

Bishop Montgomery High School

Los Angeles, California



Admissions results that speak for themselves

Bishop Montgomery High School’s international students consistently gain admission to top U.S. universities — a reflection of the school’s strong academics and dedicated support.



*Out of those who applied.

	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
International students accepted to Top 100 universities.*	88%	100%
International students accepted to Top 50 universities.*	65%	83%
International students accepted to Top 30 universities.*	47%	33%
University scholarships	\$338,000	\$830,000

The International Student Department at BMHS

In the U.S., very few high schools come with expertise in international student education — Bishop Montgomery High School is one of them. Our International Student Department provides more than academics, offering comprehensive support every step of the way.

Continuous on-site personalized support.

Dedicated International department staff are embedded directly on campus to provide daily guidance, emotional care, and logistical assistance.

Academic advising and GPA management.

We work closely with school counselors to support course planning and track graduation readiness, ensuring students stay on the right path academically.

Proven outcomes, empowered futures.

Our international students achieve standout university acceptances, even when starting with modest GPAs or English levels.

Flexible accommodation with structure and comfort.

Students can live in a modern, staffed residence or with a vetted host family. Regardless of their accommodation choice, they will receive seamless support from the International Student Department.





Bruna Alcaraz

Associate Director of Campus Operations

"With a strong background in international education and leadership, I am passionate about fostering student success, streamlining operational strategies, and enhancing the overall campus experience. Currently pursuing my Doctor of Education (Ed.D.), I bring a data-driven and student-centered approach to educational leadership."



Sara Bathwaite

Academic Director

Sara, our Academic Director, brings 18 years of international-education experience—including six years with Bishop Montgomery's international office and posts at UC Riverside and Costa Rica's Politécnico Internacional. Armed with an M.A. in TESOL (Alabama) and a B.A. in Spanish (Wake Forest), she is passionate about guiding international students to thrive in U.S. high schools.



Joshua Lester
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Campus Coordinator

From ambition to acceptance. Guaranteed.



Our promise is simple

We're on your side. From the first day on campus to the final university acceptance. With our proven model and unmatched support, we turn our students' dreams into admission letters. That's why families trust our International Department to provide more than access. We deliver results.

To reflect different ambition levels and provide clarity for families, we now offer two distinct university outcomes:

Top 100 Guaranteed

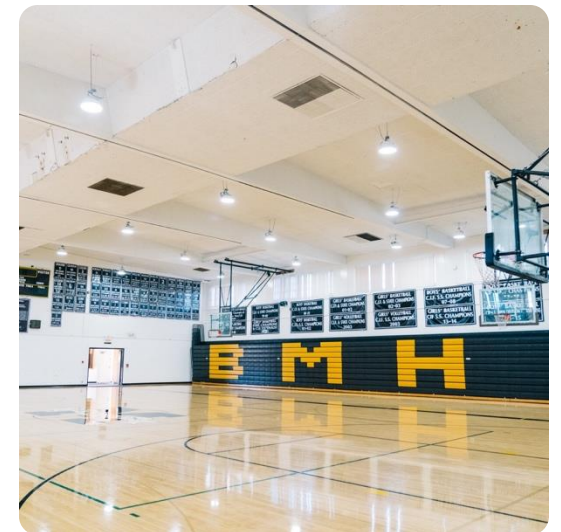
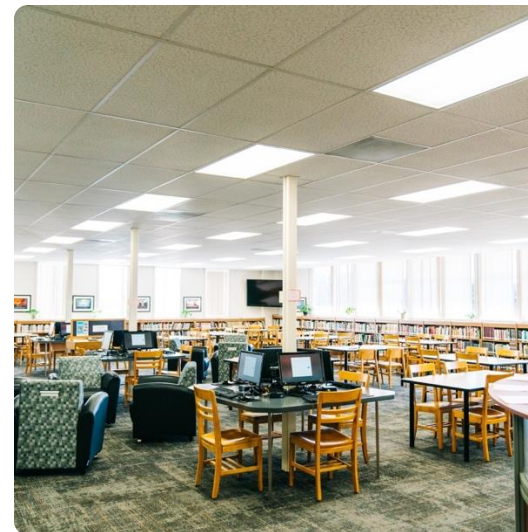
All international students admitted BMHS to are eligible for this exclusive pathway. Designed for students committed to steady academic progress and personal accountability, this path ensures Top 100 university admission for those who meet program expectations.

Top 50 Track

For ambitious students who meet higher entry standards and follow a structured pathway this track includes additional academic, extracurricular, and soft-skill criteria designed to secure Top 50 outcomes.

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School Address	5430 Torrance Blvd. Torrance, CA 90503
Niche Ranking	A+
Year Founded	1957
Campus	24 acres
School Type	Co-ed
School Grades	Grades 9-12
Accepting Grades	Grades 9 -11
# of Students	850
# of International Students	97 (from 10 different countries and regions)
Faculty to Student Ratio	1:16
Average ACT Score (Top 10%)	30
# of AP and Honors Courses	40+
University Acceptance Rate	99%
# of Sports Teams	23
# of Clubs	42
Technology Programs	1:1 Google Chromebook Program



Check out what life is like at Bishop Montgomery High School



Founded in 1957, Bishop Montgomery High School is a top high school located just outside the heart of Los Angeles.

Just one mile (1.6 km) from the Pacific Ocean, Bishop Montgomery is situated on a 24-acre campus. The school offers a college preparatory education designed to prepare students for admission to the University of California and California State University systems.

Bishop Montgomery High School has been recognized by a variety of institutions for its excellence in education.

Daily Breeze South Bay's Best Awards

- 2024 Best Private High School (6 years in row)
- 2024 Best Catholic School (3 years in a row)

Niche Ranking

- #6 Most Diverse Private High Schools in America
- #3 Most Diverse Private High Schools in California
- #23 Best Boarding High Schools in California
- #38 Best Catholic High Schools in California



Bishop Montgomery High School is located in Torrance, California – an affluent beachside community just 21 miles (33 km) from Los Angeles.

Close to many Fortune 500 companies

Disney | Amgen (Biopharmaceutical) | Molina Healthcare | Aecom (Engineering) | Edison International | Pacific Life Insurance | Reliance Steel & Aluminum | Live Nation Entertainment | Activision Blizzard | Avery Dennison | Mattel

Close to top ranking universities

Cal Tech (#6) | University of California - Los Angeles (#15) | University of Southern California (#27) | University of California - Irvine (#33) | Pepperdine University (#80) | Pomona College (#5, Liberal Arts Colleges)

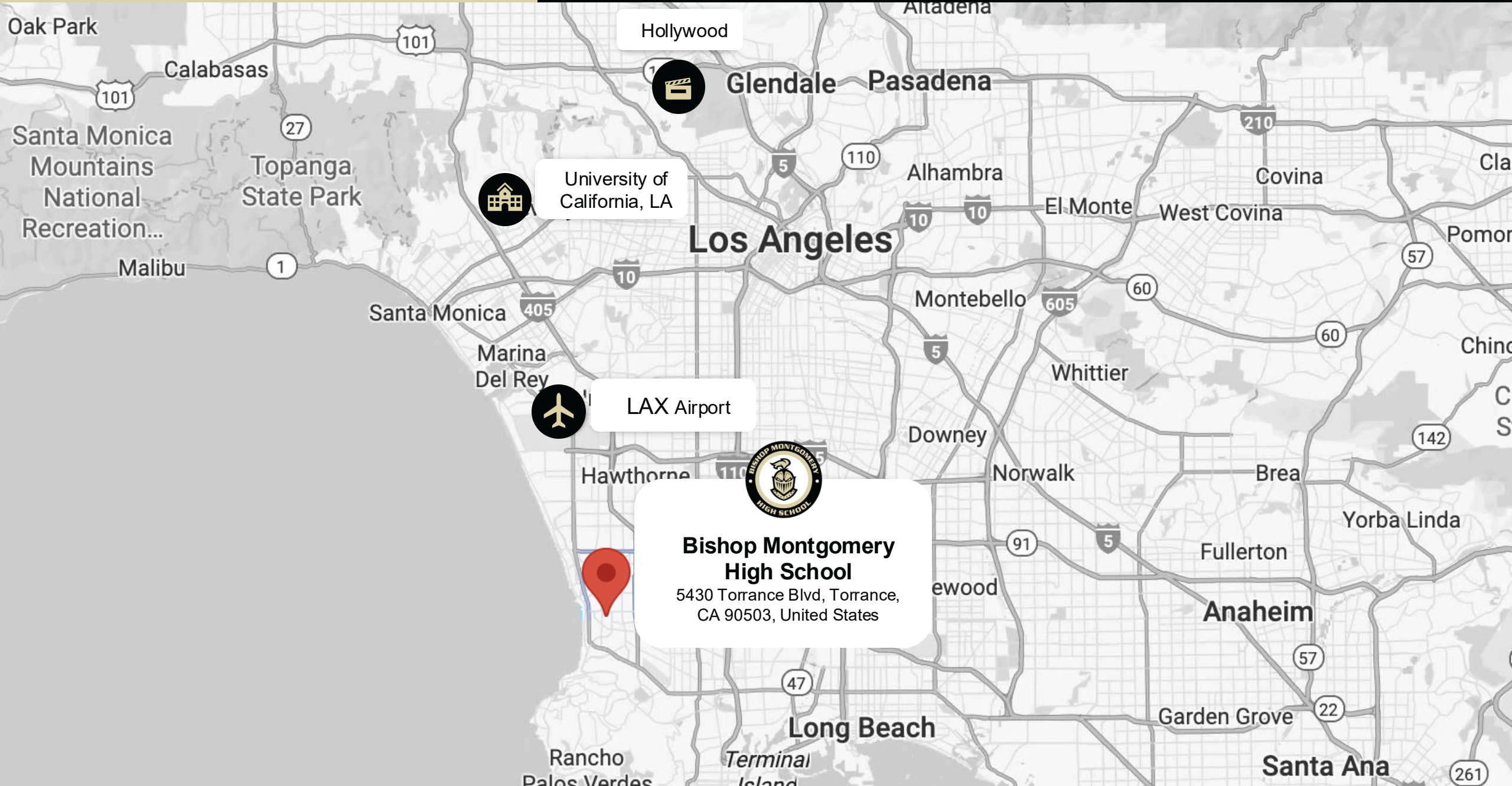
Home to world-renowned attractions

Hollywood | Disneyland | Beaches | Universal Studios | Griffith Observatory | Petersen Automotive Museum | The Grove

Close to 2 major airports

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) | John Wayne International Airport (SNA)





Hollywood



Glendale

Pasadena

Calabasas



Topanga
State Park

Santa Monica
Mountains
National
Recreation...

Malibu



University of
California, LA

Los Angeles



Alhambra



Covina

West Covina

El Monte



Montebello

Whittier



Pomona

Marina
Del Rey



Santa Monica



LAX Airport



**Bishop Montgomery
High School**

5430 Torrance Blvd, Torrance,
CA 90503, United States

Hawthorne

Downey

Norwalk

Brea

Yorba Linda

Fullerton

Anaheim



Garden Grove

Santa Ana



Long Beach

Terminal
Island

Rancho
Palos Verdes

Strong STEAM Curriculum and Academic Pathways

Bishop Montgomery's Academic Pathways give students the opportunity to select a specific area of study in addition to the outstanding college preparatory curriculum provided. In our Academic Pathways, students are exposed to advanced level coursework and clubs designed to provide hands-on and project-based experiences.

The Sports Medicine Pathway

The program is designed for students who have an interest in athletic training, kinesiology, nutrition, orthopaedics, physical therapy or any sports-medicine related field. Students in this pathway gain hands-on experience in injury evaluation and prevention, rehabilitation, and first aid. Students in this pathway are required to have volunteer hours either with our Athletic Trainer or at an off-campus approved facility.

The Arts, Media & Entertainment Pathway

It is designed for students who have a passion for creative expression, communication, and storytelling. Within this pathway, students will have the opportunity to choose between two tracks: Design, Visual & Media Arts or Performing Arts.

The Engineering Pathway

The program has partnered with Project Lead the Way to help take our students' learning into the 21st century and beyond. We house a newly renovated STEAM Center that includes a maker space with five 3D printers, a robotics lab and practice arena, and enough tools and equipment necessary to make any builds a reality. We are also excited to bring an aerospace engineering course that will allow students to utilize a wind tunnel and test their piloting skills on flight simulators.



Social Studies Pathways

The Legal Pathway

Designed for students who have a passion for research, debate, public speaking and writing. In addition to their academic course, students may be required to actively participate in either the Speech & Debate Club or Mock Trial Club throughout their four years.

The Social Justice & Advocacy Pathway

Designed for students who have a passion for promoting equity and inclusion in society. Students will explore social justice concepts, historical contexts and current issues pertaining to social justice. In addition to their academic courses, students will be required to actively participate - for a minimum of 3 years - in either Concordia Club, Green Team, Key Club or the Marine Conservation Club.

Faculty Team and Student Outcomes

- Bishop's 48 full-time faculty members, all hold professional degrees. 84% of faculty have been at BMHS for 5 years or more and 29% of faculty are alumni.
- 3.8 average student GPA
- 3 in 5 recent graduates were admitted to the University of California system



State-Of-The-Art Anatomage Table

Bishop Montgomery is one of just a handful of high schools in the world to have an Anatomage Table. The tool is often found at elite four-year universities.

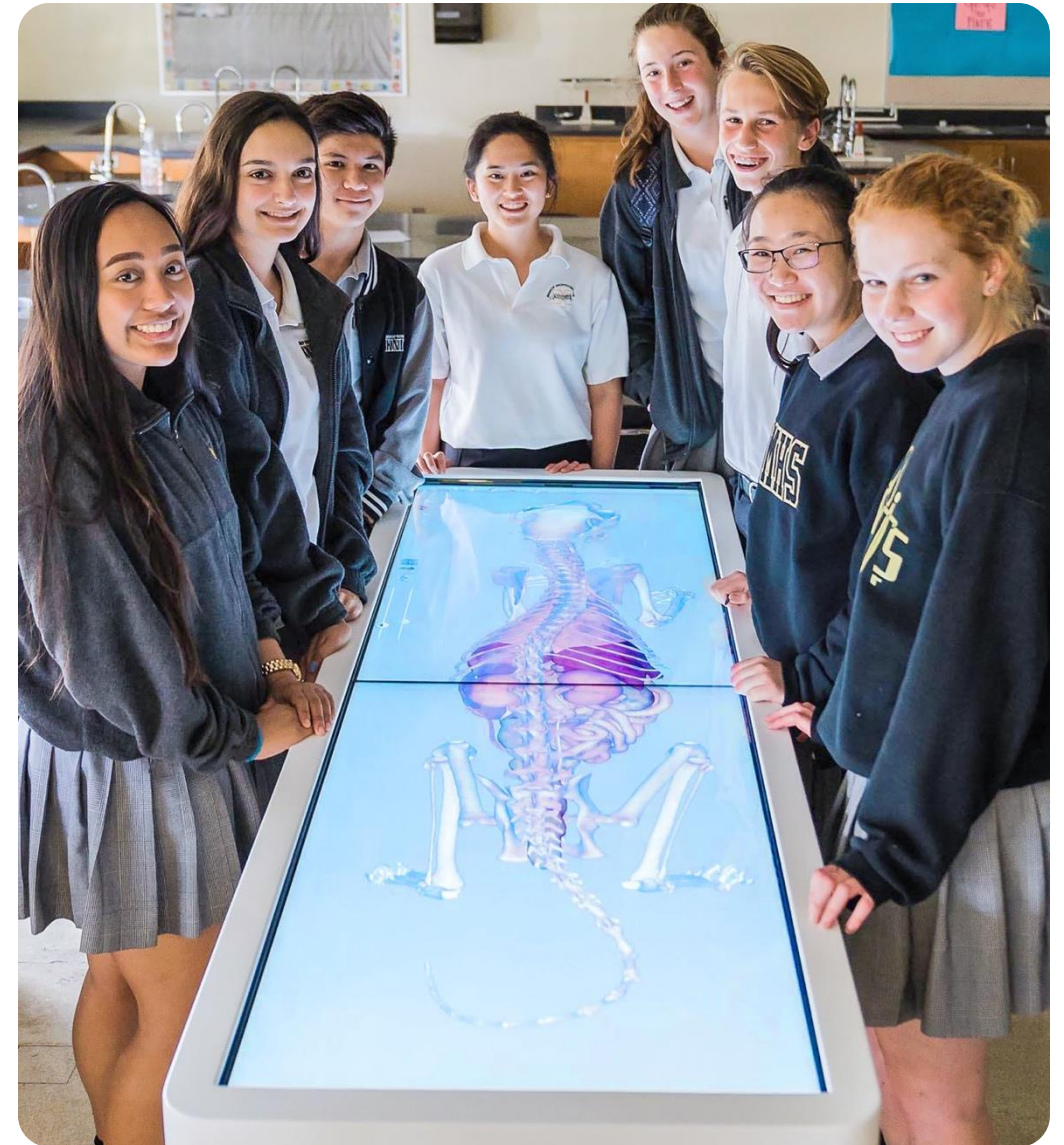
Advanced Technology

- The Anatomage Table is one of the most technologically-advanced anatomy visualization systems in the world.
- A growing number of publications show the tool leads to improved test scores, more efficient class and lab sessions, and higher student university acceptances

The Anatomage Table is a powerful education tool, giving students the opportunity to:

- Dissect human and animal cadavers reconstructed in precise 3D
- View MRI and CT scans
- Gain a more comprehensive understanding of anatomy, pathology, and even surgical planning.
- And much more

The Anatomage table is currently used in many classes including Health, Biology/Honors Biology, Anatomy and Physiology/Honors Anatomy and Physiology, and Sports Medicine, but is also accessible to students of all grade levels.





"Bishop Montgomery is a welcoming community that truly allows students from all backgrounds to find themselves. BMHS has numerous classes and activities that help students flourish where they are most passionate—from our rare Anatomage table to our own special surf club. With a close-knit community, BMHS has helped me feel supported throughout high school and prepared for college."

— Olivia

Class of 2023 and is currently a Honors Pre-Business Marketing student at Texas Christian University



COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

- Computer Science A (AP)

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

- Introduction to Engineering Design
- Principles of Engineering

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

- English (College Prep, Honors, AP)
- American Literature (College Prep, Honors)
- Narrative Prose and Composition
- Short Story
- Speech/Debate and Composition

MATH

- Algebra (College Prep, Honors)
- Geometry (College Prep, Honors)
- Statistics (College Prep, AP)
- Calculus (College Prep, Honors, AP)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Physical Education
- Ethical Health
- Fitness and Nutrition
- Weight Training and Fitness

SCIENCE

- Biology (College Prep, Honors, AP)
- Chemistry (College Prep, Honors, AP)
- Anatomy and Physiology (College Prep, Honors)
- Physics (College Prep, AP)
- Sports Medicine and Exercise Science

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Geography and Cultures
- World History (College Prep, Honors)
- US History (College Prep, Honors, AP)
- Current Events and American Government
- Economics (College Prep, AP)
- Psychology

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

- Art (College Prep, AP)
- Graphic Design
- Ceramics (College Prep, Advanced)
- Yearbook (College Prep, Honors)
- Video Production
- Introduction to Theater Arts (College Prep, Advanced)
- Music Production

WORLD LANGUAGE

- French (College Prep, Advanced, AP)
- Latin (College Prep, Advanced, AP)
- Spanish (College Prep, Advanced, AP)

Bishop Montgomery High School Sample Schedule

PERIOD	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
0	Band	Band	Band	Band	Band
1	Chemistry	US History 1	American Literature	Theology 11	Algebra 2
2	Introduction to Academic Reading and Composition	Chemistry	US History 1	American Literature	Theology 11
3	Algebra 2	Introduction to Academic Reading and Composition	Chemistry	US History 1	American Literature
4	Theology 11	Algebra 2	Introduction to Academic Reading and Composition	Chemistry	US History 1
5	American Literature	Theology 11	Algebra 2	Introduction to Academic Reading and Composition	Chemistry
6	US History 1	American Literature	Theology 11	Algebra 2	Introduction to Academic Reading and Composition

BMHS offers a wide range of student activities at a variety of levels.

23 Varsity sports, with a total of 14 state championships

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Cross Country
- eSports
- Football
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Surfing
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Volleyball

40+ Clubs

- ACE Mentorship Program
- Animal Club
- Art Appreciation
- Best Buddies Club
- Bishop Ambassadors
- Bishop Fitness Club
- Black & Gold Lettermen's Club
- Book Club
- California Scholarship Federation
- Chorus
- Color Guard
- Comedy Sportz Improv
- Concordia Club
- Dance Team
- Drama Lab
- Drum Line
- Digital Gaming Club
- Green Team
- Habitat Club
- I-Friends International Mentoring Program
- International Club
- Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz
- Junior State of America
- Key Club
- Knight life
- Knights' Council
- Latin Club
- Marching Band
- Mock Trial
- National Honor Society
- Orchestra
- Robotics Club
- Science Club
- Short Flags
- Speech & Debate
- Technology & Programming Club
- Wind Ensemble
- Yearbook
- Yoga Club
- And Many More!



Bishop Montgomery offers 20+ visual and performing arts courses, including:

- Graphic Design
- Digital Painting and Photography
- Music Production
- Theater
- Multimedia Video Production

Every spring, the school hosts an Annual Arts Fest, where students display their art across multiple mediums, including drawing, sculpture, photography, 3D and graphic design, music, poetry and film

Arts Extracurriculars

Students can also take part in a wide range of extracurriculars in fine and performing arts, including:

- Marching Band
- Jazz Band
- Drumline
- Orchestra
- Electronic Music
- Theater
- Choir
- Art Appreciation Club

Highlight: Drama Lab

Bishop Montgomery's Drama Lab puts on three full-length plays a year. The Drama Lab students also:

- Build their own sets
- Design, sew, and create their own costumes
- Learn how to work the spotlight, light board, and sound
- Film trailers for their plays and design high-quality promotional posters



Overview

Bishop Montgomery's Music program, Thunder By Knight (TBK), offers a wide range of opportunities for students of all experience levels, including:

- Marching Band
- Color Guard
- Wind Ensemble
- Orchestra
- Jazz Band
- Jazz Combo
- Drumline
- Rock Bands
- Electronic Music
- Music Ministry
- String Orchestra
- Music Production Class

Experienced Music Director

The music program is run by Eric Hankey, a highly experienced music educator. Eric has been teaching for 24 years and has been with Bishop Montgomery for 9 years. He has degrees in trombone performance and music education from Ithaca College and the University of Southern California (#22). Mr. Eric Hankey was nominated in 2018 to the Music Educator Award presented by the Recording Academy and the Grammy Museum. This award was established to recognize current educators who have made a significant contribution to the field of music education.

World Travelers

Bishop Montgomery's music groups frequently travel around the world. Every year, the program arranges a Spring Break trip in which students perform at various venues for large audiences. In the past, students have attended many festivals in southern California, the Bay Area, and Arizona, and have also traveled to Washington, D.C., Japan, England and Italy.



Architecture–Construction–Engineering

The ACE Mentorship Program collaborates with California business Del Amo Construction, where students interested in the fields of architecture and engineering receive mentorship and real-world learning experiences.

Del Amo Construction

Established in 1968, Del Amo is a renowned construction company in California and has worked on many successful, award-winning construction projects, including work at the CalTech Graduate Aerospace Laboratories, at the USC Seeley G. Mudd Lab and much more.

Program Details

The program divides students into several groups, guided by Del Amo architects as tutors. Students complete corresponding engineering tasks to further their learning.

The program consists of 15 two-hour courses each school year, which students take after school. Students also spend time shadowing their mentor on the construction site during the holidays.

Courses include:

- CAD: Engineering and Architecture Model Drawing Software
- Simple Drawings and Structural Bearing Analysis
- Image Analysis Data
- Analysis and Calculations of Roadway Data



eSports League

Bishop Montgomery is a member of the California Interscholastic Federation's E-League, and is one of the few schools in the state of California to offer an eSports League as an official school sport. The team competes against other schools in Southern California and across the nation year-round.

Benefits of the Program

eSports provides additional avenues for students to reap the benefits of team sports that include dedication, perseverance, and teamwork. The eSports teams also provides opportunities for students to hone strategic thinking, collaboration, and problem-solving skills, as well as provide exposure to potential career pathways and even possible college scholarships.

Team Success

- 2nd place finish in the Spring 2020 CIF eSports California Cup tournament: won over \$3,000 worth of equipment and prizes
- Finished the Spring 2020 season with an impressive 11-1 record
- The team's dominating record continued through the opening brackets of the CA Cup, competing against over 155 teams



Bishop Montgomery international students can choose to live in a Fully-staffed Residence or a warm and welcoming Homestay, depending on their preference.

Residence



Homestay



International Residence

The residence features upscale community amenities, advanced safety features and prime locations close to the school – all with 24/7 supervision and a fun, supportive, family-like community of other international students.

The residence includes:

- On-site, 24/7 Amerigo Staff
- Spacious, Single Gender Apartments
- Shared Community Spaces For Meals
- Study Time And Recreational Activities
- On-site Laundry (Washer And Dryer)
- High Speed Wi-fi
- Large Closets
- Bright, Sun-Filled Units

Community amenities include:

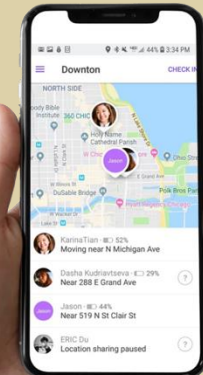
- 24-Hour Fitness Center
- Two Resort-Style Swimming Pools
- Tennis Court
- 24/7 Fitness Center
- Basketball Court
- Clubhouse With Lounge, Workspaces And More

Cultural immersion activities may include trips to:

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|------------------|-------------------|
| ▪ Restaurants | ▪ Sporting Events |
| ▪ Shopping Malls | ▪ Amusement Parks |
| ▪ Museums | ▪ The Beach |
| ▪ Universities | And Much More! |

Safety Features Include:

- Door cameras in the apartments (not bedrooms)
- Curfew hours
- Free time rules, with both structured activities and free time opportunities
- 24/7 emergency care
- Helping students to open bank accounts and get sim cards for mobile phones
- **Reach**, a residence app that allows staff to maintain a safe and engaged experience for students.
- **Life 360**, an app that allows campus staff to track students whereabouts in real time and to see how much battery the student has left on their phone.



International Residence



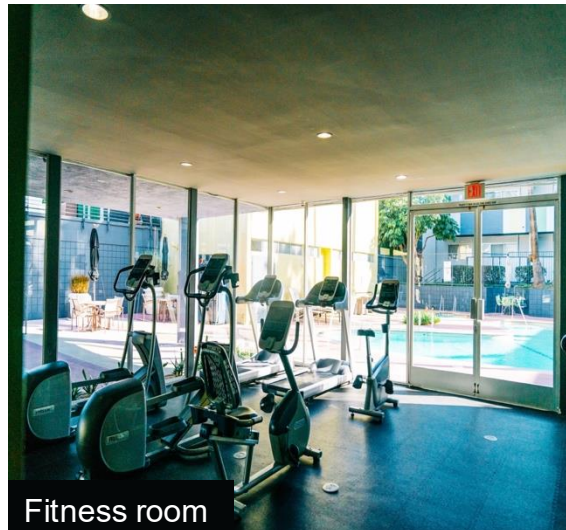
Student bedrooms



Pool area



Shared living space



Fitness room



Communal study space



Common space

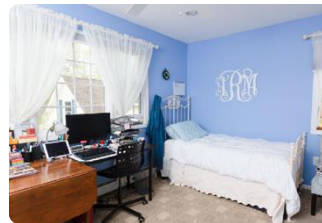
Homestay

At Bishop Montgomery, international students who choose to live in Homestay not only get a great education, they also find loving homes and create lasting relationships with their host families.

Homestay family selection process

Safety is always the *#1 priority* for our students. All host families undergo a rigorous application and screening process to ensure they are a good candidate to host. This includes:

- A comprehensive application
- Background check for every adult in the home
- An interview
- An in-person home check by an international staff team member
- Matching to student interest forms to ensure a good fit for both student and host (completed after acceptance into program)



Life in a Homestay

- Students live in safe, comfortable homestays in close proximity to the school
- Students have comfortable bedrooms, including a dresser, bed, desk and closet
- Host families and students are paired through methodical matching process
- Regular acculturation activities are offered through both the host family and the school
- Our international team is in constant communication with families, including receiving monthly reports
- 24/7 team is available for emergency assistance or urgent issues
- The host family offers a full-time English language environment
- Hosts provide transportation to and from the school every day
- Family provides healthy meals every day

Open Grades for Applications: 9-11

Language Requirement:

- Accepted Tests: TOEFL iBT, IELTS, Duolingo, ELTiS
- Minimum Score: ELTiS 670 + for Grade 9 and Grade 10; 700+ for Grade 11

Application Materials:

- 2 Years of Transcripts and the progress report for the current year
- Passport

Interview: Amerigo Interview



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Thank you!



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