# SCHOOL PROFILE



## 01. Our School

- Founded in 1884 by American missionaries from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- Private all-girls day school
- 7-12 grade school (High School: 10-12)
- Christian (Presbyterian) education
- Located in Tamatsukuri, just 20 minutes' walk from Osaka Castle
- Large campus with beautiful greenery and state-of-the-art facilities, as well as the historic Hale Chapel, which is a registered tangible cultural property of the nation
- Student population: (1310)

## 02. Our culture

As part of our Christian-based approach to education, OJ is dedicated to creating a culture that embraces all of God' s people through a strong emphasis on multiculturalism, anti-discrimination and the promotion of human rights.

Being founded by American missionaries, OJ has always focused on developing students' English ability. From the school' s founding until 1940, education at OJG was conducted entirely in English. Although classes are now conducted primarily in Japanese, OJ remains committed to promoting English language ability and Global Understanding, through programs such as the International Baccalaureate and the English Course, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

At OJ, English ability is seen not as a "weapon", which students can use to promote their own interests, but as something that should be used to help others, by allowing them to understand and communicate with people from different cultures.

OJ holds many events and activities to encourage students to develop their English skills and understanding of other cultures, such as Multicultural Day, English Camp and English Speech Contests.

OJ offers many exchange programs for students, on the basis that first-hand experience is necessary to truly understand a culture.

## 03. Our community

OJ students put the values they have learnt through their Christian education into practice not only within the school but in the wider community as well.

#### Community events and services include:

- 1 The Flower Service, in which students take bouquets of flowers to local hospitals and welfare facilities
- 2 Performances by the school choir and handbell choir at local hospitals and churches
- 3 Meals delivered to disadvantaged areas by the school's chapter of the Young Women's Christian Association.
- 4 Donations collected by students at the School Cultural Festival for Christian-founded facilities supporting those with intellectual disabilities, leprosy and orphans.

## 04. Extra-curricular activities

OJ offers more than forty different school clubs across its junior and senior high schools. The sports-based clubs range from traditional Japanese archery to skiing, and artistic sports such as baton, while the cultural clubs give students opportunities to pursue both academic, personal and artistic interests, in a diverse range of clubs including science, environmental awareness, music, tea ceremony and drama. Students are also involved in volunteer organizations such as the Young Women' s Christian Association and Paramu, a local organization that supports people with disabilities.

The whole school activities such as the Cultural Festival, Sports Day and Choral Contest emphasize student involvement and students take responsibility for as many aspects of the organization and execution of the event as possible, with the teachers playing only a supervisory role.

## 05. Our students

Through our culture of Christian education and global understanding, OJ students come to understand that each and every person and culture is part of God' s creation and deserving of love and respect.

As such, they are interested in learning about the world around them and the challenges facing it, from climate change to discrimination against minority groups such as LGBTQ people.

However, OJ students do not just stop at learning, but take action in their local community through school-organized events which promote both social responsibility and teamwork.

Further, through extra-curricular activities, students are able to develop their individuality by pursuing their personal interests and talents.

We believe that these factors are why OJ students have gone on to be highly successful in many fields, from stage and screen to law, medicine, and architecture, as well as sports and charity.



## 06. Matriculation

Domestic universities (2021)		
Osaka University	• Meiji University	
Kobe University	Hosei University	
Nara Women's University	Doshisha University	
Waseda University	Ritsumeikan University	

- International Christian University
- Kwansei Gakuin University

### International universities (2017-2021)

East China Normal University (China)	Colorado State University (United States)	
Singapore Institute of Management (Singapore)	University of Minnesota (United States)	
Ming Chuan University (Taiwan)	<ul> <li>Southern Utah University (United States)</li> </ul>	
Fu Jen Catholic University (Taiwan)	• Carroll University (United States)	
Asia University (Taiwan)	• Truman State University (United States)	
National Taiwan Normal University (Taiwan)	University of Wisconsin (United States)	
National Kaohsiung University of Hospitality	• University of St. Francis (United States)	
and Tourism (Taiwan)	North Park University (United States)	
Shih Chien University (Taiwan)	<ul> <li>Southwestern Oklahoma State University</li> </ul>	
Chung Yuan University (Taiwan)	(United States)	
Tam Kang University (Taiwan)	North Carolina Wesleyan College (United States)	
Korea University Korean Language Center (Korea)	Colorado Mesa University (United States)	
Yonsei University (Korea)	• Vancouver Community College (Canada)	
Pukyong National University (Korea)	• University of Prince Edward Island (Canada)	
Taylor's University (Malaysia)	• University of British Columbia (Canada)	
Monash University (Malaysia)	• Carleton University (Canada)	
University of Leeds (United Kingdom)	<ul> <li>Pech University (Hungary)</li> </ul>	
University of Queensland (Australia)	• Eotvos Lorand University (Hungary)	
University of Adelaide (Australia)	Palacký University Olomouc (Czech Republic)	
University of Wollongong (Australia)	•Pavol Jozef Safarik University (Slovakia)	
Augustana College (United States)	• Aalto University (Finland)	
Cascadia College (United States)	• Tampere University (Finland)	
Temple University (United States)	• Tallinn University (Estonia)	

• University of Tartu (Estonia)

• Oregon State University (United States)

# SCHOOL PROFILE 2021-2022



## 07. Curriculum

Our school follows the Japanese educational system. Students are given the option of taking elective courses either Humanities, Science or the English Track. We also provide the International Baccalaureate programme.

## 08. Graduation Requirements

Regular Course	
• Humanities Track 92-97	
• Science Track 95-97	

English Course		
• English Track 95-98		
• International Baccalaureate 98		

\*One credit equals 35 weeks of one class-hour (50min) per week.

## 09. Grading System

Osaka Jogakuin follows the 5-point grade scale which is calculated and converted on the basis of cumulative points acquired in one academic year.

### Grade:

5	Excellent
4	Good
3	Average
2	Passing
1	Failure

\*An academic year consists of 3 periods each of which will be graded in 10-point grade scale. \*An absolute evaluation is applied.

## 10. Class of 2021 Comprehensive list of Subjects Provided

Japanese	Geography and History	Science
Integrated Japanese	• World History (A, B)	Chemistry (Basic, Advanced)
• Contemporary Japanese (B)	• Japanese History (A, B)	<ul> <li>Biology (Basic, Advanced)</li> </ul>
Contemporary Exercise	• Geography (A, B)	• Physics (Basic, Advanced)
Classics Basic	• History Higher Level (IB)	• Earth Science (Basic)
Classics Appreciation		<ul> <li>Biology Standard Level (IB)</li> </ul>
Classics Exercises	Civics	
Chinese Classic	• Ethics	Others
• Japanese Language A (IB)	• Politics	• Bible
	Contemporary Society	Physical Education
English	Social Studies	Hygienics
• Reading (Basic, Advanced)		Music
• Communication English (I, II, III)	Mathematics	• Art
• English Expression (I, II, III)	● Math (I, II, III)	● Calligraphy
Active Communication	• Math (A, B)	• Home Economics (Basic)
<ul> <li>Practical Communication (I)</li> </ul>	Math Exercises	<ul> <li>Information Study</li> </ul>
• Composition	<ul> <li>Mathematics Standard Level (IB)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Visual Arts Higher Level (IB)</li> </ul>
• English Exercise		<ul> <li>Theory of Knowledge (IB)</li> </ul>
Practical English		
Cross-Cultural Understandings		
• Current English		
• English Language B Higher Level (IB)		

