High School (Minato-ku, Tokyo), Keio Shonan Fujisawa Senior High School (Fujisawa-shi, Kanagawa), and Keio Academy of New York (US). At Keio, all of its schools below the university level are referred to as "affiliated schools."

<sup>2</sup>Ten Schools: A group of leading, exclusive boarding schools located in northeastern United States. They are often called the Ivy League of high schools because of their rich tradition, extremely competitive admissions, and quality of students, and are considered the most prominent among all private schools in the US. There is active interaction between the schools in sport and academic settings, and the relationships are often built upon friendly rivalries.

<sup>3</sup>Great Nine: The Great Nine public schools are considered the most prestigious and elite boarding schools in the UK. The schools offer an all-round education through academia, sports, and dormitory life, paying great attention to personal development. Many of their graduates are accepted into Oxford and Cambridge.

<sup>4</sup>A teaching method developed by Phillips Exeter Academy. Also known as the “Harkness Classroom,” classes at Exeter involve 12-13 students sitting at a round table and engaging in seminar-style discussions.

## 2. Overview of the Study Abroad Program

### **Third-year students (US)**

Phillips Academy Andover (Massachusetts, US / coeducational)

**Phillips Exeter Academy (New Hampshire, US / coeducational) \*Newly added from 2017**

### **Second-year students (US)**

Deerfield Academy (Massachusetts, US / coeducational)

The Taft School (Connecticut, US / coeducational)

### **Second-year students (UK)**

Shrewsbury School (Coeducational)

Winchester College (All boys)

## 3. Summary of the Host Schools (Reference)

### **Phillips Exeter Academy (Coeducational)**

URL: <http://www.exeter.edu/>

Address: 20 Main Street Exeter, New Hampshire, US

(around one-hour drive north from Boston airport)

The school was established in 1781 as an all-boys school and became coeducational in 1970.

Phillips Exeter Academy and Phillips Academy Andover are considered two of America’s prestigious boarding schools, producing graduates of extremely high caliber. Exeter enjoys a rivalry with Andover in many fronts, both academic and sporting. All the classes are conducted seminar-style based on the Harkness Table, a method of learning that the school is well-known for developing and involves students sitting at a round table to engage each other in discussion. It is a large-scale school with more than 1,000 students, but classes are small. The school also offers Japanese language classes. Exeter’s many facilities are spread across its 600-acre campus. Graduates include Robert Todd Lincoln (politician and the eldest son of the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln), John Irving (novelist, works include *The World According to Garp*), and Mark Zuckerberg (co-founder of Facebook).

### **Phillips Academy Andover (Coeducational)**

URL: <http://www.andover.edu/>

Address: 180 Main Street, Andover, Massachusetts, US

The school was established in 1778 as an all-boys school during the War of Independence. It is the second-oldest school and currently the top ranking boarding school in the US. It is located around 40 minutes north of Boston. The large 500-acre school has a student body of 1,100, including some of the brightest students from 33 countries around the world, and offers a holistic education that focuses on the balanced development of intellectual and physical abilities. Graduates include the 41st President of the United States George H. W. Bush, the 43rd President of the United States George W. Bush, John F. Kennedy Jr. (the son of former president John F. Kennedy), and the founder of Doshisha University, Joseph Hardy Neesima.

**Deerfield Academy (Coeducational)**

URL: <http://www.deerfield.edu>

Address: Main Street, Deerfield, Massachusetts, US

Established in 1797, Deerfield Academy is located around two hours west of Boston on a lush, rural campus with a student body of 640. The acceptance rate was only 13% in 2013, making it one of the most competitive among America's boarding schools. A variety of sports is actively pursued at Deerfield's many gymnasiums and facilities, including squash courts, which sprawl across its 280-acre campus.

**The Taft School (Coeducational)**

URL: <http://www.taftschool.org>

Address: 110 Woodbury Road, Watertown, Connecticut, US

The school was established in 1890 by Horace Taft, the younger brother of William Howard Taft, the 27th President of the United States. It is a relatively small school located about an hour and a half north of New York City with just under 600 students. Teachers are attentive to individual needs and implement finely-tuned, quality education to best serve its students.

**Shrewsbury School (Coeducational)**

URL: <http://www.shrewsbury.org.uk/>

Address: Shrewsbury School, The Schools, Shrewsbury, UK

Shrewsbury School was founded by charter in 1552 under King Edward VI and is located around three hours from London on top of a hill with a student body of 750 students. Originally a boarding school for boys, girls were admitted into the sixth form in 2008, and it has been fully coeducational since 2014. Graduates include the naturalist Charles Darwin, well-known for his work *On the Origin of Species*.

**Winchester College (All boys)**

URL: <http://winchestercollege.org/>

Address: College Street, Winchester, UK

Established in 1382, Winchester College is England's oldest public school located around one hour from London. Over its long history the school has come to be inextricably linked to the town of Winchester. Each of the 670 students lives in a boarding house. It was ranked in the highest position among UK's all-boys boarding schools in 2013 ([best-schools.co.uk](http://best-schools.co.uk)) and is in the top five for Oxford and Cambridge admissions rate and average school A Level results. The school has produced diverse alumni throughout its long history, including former British Prime Minister Henry Addington (1801–1804), physicist Freeman Dyson, and comedian Tim Brook-Taylor.

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