



Upper School Fact Sheet 2016-2017

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Buckingham Browne & Nichols School, a coeducational day school distinguished by a deep, broad, and challenging program of study, was formed in January 1974 by a merger of two longstanding Cambridge independent schools. Approximately 1,020 students are enrolled in Beginners through Grade 12, with about 525 students in the Upper School. The graduating class is 127. 100% of the seniors go on to four-year colleges. Seventy-seven members of the faculty hold master's degrees; thirteen members have earned doctorate degrees.

Calendar and Curriculum

BB&N's calendar is divided into trimesters. The grading system is alphabetical, with D- as a passing grade. To graduate from BB&N, a student must complete the following requirements:

English	4 credits, Grades 9-12
Mathematics	3 credits, including Algebra II and Geometry
World Languages	3 credits of the same language (modern or ancient)
History/Social Science	2 credits, including United States History
Science	2 credits, including Biology and a physical science
Visual and Performing Arts	2 credits
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Athletics	3 seasons in Grades 9-11, 2 seasons in Grade 12
Bivouac	2-week experiential outdoor program in Grade 9
Community Service	40 hours
Senior Spring Project	8-week independently designed project

Global Online Academy

BB&N is a member of Global Online Academy, a consortium of leading independent schools from around the world that fosters new, modern ways for students to learn and teachers to teach. GOA teachers and students share their voice on a global stage, enhancing learning and enabling the pursuit of individual passions.

Curriculum Overview

English

The curriculum develops students' critical thinking and reading abilities, as well as analytical and creative writing skills. Students write a *New Yorker*-style Junior Profile about a person at work and a Senior Essay, an extended analysis or emulation of a literary text.

Mathematics

The curriculum instills habits of mathematical thinking that will prepare students for further inquiry in math and computer science and for using quantitative reasoning. The department helps students recognize the relationships represented by the language of mathematics and learn essential problem-solving skills such as conjecturing, sense-making, and analyzing strategies and solutions.

History/Social Science

The history curriculum is dedicated to a global approach that examines the broad exchange of ideas and technology across all cultures. Critical thinking and discussion are central to each course and major research papers are written in each grade. Juniors can obtain honors designation by independently working on three major assignments.

Science

The science program adopts a laboratory-based discovery model to instill in students a systematic approach to scientific problem solving. The curriculum includes AP Biology, AP Physics C, and Honors Chemistry, which is taught beyond the AP level. Current Topics and Research in Science and Technology engages the most committed, able, and independent science students.

World Languages

BB&N offers six languages—Arabic, Chinese, French, Latin, Russian, and Spanish. All emphasize meaningful oral communication, personal written production and global cultural competency through immersion classes. Most languages offer APs, Senior electives and trips abroad. Students can become Double Language Scholars.

Visual and Performing Arts

Every student experiences our unique, exceptionally varied, and rigorous program in both fine and performing arts. Two-thirds of students go beyond the minimum two-year graduation requirement, speaking to BB&N's level of commitment to the arts, seriousness of purpose, and climate of creativity.

Average SAT Scores for the Class of 2016

Critical Reading
662

Math
671

Writing
663

Average ACT Scores for the Class of 2016 Number Tested - 91

English
30.3

Math
29.6

Reading
30.1

Science
28.2

Composite
29.7

National Merit Recognition, Classes of 2011-2015

National Merit Scholars	7	National Merit Semifinalists	31
National Achievement Scholarship Program	13	National Merit Finalists	29
National Merit Commended Scholars	132	National Hispanic Recognition Program	5

Advanced Placement Examinations (includes all students tested in Grades 10-12)

2016	187 students	251 exams	18 subjects	90% of the scores were 3 or better
2015	192 students	303 exams	20 subjects	90% of the scores were 3 or better
2014	200 students	293 exams	19 subjects	92% of the scores were 3 or better
2013	186 students	278 exams	20 subjects	92% of the scores were 3 or better

Colleges Enrolling Graduates from the Classes of 2012-2016

American University	Gettysburg College	Stonehill College
Amherst College	Gordon College	Swarthmore College
Babson College	Grinnell College	Syracuse University
Bard College	Hamilton College - NY	Trinity College
Barnard College	Harvard University	Tufts University
Bates College	Harvey Mudd College	Tulane University
Belmont University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Union College
Bentley University	Ithaca College	United States Military Academy
Berklee College of Music	Johns Hopkins University	University of British Columbia
Boston College	Kenyon College	University of California, Berkeley
Boston University	Lafayette College	University of California, Los Angeles
Bowdoin College	Lehigh University	University of California, San Diego
Brandeis University	Loyola Marymount University	University of Cambridge
Brown University	Loyola University Maryland	University of Chicago
Bryant University	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Colorado at Boulder
Bryn Mawr College	Macalester College	University of Delaware
Bucknell University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Carleton College	McGill University	University of Maryland, College Park
Carnegie Mellon University	Miami University, Oxford	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Case Western Reserve University	Middlebury College	University of Massachusetts, Lowell
Claremont McKenna College	Muhlenberg College	University of Miami
Clark University	The New School	University of Michigan
Clemson University	New York University	University of New Hampshire at Durham
Colby College	Northeastern University	University of Oxford
Colgate University	Northwestern University	University of Pennsylvania
College of the Holy Cross	Norwich University	University of Richmond
College of William and Mary	Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	University of Rochester
Colorado College	Occidental College	University of San Diego
Columbia University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Southern California
Connecticut College	Pomona College	University of St Andrews
Cornell University	Princeton University	University of Sydney
Dartmouth College	Purdue University	University of Vermont
Davidson College	Queen's University	University of Virginia
Dickinson College	Quest University Canada	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Duke University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Ursinus College
Elon University	Rhodes College	Vanderbilt University
Emerson College	Rice University	Villanova University
Emory University	Saint Anselm College	Wake Forest University
Fairfield University	Salve Regina University	Washington and Lee University
Florida State University	Santa Clara University	Washington University in St. Louis
Fordham University	Skidmore College	Wellesley College
Franklin & Marshall College	Smith College	Wesleyan University
The George Washington University	Southern Methodist University	Wheaton College - MA
Georgetown University	St. Lawrence University	Whitman College
Georgia Institute of Technology	Stanford University	Williams College