

where
YOU WANT
to go



UPPER SCHOOL *at*
GIRLS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

At Girls Preparatory School,
we are proud that our students are:

Confident

To speak up in class, raise their hands, make
new friends, and stand up for their beliefs

KIND

To themselves and to those who
are different from them

CURIOUS

To learn more and try new things, and

READY

To pursue their dreams!

In the pages ahead, you can enjoy activities and quizzes that will give you insight into your personality—what do you like and dislike? Where do you shine?

We think the best way to figure out where you will fit in (and stand out!) is to learn more about who you are while also discovering what makes our school special. GPS is designed to provide the best environment for you to be **YOU** while making friends and learning from teachers and coaches who lift you up to become your best self!



Turn the page, get started,

and have fun!





EXPERIENCE TRADITION



GIRLS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

**Founded more than 116 years ago,
GPS is a school rich in meaningful traditions.**

Whether you are welcoming a new sixth-grader to campus and mentoring her throughout the year or conquering stage fright and using your voice, the traditions at GPS enhance the sense of community girls feel on campus each day.

Take the quiz below
to find out which
tradition at GPS you
might enjoy most!

WHAT GPS *tradition* ARE YOU?

MY FAVORITE CLASS IN SCHOOL IS

- A Art
- B Math
- C Lunch!
- D English

___ YOUR ANSWER

GETTING READY IN THE MORNINGS TAKES ME

- A At least 30 minutes—gotta do my hair!
- B Less than 5 minutes—I like to roll out of bed and go.
- C Not too long—I'm eager to get to school to see my friends!
- D I try to prepare the night before so I don't have to think too much in the morning.

___ YOUR ANSWER

IN MY FREE TIME I ENJOY

- A Spending as much time outside as possible.
- B Being part of a group, like a sports team or choir.
- C Hanging out with my friends.
- D Reading or writing.

___ YOUR ANSWER

I'D CONSIDER MY STYLE

- A Girly—I love dresses and skirts.
- B Whatever's clean!
- C Trendy—I love getting ideas from others!
- D Unique—I want to really show people who I am.

___ YOUR ANSWER

OTHERS MIGHT DESCRIBE ME AS

- A Energetic
- B Thoughtful
- C Friendly
- D Trustworthy

___ YOUR ANSWER

WHEN IT COMES TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE

- A I let my personality shine.
- B I'm most comfortable around people I already know, but I am always excited to make new friends.
- C I can talk to anyone.
- D I let other people come to me first.

___ YOUR ANSWER

WHEN IT COMES TO GROUP PROJECTS

- A I like to take charge as a leader.
- B I'm most comfortable working out all the details to make it go smoothly.
- C I am happy to help others in my group who may be having a hard time.
- D I am the one taking notes.

___ YOUR ANSWER

WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE, I COULD SEE MYSELF AS

- A An artist
- B An astronaut
- C The leader of my own company
- D A journalist or author

___ YOUR ANSWER

Answers Below!

MOSTLY As

May Day

May Day is designed to celebrate the senior class, but it's a fun day for EVERYONE! Each grade can dance, and seniors get presented to their family and friends on Smith Courtyard.



MOSTLY Bs

The Uniform

The GPS uniform has been around for more than 100 years (though it's changed a bit since the early days)! Each grade has a class color for special occasions, but otherwise, you can wear whatever color you want each day.



MOSTLY Cs

Cat-Rat

Cat-Rat is a fun program where sixth-graders are paired with seniors, so older students can show them the ropes.



MOSTLY Ds

Chapel Talk

At GPS, when you're a senior, you get to give a speech in front of the WHOLE SCHOOL about ANYTHING you want. Your friends and family even cheer you on from the audience!



Student SPOTLIGHT

ANYA PARAMBATH '23

Anya Parambath chose GPS because, when she toured, she could see herself here in the future. "I quite literally saw myself walking across the lawn for Upper School, receiving my ring on junior ring day, and being a senior on May Day," she says. The hard part was selling her parents. "They wanted me to convince them on why I should attend GPS, and by doing that, I had to convince myself. I toured other schools and found myself fitting in here the best."

Today, Anya participates in BIPOC, Interfaith Forum, Society of Women Engineers - Next Generation, GPS Ambassadors, National Spanish Honors Society, Science Club, Mock Trial, Honors Orchestra, Beta Club, and Terpsichord, and she says what she loves most about GPS is the amount of opportunity it provides each girl. "It's not about the race to see who's the best. The teachers and staff work to get to know each girl and see what works best for her," she says. "We're not the same, and we have different styles and run at different paces. This school does a great job of understanding that and encouraging girls to be their best."

Anya is also an active participant in her classes, and she appreciates the freedom she has in selecting Upper School courses that interest her. "The whole process of course selection is really refined. The committee spends so long on each individual student."

In ninth grade, she chose to take Honors Biology, which helped her decide what she wants to do as an adult. "I've always known I want to go into the medical field, but I narrowed my goal to pediatric oncological surgery after completing the cancer unit in Ms. Gordon's class. Throughout my GPS career, I've been able to step out of my comfort zone and be challenged," Anya says. "GPS has done a good job in cultivating me into the young woman I would like to one day become."



Bonus!

Tear out this
poster and hang
it on your wall!

“Just be yourself.



THERE IS
NO ONE
BETTER.”

Taylor Swift

TERPSICHORD
TEAM CAPTAIN
FELLOWS
SPORTS TEAM
STUD
MUSICAL
FALL PLAY
COUN
PARTNERSHIPS IN THE COMMUNITY
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CLASS LEADERSHIP
TUCKER RIVER
FELLOWS
ROBOTICS TEAM
PARTNERSHIPS
THEATER TECH
SPRING
MUSICAL

TAKE THE LEAD



GIRLS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

At GPS, girls don't just learn to follow the leader—they learn to lead. GPS offers girls a chance to represent their class as members of various student organizations, tasked with listening, learning, and choosing what is best for their peers and the GPS community as a whole. Empowered by her classmates and teachers, each girl is given the opportunity to speak up and stand out, and no voice is too small. From quiet leaders in the classroom to president of the Honor Council or captain of her team, **all GPS girls can be leaders.**

Take the quiz
below to discover
how you will lead!

WHAT IS YOUR leadership style?

THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME ARE

- A** Daring, Witty, Positive
- B** Empathetic, Kind, Genuine
- C** Inventive, Focused, Analytical
- D** Organized, Knowledgeable, Loyal

— YOUR ANSWER

WHEN I AM PART OF A GROUP PROJECT AT SCHOOL, I

- A** Make sure we have fun.
- B** Make sure that everyone's voice is heard.
- C** Make sure we do our best work.
- D** Make sure the group is on track and everyone has a job.

— YOUR ANSWER

IF MY FRIENDS WERE FIGHTING, I WOULD

- A** Decide which one I think is right and stand up for her.
- B** Help them sort it out; I don't like to see my friends angry.
- C** Stay out of it; I don't like drama.
- D** Make sure that each side is heard and understood.

— YOUR ANSWER

ADULTS USUALLY THINK I

- A** Have lots of energy.
- B** Am a good team player.
- C** Am wise beyond my years.
- D** Am a rule-follower.

— YOUR ANSWER

WHEN I PLAY A GAME WITH FRIENDS, I

- A** Think of a way to make the game as fun as possible!
- B** Make sure everyone has a good time and is included.
- C** Want to understand the rules and strategy of the game.
- D** Make sure everyone enjoys the game and plays fair.

— YOUR ANSWER

IF ONE OF MY FRIENDS LOOKED UPSET, I WOULD

- A** Tell her a joke to try to cheer her up.
- B** Ask if she wants to talk about why she is upset.
- C** Let her know I am there for her if she needs anything.
- D** Help her solve her problem and feel better.

— YOUR ANSWER

WHEN I MEET NEW PEOPLE, I HOPE

- A** They will like and trust me enough to try something new and exciting.
- B** That they'll be nice to me and want to spend time getting to know me better.
- C** That they'll respect me and teach me more about what they love to do.
- D** That they'll care about me and understand me.

— YOUR ANSWER

WHEN I HAVE HOMEWORK, I

- A** Do it right before it is due.
- B** Do it with friends.
- C** Go above and beyond, making sure it's my best work.
- D** Re-read the directions and check with the teacher that I did the assignment correctly.

— YOUR ANSWER

MY BIGGEST CONCERN AT SCHOOL IS

- A** My friends, making people laugh.
- B** Helping other people, getting along with classmates.
- C** Getting good grades, preparing for my future.
- D** Making sure my work is done on time, staying out of drama.

— YOUR ANSWER

A LEADER

- A** Speaks up.
- B** Listens and motivates people.
- C** Delegates tasks.
- D** Plans how to get things done.

— YOUR ANSWER



Answers Below!

MOSTLY A's

YOU ARE A

Lightning Bolt

Lightning strikes whenever you're in the room! You are a fun girl to be around who is always positive and upbeat, with a dash of spontaneity that keeps things interesting for your friends and family. Everyone knows that you're ready with a joke or a comment that will make them laugh. You excel at solving problems and using all your resources to make things better than how you found them. Your desire for competition keeps you at the top of your game ... literally. Your motto? "Everything's better when you're having fun."

MOSTLY C's

YOU ARE AN

Arrow

With a straight focus, you will always hit your target! You love a good challenge, and you will never give up without trying your hardest. You are a unique girl, who rejects conformity and blazes her own trail for success. In school, you go above and beyond to make sure you do something great. You can get bored quickly, though, so you are always trying to think of ways to make a routine new again. Most of all, you will work hard until you've done your absolute best ... some people might call you a perfectionist, and you don't mind because you are proud of working hard. Your motto? "Do your best work."

MOSTLY B's

YOU ARE A

Heart

Everyone loves your generous spirit! You are always offering sincere love and affection for friends and family, making everyone see they can trust you. Because people often come to you to talk about their feelings, you have developed natural skills that make you motivational and uplifting. Your charisma and charm make others want to hear what you have to say, and because you truly care for others, you are surrounded by people who want to help you succeed. Your motto? "Everyone has something to share."

MOSTLY D's

YOU ARE AN

Anchor

Someone has to hold it all together! You are the loyal friend of the group and the girl everyone knows they can rely on. You thrive on staying busy and being useful, whether it's volunteering in your free time or getting your homework done right after school. You love the feeling of checking items off your list and maximizing your time. Your family and friends know you will always be respectful and listen to what others ask, and that you always want everyone to be happy. Your motto? "Let's make this happen!"

Student SPOTLIGHT

HANNAH GRACE KORNBERG '23

When Hannah Grace Kornberg started GPS as a seventh-grader, she was nervous for her first day, since many of her classmates had already spent a year getting to know each other. Fortunately, her fears were assuaged early on when she had a mishap with her uniform. "I was mortified my first day because I forgot my belt, and I got here and the girl who toured me the day I visited gave me her belt to wear," she explains. "There really is a feeling that when you step on campus, people will help you."

That welcoming feeling is what made Hannah Grace choose to attend GPS. "I wanted to come to GPS for the academic rigor, and I wanted to be challenged and have more opportunities. But once I came on my tour day, the reason I decided to 'say yes to the dress' was more the environment around me. Everyone was so nice to each other and super friendly. It was just really great."

Hannah Grace was elected to lead the Honor Council her senior year, an achievement of which she is extremely proud. "I'm proud not necessarily just of being elected, but of having the opportunity to lead girls in following the honor code and counseling girls who may have violated the honor code and ensuring their character hasn't been questioned," she says. "Getting a chance to be a leader in that space has been a big accomplishment of mine."

In addition to serving on the Honor Council, Hannah Grace also competes on the rowing, climbing, and Mock Trial teams, saying they have been beneficial in helping her make friends across all grades. She also enjoys her classes and says her Ancient Civilizations class had a big impact on her. "I hadn't gotten a chance to learn to study before GPS, and that was the class that really propelled me into learning to study but also to like the material I was studying."



How you can lead AT GPS

Elected Office

If you're serious about getting leadership training, running for one of the various elected offices at GPS is a great option! Whether you enjoy planning student activities, upholding the honor system, or you're passionate about community service, opportunities abound!

Sports Team

Are you a great motivator? Being a leader on the field (or in the gym ... or in the pool ... or ... you get the picture) may be the perfect place for you. Use your voice to pump up your teammates, help run practices, and speak up when questions or concerns arise.

In the Classroom

Being a leader doesn't mean you have to be elected! It just means you use your voice to make a difference. Leaders in the classroom speak up, ask meaningful questions, and help others who may not understand the material as well.



MEMOIR

at GIRLS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

ITALIAN ART



TENOR
 GIRLS PREPARATORY SCHOOL
 PLAN ART

Exploring bio-diversity in Costa Rica, discovering the workings of state government, learning archery skills, or appreciating the natural world in day hikes, GPS students and faculty enjoy stepping into new and unfamiliar territories during Winterim. Each February, we suspend regular classes for a week to dive deep into enriching experiences together.

Students follow their curiosities, travel to new places, and try activities outside their comfort zones. Alongside them, our faculty share their expertise—in and outside of their academic fields—and try new things alongside the girls.

Read about some of the adventures from last year's Winterim and rank your top three choices:

CHOOSE YOUR OWN Winterim Adventure!

MY TOP Three

1st

first
CHOICE

2nd

second
CHOICE

3rd

third
CHOICE

Each February, Upper School students at GPS participate in a weeklong adventure dedicated to experiential learning and discovery. Alongside their classmates and teachers, students dive into a variety of opportunities—both on campus and around the country—with lots of options coordinated by GPS faculty.

THE DUDE RANCH

Ride off into the unspoiled desert past Instagram-worthy rugged mountains and cacti, pen cattle, and generally cowpoke around Arizona's famous White Stallion Ranch, a dude ranch that mixes Old West adventure with modern creature comforts. No experience necessary!

In addition to honing equestrian skills and getting closer to nature, girls are treated to traditional cowboy entertainment, see unparalleled views of the stars during an astronomy lesson, learn about sustainable tourism and development in a setting so beautiful they may recognize it from Hollywood films, and so much more. Cowboy boots are optional, but who wouldn't want to wear a pair?

SERVICE-LEARNING AT LULA LAKE

Do you love the outdoors, knowing about our area's best hidden gems, and preserving and protecting the natural world? Join us for a week of being outdoors and making a difference in one of our area's most beautiful locations. On this Winterim, we will work outdoors as we lend our efforts in service to the Lula Lake Land Trust. Dedicated to the preservation of lands located within the Rock Creek watershed on Lookout Mountain, the mission of the Lula Lake Land Trust is to preserve the natural and historic landscapes surrounding Rock Creek and its tributaries through conservation, education, and low-impact recreation.

Projects include trail building and tree conservation, though the leaders with the Land Trust decide how best to coordinate our efforts. Interest in being and working outside all day long is a must! The beautiful land provides a premium place for an al fresco lunch. Activities also include Appalachian Storytelling and other local cultural experiences. A little muscle and a lot of heart is all it takes to make Lula Lake a continued lovely place to visit and recreate. Ready for a challenge? Let's go!





HAWAII ADVENTURE

Culture, history, natural sites, and beautiful views await you in Honolulu. Visit the Polynesian Culture Center to experience a luau and traditional dinner, hike the Kaunla Trail, tour the Dole Plantation, see the North Shore and the Banzai Pipeline, visit Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial, and explore the rainforest and waterfalls of quaint Hilo. Adventures will abound, as well through visits to Volcanoes National Park and Mauna Kea State Park, a stop at the lava tubes along the way, a zipline tour over Akaka Falls, an ascension of Kilauea, a tour of a coffee plantation, and more! Join us for adventure and education, the Hawaiian way!

CULINARY TOUR OF THE FRANCOPHONE WORLD

As they say in Disney's *Ratatouille*, anyone can cook! Whether you are already a gourmet chef or just wanting to learn the basics, explore the culinary traditions of four francophone locales from around the world right here in Chattanooga. Participants spend four days learning to cook in classes led by professional chefs. Learn to follow a recipe, prep food, master cooking techniques, food presentation, and how to properly clean a kitchen. Above and beyond culinary skills, you build confidence, learn food safety, and have fun! Each day will be a different culinary endeavor, including French bistro cooking, New Orleans Cajun cuisine, Thai street food, and a Moroccan meal, and best of all, lunch is what you have prepared!

DANCING IN NYC

Take an exciting trip to the big apple! Dance all day in classes led by professional dancers. At night, see a modern dance performance, the New York City Ballet, and a Broadway show! We'll also make time to visit the MET, the 9/11 Memorial, and maybe some 5th Avenue shops. If you want a glimpse of what it's like to live and dance in NYC, this Winterim is for you! Get ready for fun experiences from dancing in amazing spaces to riding the subway to class; all of it is an amazing dancing adventure!

#ADULTING

Does life after high school seem a little scary? Do you want to learn how to do adult things like find a job and find a place to live? Do you want to know how to manage your money? How about knowing your legal rights after you're 18? Then join the #adulting Winterim, where you learn how the real world is a little less intimidating than you think. Some call it life skills, but we call it a lot of fun when you're learning with your friends.

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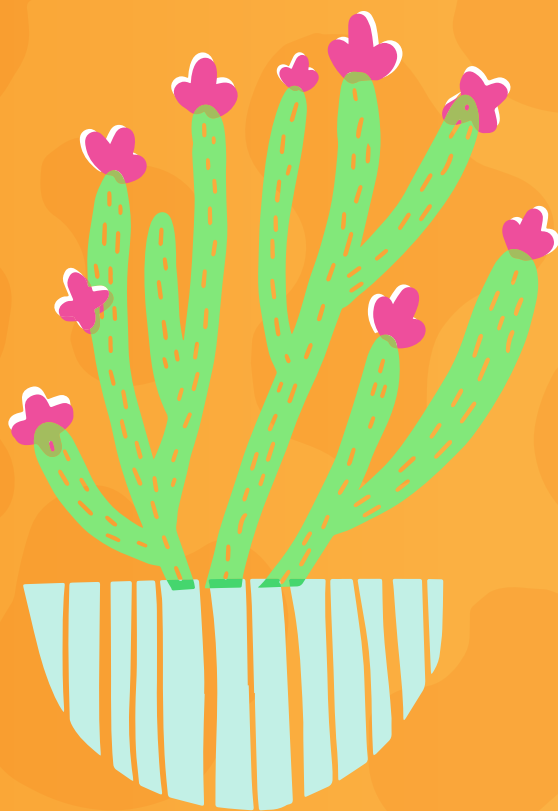
I love GPS because every day I can rely on the fact that I will learn something and I will make new memories. My answer to 'Why GPS?' is 'Why not GPS?' If you can't answer that question, then you're destined to be here.”

- Morgan Summerlin '23



Bonus!

Tear out this poster and hang it on your wall!



“ IF YOU
DON'T SEE A
CLEAR PATH
FOR WHAT
YOU WANT,
SOMETIMES
YOU HAVE TO

make it yourself.”

MINDY KALING

WHICH CLUB WILL YOU JOIN?
MATCH YOUR DRESS COLOR
TO YOUR MOOD
PIZZA, TOFU, OR BOTH?
YOU HANG OUT?
WHAT'S YOUR TALENT
ON THE FIELD
OR IN THE STANDS?
WHAT WILL YOU
CREATE
WHICH CLUB WILL YOU JOIN?
IN THE MAKERSPACE?
STUDY ON
THE PATIO
OR IN THE
LIBRARY?
WHAT'S
YOUR TALENT?
WHERE WILL YOU HANG OUT?
WHICH CLUB WILL YOU JOIN?
LET YOUR LOCKER
SHOWCASE
YOUR STYLE
MATCH YOUR
TO YOUR
WHAT'S
YOUR TALENT?

CHOOSE YOUR PATH

at GIRLS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Students in Upper School experience a highly individualized environment where learning is self-directed, hands-on, and multidisciplinary—making their journeys more relevant and meaningful. Do you want to code an award-winning app? AP Computer Science will set you up for success. Research a cure for cancer? Neuroscience and anatomy are a must. Attend college on a four-year athletic scholarship? Your varsity coach can guide you through the process. Advocate on behalf of others? Partnerships in the Community offers a vehicle to implement change through service to our community.

What Elective SHOULD YOU TAKE?

Circle the
statements you
most agree with
in the table below:

I ENJOY TAKING
THINGS APART AND
REBUILDING THEM.

I'VE CONSIDERED A
CAREER IN LAW OR
EDUCATION.

I HAVE FUN
CHANGING UP
MY STYLE.

THE THOUGHT
OF DISSECTING
SOMETHING
INTRIGUES ME.

I LIKE TO VISIT ART
MUSEUMS AND SEE
CONCERTS IN MY
SPARE TIME.

I LIKE LEARNING
HOW THINGS
WORK.

I THINK I MIGHT
LIKE TO BE A
DOCTOR OR NURSE
OF SOME SORT.

I THINK IT'S
IMPORTANT TO
CHALLENGE MY
BELIEF SYSTEM AT
TIMES IN ORDER TO
GROW.

I'M GOOD
AT REMEMBERING
FACTS.

I'D SAY I'M
AN OUTDOORSY
PERSON.

I CAN SEE MYSELF
WORKING IN A
VERY ANALYTICAL
FIELD.

A GOOD PLAYLIST
OR PODCAST
CAN HELP ME
CONCENTRATE
WHILE ALSO
INSPIRING ME.

I WISH I KNEW HOW
THE HUMAN BRAIN
WORKS.

I WOULD CONSIDER
MYSELF TO BE
PRETTY CREATIVE.

I'M PASSIONATE
ABOUT HELPING MY
COMMUNITY.

I ENJOY COMING UP
WITH INNOVATIVE
IDEAS AND
SOLUTIONS TO
PROBLEMS.

ADD UP THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EACH COLOR BOX
YOU CIRCLED, THEN SEE WHICH COLOR YOU PICKED
THE MOST AND READ YOUR RESULTS!

Answers Below!

MOSTLY PINK

Computer Science

A computer science elective is right up your alley! Depending on your interests, we have classes on everything from computer science to programming.

MOSTLY ORANGE

Art

Looks like it's time to sign up for an art elective! At GPS, there are so many options to choose from, including choreography, ceramics, choir, orchestra, Photoshop, art history, and more!

MOSTLY TEAL

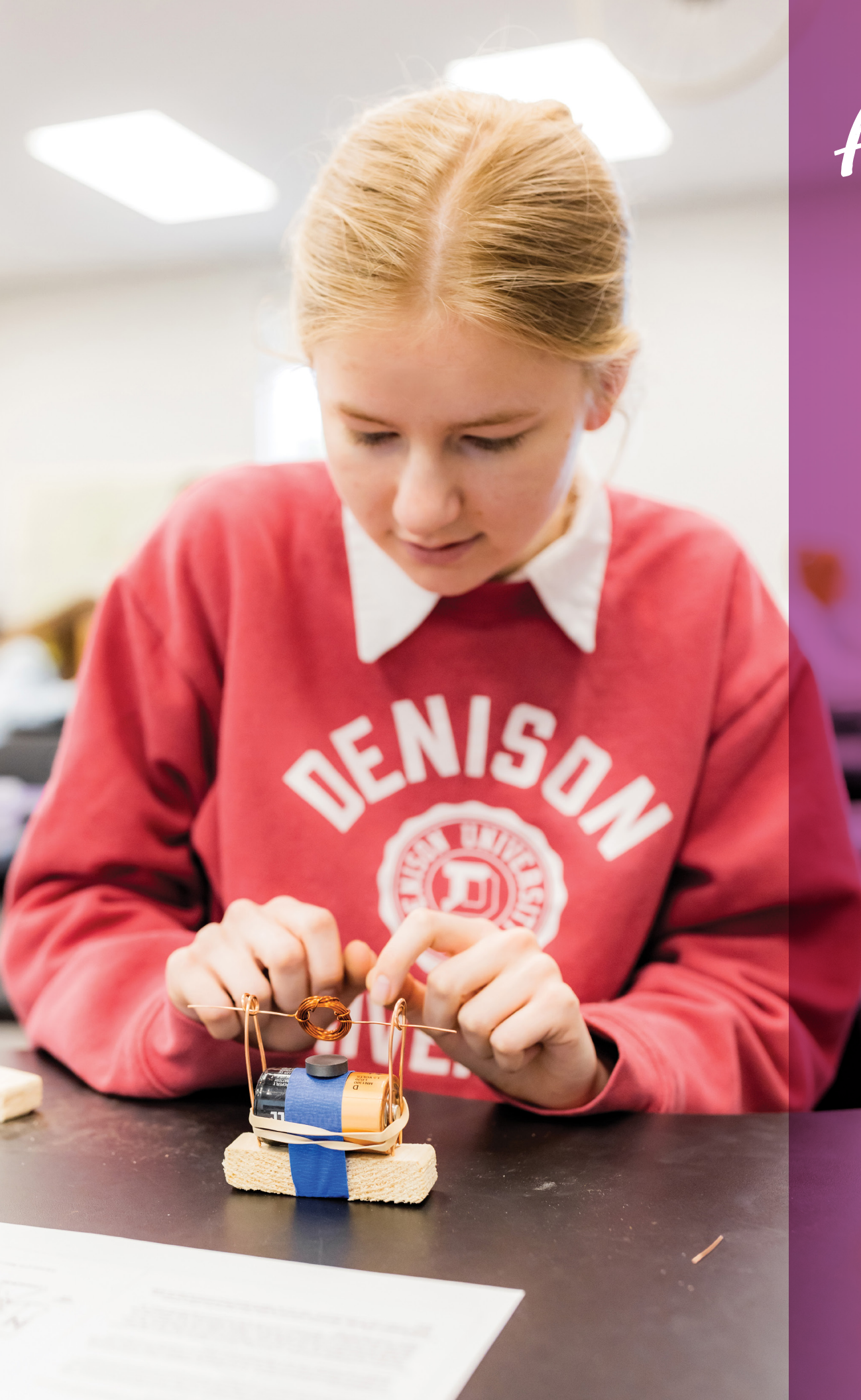
Humanities

As a social studies or language enthusiast, you will love the variety of elective courses you can take in Upper School. With classes like global conflicts, social justice in action, world religions and languages, and more, you can choose what interests you most!

MOSTLY PURPLE

Science

Looks like we have a future scientist among us! The science department at GPS is expansive, with offerings ranging from anatomy and physiology to neuroscience, environmental science, forensic science, and marine science, among others.



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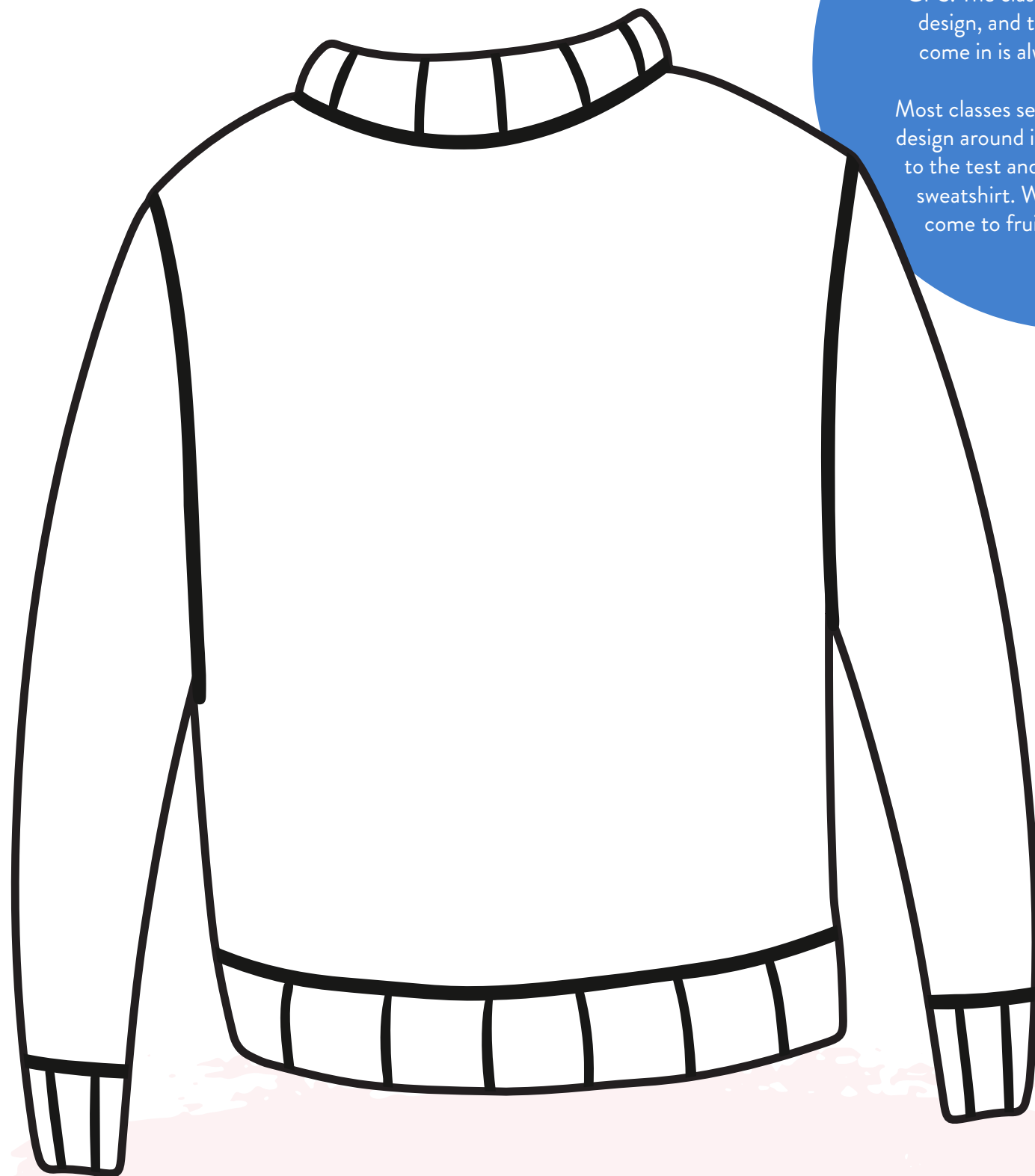
GPS to me is literally a sisterhood. The bond we all share is unmatched. By coming to school every day, I get to see some of my best friends and get to be in an environment where I know I'm loved, supported, and accepted. Sisterhood is why I chose GPS.”



- Louisa Bohner '22



DESIGN YOUR OWN *junior sweatshirt!*



It's tradition for the juniors to design a class sweatshirt to be worn throughout their remaining days at GPS. The class votes on their favorite design, and the day the sweatshirts come in is always a big celebration.

Most classes select a quote and create a design around it. Put your creative skills to the test and design your own junior sweatshirt. Who knows? Maybe it'll come to fruition your junior year!

AN ARCHITECT AS A
AUTHOR AS A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER
ASTRONAUT AS AN ENTREPRENEUR AS A M
AS AN ENGINEER AS A REPORTER AS
AS AN EDUCATOR AS AN ARTIST AS A
AS AN ACTOR AS A DOCTOR AS A CO
PORTER AS AN ART
ATHLETE AS A REPO
NARIAN AS AN ENT
COMPUTER PROGRAMMER AS A SCIENT
AS AN AUTHOR AS A DESIGNER AS AN A
A PHARMACIST AS A VIDEOGRAPHER
AS AN ARCHITECT AS A RESEARCHER AS
AS A MUSICIAN AS A PHOTOGRAP
AS AN ASTRONAUT
AN ENTREPRE

IMAGINE YOUR FUTURE



GIRLS PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Remember that question you used to get as a kid: What do you want to be when you grow up? For some of us, our answers were a bit more traditional (doctor, astronaut , artist). Others had more eclectic dreams like Broadway star, video game designer, and investigative reporter. Whatever it was you dreamed of, imagining what you would do when you grew up was always exciting, and your potential was limitless!

As the years went by, your dreams or goals may have shifted. That's okay! Upper School at GPS is designed to help you find your niche while also discovering who you are at your core, and who you aspire to be. **We believe every girl has the potential to do anything she wants, and we mean anything.**

Turn the page to take a short quiz, designed to help you consider options for the type of college you might one day attend. Keep in mind, it's just for fun and you should explore lots of different schools before deciding on the ones where you'll apply.

Take the quiz below to find the type of school you might enjoy!

What kind of college SUITS YOU?

MY FAVORITE PART OF SCHOOL IS

- A** Field trips to museums or historic sites.
- B** The clubs and organizations I'm a part of.
- C** Sporting school colors on or off the field.
- D** Engaging with other students and teachers in the classroom.

— YOUR ANSWER

IN MY SPARE TIME, I LIKE TO

- A** Try out new restaurants or catch a concert or an exhibit.
- B** Do volunteer work in the community.
- C** Do as many activities as I can fit into my schedule.
- D** Hang out with my friends and do something fun we all agree on.

— YOUR ANSWER

MY DREAMS FOR AFTER COLLEGE INCLUDE

- A** Taking advantage of all the new opportunities available.
- B** Following my passion and connecting with others who share it.
- C** Finding a job that challenges me but also allows me to meet lots of people.
- D** I'm not sure yet, maybe something innovative? I hope to spend time in college figuring that out.

— YOUR ANSWER

WHEN IT COMES TO CHOOSING CLASSES

- A** I'd love having classes that allow me to plug into businesses or research facilities off campus.
- B** I'm eager to work in class and also in the community—maybe a work study or internship in public service.
- C** I want the option of choosing between lots of majors without being locked into a particular field if I change my mind.
- D** I have a lot of interests and can't wait to explore all college has to offer.

— YOUR ANSWER

WHAT I LOOK FORWARD TO THE MOST ABOUT COLLEGE IS

- A** Exploring a brand new environment and culture.
- B** Connecting with people who share my interests, experiences, or dreams.
- C** Getting to know lots of people in my classes through social organizations, and at weekend athletic events.
- D** Knowing lots of the people at my college well—including the professors!

— YOUR ANSWER

MY PREFERRED CLASS SIZE IS

- A** Class size doesn't really matter, but I don't want to just listen to lectures all day. I'd like many kinds of activities!
- B** A mix of larger and smaller classes, so I get the best of both worlds.
- C** Low-pressure lecture halls where I won't be called on all the time.
- D** Small, where my voice can be heard and there's one-on-one interaction between students and the professor.

— YOUR ANSWER

MY BIGGEST CONCERN ABOUT COLLEGE IS

- A** Feeling trapped in the bubble of a small community.
- B** Not making a good group of friends.
- C** I'm not worried about anything—I'm pretty adaptable.
- D** Choosing the right field(s) of study.

— YOUR ANSWER



Answers Below!

MOSTLY A's

Urban Setting

You're always the first to pull up the map when exploring a new city, and you can't tell whether you're more excited to attend college or to immerse yourself in a new environment. These institutions are the perfect fit—all smack dab in the middle of bustling cities that let you soak up as many experiences as you can during your time there, from internships to nightlife. Whether for class work or for fun, you have endless access to nearby museums, concert venues, and historic attractions. It's the big city life for you!

MOSTLY C's

Large University with Myriad Offerings

Your competitive spirit likely served you well in high school, where you probably played on sports teams or gravitated toward positions of leadership. Now you're looking for a campus that prioritizes those same values of responsibility, teamwork, and school spirit. You'll find it at these powerhouse schools, where the robust athletic programs are matched by equally strong majors and specialty programs.

MOSTLY B's

Community-Minded Campus

For you, college isn't just about furthering your education. It's about delving into your interests and making connections with others who will be with you for life. For you it might be an arts college, a single-sex school, an HBCU, or a religiously affiliated college. Consider exploring one with a special focus, like having every student hold a job on campus, serve the community, or study abroad. When a school's mission aligns with your own, the deep sense of connection offers students an opportunity to lift each other up and soar together. So consider a school that prioritizes a shared mission and offers a strong campus culture where you can build a deep social network and pursue your passions.

MOSTLY D's

Smaller Liberal Arts College

You may not have settled on a major yet, but you're the one who is always ready to debate and analyze the latest thing you've read or seen. You'll be able to take a range of courses and explore majors from literature, history, and languages to mathematics and several branches of science. These modestly sized but academically rigorous colleges are the perfect environment for you to deepen your learning and chart your next move. Spar with your peers and engage with your professors in small classes that promote lively discussions and where your voice can be heard, in rural or suburban college towns brimming with fresh air, nature, and plenty of open spaces.

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GPS pushes you to try new things and be your very best, whether it be in classes, music and arts, or athletics. It provides opportunities and support no matter what you're interested in.”



- Meghan Boehm '23




Bonus!

Tear out this poster and hang it on your wall!

“Amazing
things happen



WHEN WOMEN HELP
OTHER WOMEN. ”

KASIA GOSPOS

STUDENT FORUMS
IN PIC
IN CLASS
IN TUCKER
ON THE SWIM TEAM
RIVER FELLOWS
ON THE TENNIS COURT
IN THEATER
IN STUCCO
ON THE FIELD
IN STUDENT FORUMS
ON THE FIELD
LUNCH
MAKE NEW
FRIENDS
BUT KEEP THE OLD
at GIRLS PREPARATORY SCHOOL
ON THE ROWING TEAM
ON THE STAGE
ON THE
TEAM
IN THE
MAKERSPACE
IN TUCKER
IN THE
IN ORCHESTRA
RIVER FELLOWS
IN THE
ON THE FIELD
IN THEATER
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GPS cultivates an environment that celebrates and nurtures sisterhood—one that encourages and supports girls as they develop relationships with others beyond their immediate circles. As a result, students find belonging in a unique network of women that includes thousands of GPS students, past and present. Our students and alumnae don't view other women as competition, but rather as valued partners in the betterment of their lives and communities. Whether they are starting companies together, cheering for each other on the sidelines, or simply lifting up classmates in times of need, **GPS students are friends for life.**

WHERE WILL YOU MEET NEW GPS friends?

Mark the statements that you agree with. Then add up all of your picks to see which color you checked the most!

I'D CONSIDER MYSELF PRETTY COMPETITIVE.

I BELIEVE THAT PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.

I'M USUALLY UP FOR AN ADVENTURE—AS LONG AS I KNOW THE DETAILS BEFOREHAND.

I'D LOVE TO TURN THE THING I LOVE MOST INTO A JOB SOMEDAY.

I HAVE LOTS OF INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.

I LIKE TALKING TO OTHERS ABOUT WHAT I'VE LEARNED.

I LIKE TO STICK TO A SCHEDULE.

MY WEEKENDS ARE ALWAYS PRETTY SCHEDULED.

THE THOUGHT OF TRYING NEW THINGS EXCITES ME.

I THINK IT'S COOL WHEN OTHERS HAVE THE SAME INTERESTS AS I DO.

I ENJOY A SPIRITED ARGUMENT.

I ALWAYS FINISH MY HOMEWORK.

I ENJOY BEING PART OF A TEAM.

BEING SUCCESSFUL OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM IS IMPORTANT TO ME.

TALKING TO A NEW PERSON MAKES ME A LITTLE NERVOUS.

I ENJOY GROUP PROJECTS.

MOSTLY LIGHT PINK

In Class

You'll have lots of opportunities to meet new friends in your classes, so be sure to say hi to the person sitting next to you. You never know where you'll meet your new best friend.



MOSTLY MEDIUM PINK

In Sports

Nothing bonds you faster than finding a teammate you can count on. Playing sports is a great way to know someone has your back. High-fives all around!



MOSTLY DARK PINK

In Clubs

With so many clubs at GPS, the only problem will be deciding which ones to join. Don't worry—you can try new clubs each year! Be sure to jump in and have fun as you discover new ideas.





Student SPOTLIGHT

MCKAMEY BRATCHER '23

You know that saying, "It's not rocket science." Well, for McKamey Bratcher, it is. McKamey has wanted to be an aerospace engineer since she was a kid, so she could design rockets. Now, she wants to take it a step further and become an astronaut with a trip to Mars as her end goal.

McKamey came to GPS in Upper School because she wasn't being challenged enough academically at her previous school. "It's been enlightening and challenging," she admits. "I've learned more about myself and my limits and what I can do. I think my goals in life are much clearer and more achievable now that I've had this experience."

McKamey loves her classes, specifically her science classes. She also describes precalculus as fun. "The teachers here try to make classes enjoyable and interactive. They're not just trying to shove information down our throats," she says.

In addition to being passionate about her studies, McKamey also plays numerous varsity sports and hopes to earn a college scholarship for softball. "Sports have probably been my favorite part of GPS. The relationships, the travel, playing, the adrenaline. You can forget about the academic part and just play the sport you love. We have a good time."

According to McKamey, there are a lot of great opportunities at GPS, regardless of what your interests are. "I feel like if you want to focus on the arts, there are also great opportunities here. A lot of my friends don't like to be as academically challenged as I do, so it just depends on what you want out of the experience."

We hope you've enjoyed learning a bit more about yourself and our wonderful school through the activities in this viewbook! **At GPS, we believe high school is a time to really dive into where you're headed next.** We hope you imagine the endless possibilities ahead of you and stretch yourself to try new classes, clubs, and adventures. We know you'll also make new friends along the way!

In the year ahead, we hope to see you and your family on our campus to show you around! GPS students are always excited to see new faces and share their stories of what they love about attending a school for girls.

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