

# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM WINTER/SPRING 2026

## Winter and Spring at Putney

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Winter in Vermont has been long and snowy, but for our international students, it has been a season full of energy, creativity, and new connections. From cozy classrooms to snowy slopes, students have been exploring a variety of activities, expressing themselves through art, trying winter sports, and participating in exciting community events. This winter, our international students joined a range of memorable experiences, including International Karaoke Night, the Lunar New Year Dinner, Putney Panels, and lively multicultural booths celebrating traditions from around the world. Each event has offered opportunities to connect, share stories, and build friendships across cultures.

With spring just around the corner, the excitement continues! As the snow melts and days grow longer, our international students look forward to a season full of fun, celebrations, and activities that bring the community together. We can't wait to see more creativity, connections, and unforgettable moments this spring!

## Upcoming Events

Spring Carnaval

Spring Putney Panel

Spring Project Week  
May 20-30

Graduation,  
Sunday May, 31st



# PUTNEY LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

This winter, our community came together to celebrate the Lunar New Year with a special dinner prepared by our international students. They generously shared traditional dishes with the entire community, creating a warm and festive evening filled with culture and connection. The celebration also featured a beautiful singing performance by Jimmy Cao, who moved the audience with his incredible voice. To close the evening, we gathered outside for a joyful fireworks display, bringing the celebration to a close with light, color, and excitement. It was a wonderful night that brought our community together and honored the traditions and talents of our international students.





## Celebrating Our Talented International Students

Our international students are making their mark at Putney through creativity and performance! From painting and drawing to singing, acting in theater, and crafting amazing art projects, they are actively sharing their talents both in our community and beyond. Their performances and creations bring energy, culture, and inspiration to campus, and it's been incredible to see how their passion and creativity connect people and spark new friendships. We're so proud of the amazing contributions our international students continue to make!



# PUTNEY PANELS

A New Age of Enlightenment

## Winter Putney Panel: Exploring Putney, the U.S., & the World

This winter, our students took part in an inspiring Putney Panel exploring what makes our school unique, with a special focus on the experiences of international students. Panelists shared how Putney's values, community culture, and global perspectives shape daily life on campus and enrich learning for everyone. It was a thoughtful conversation that highlighted the ways international students contribute to our community, offering new perspectives and helping all of us see the world a little differently.



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.



# Other events

