



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM FALL 2025

## Welcome Message from the Director of the International Student Program

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Welcome to the first edition of our International Student Program Newsletter! Each trimester, we'll share updates, highlights, and stories from our international community here at Putney. Our goal is to celebrate our International students' experiences, strengthen our connections, and keep families around the world informed about life on campus.

It is a true privilege to work with such a diverse and inspiring group of students who bring the world to our campus. My mission as a Director of the International Student Program is to support each international student's journey as they live and learn abroad, to ensure they feel seen, cared for, and empowered to thrive both academically and personally.

From the first day of orientation, we work hard to help students build confidence and create meaningful connections across cultures. Whether it's through community dinners, weekend activities, or quiet conversations in the dorms, we want every student to know they have a home here at Putney.

Our international students are making a remarkable impact across campus! Whether on the sports field, in the art studio, or in leadership roles, they bring dedication, creativity, and passion to everything they do. Please enjoy the photos included in this newsletter.

## Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Break  
November 22-30

Coming soon in November:  
Putney Panel  
&  
Friday Booth:  
The Chopsticks Challenge

Project Week  
December 1-13

December 14th, 2025-January 4<sup>th</sup>  
2026, School Break





## 2025-26 New International Students

### SETTLING IN AT PUTNEY: FINDING HOME AND FRIENDSHIP



The beginning of the school year has been full of excitement, curiosity, and fresh opportunities as we greeted our international students on campus for orientation. The first days focused on connecting with one another, exploring Putney traditions, and experiencing what it truly means to be part of this vibrant and welcoming community.

Adapting to life at a new school in a different country can be a big adjustment, yet our students have met this transition with eagerness, determination, and a welcoming spirit. They are building friendships, settling into their daily routines in both classes and dorms, and beginning to create a sense of home here at Putney.







# International Café 2025

Students brought the world to campus this Fall at the International Café/Harvest Festival at Putney. Our international students shared recipes from Japan, Switzerland, Lithuania, Thailand, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Ethiopia, Sweden, the Czech Republic, and South Africa. After two days of hard work in the kitchen, their dishes and stories connected our community through the joy of food.

The aromas filled the dining hall, and the community’s enthusiasm and appreciation made the event especially meaningful, celebrating not just the delicious recipes but also the diversity, collaboration, and spirit that make our school so vibrant.





# PUTNEY PANELS

A New Age of Enlightenment

## Putney Panel Fall 2025

This Fall International Student Panel explored the ways we speak, the impact of accents, and how language intersects with identity and culture. Our panel featured international students sharing their experiences navigating different accents, perceptions in the classroom, and the ways their voices are heard and understood in various settings. This discussion offered a unique opportunity to listen, learn, and reflect on how language shapes our interactions and community.



The mission: Putney Panels provide a forum for community members to share insights through the lens of a particular identity, background, or experience. We encourage others to listen openly to those experiences, in an effort to create broader understandings across differences in identity and personal history.









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