

## *Otsuma Nakano Junior & Senior High School*

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# Annual School Profile – 2024

School Board Chairperson: Mr. Masanao Ito  
School Principal: Mr. Takao Morohashi  
Head of School Administration Office: Mr. Fujio Nagasawa

Grade level offered: Grade (Year) 7<sup>th</sup> to Grade (Year) 12<sup>th</sup>  
Students' ages range from 12 years old to 18 years old.

Total Enrollments in 2024(As of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024: 761 students enrolled in Junior High School  
640 students enrolled in Senior High School  
Totally 1401 students enrolled.

### Introduction:

Otsuma Nakano Junior & Senior High School is a private six-grade girls' school for secondary education with approximately 1500 students and 130 faculty members, including teachers, instructors, nurses, accountants and office workers. Otsuma Nakano is one of the private middle schools affiliated with Otsuma Gakuin Educational Institution, which was founded 1908. This educational institution has a history of more than 100 years to send out intellectual, hardworking and ambitious women to the world.

Otsuma Nakano School is located in the heart of Tokyo, and our students commute from all over the Tokyo Metropolitan Area. Most of their commuting times by bus, train, or walking are within one hour. Walking down the busy street from the Nakano station, you might notice a modern complex of several school buildings.

Otsuma Nakano is also affiliated with Otsuma Women's University. Therefore, our graduates are qualified to enter the university if their grade average is met with certain requirements. They also get acceptances from many other Japanese prestigious universities, including national universities such as Tokyo University, and private universities such as Waseda University, Keio University, and some others.

### School Curriculum:

Our education system is divided into junior high education and senior high education. Each education system has its aim to foster students' skills depending on its stage and to have them fully fledged at the end of our school program. The school is proudly committed to understanding and meeting the needs of our students. We encourage students to continue to be curious, ask questions, and gain strategies for research and inquiry, while giving necessary attention to essential skill development. Students are encouraged to be thoughtful in their actions, be active learners and enthusiastic participants and contributors in the life of the school community.

Otsuma Nakano is now committed to "Global Education Program". Since 2015, Otsuma Nakano has been designated as one of the "Super Global High School Associates" by the Ministry of Education of Japan. The school is keen to provide an outstanding international education programs in order to realize our missions for "Global Education". The purpose of this program is, under our School Policy "Arts for Mankind", to foster global leaders at our school, who have global citizenship in mind, and

make great contributions to the society. It also focuses on understanding the rapidly developing world and fostering global leaders that can be internationally active in the future.

#### Course of Studies:

Otsuma Nakano Junior and Senior High School education system consists of three courses: Core Course, Advanced Course, and Global Leaders Course.

- 1) Core Course: The main purpose of this course is to strengthen the students' basic skills and proficiency and encourage them to master further advanced knowledge for their study.
- 2) Advanced Course: The aim of this course is to enhance the students' abilities at a considerably high level. The students of this course are challenged to gain deeper understanding and appreciation of the complexity of any given body of knowledge or set of skills.
- 3) Global Leaders Course: Starting in 2016, this course is designed for the students to understand the rapidly developing world and to foster global leadership that can be helpful in the future.

#### Facilities:

Main Arena, Waetsuan (Japanese Room), Music Room, Chemistry Laboratory, COSMOS Agora (Cafeteria), Library, Patio. Every Classroom is equipped with an interactive whiteboard or smart board, which is connected to the server through the school-wide local area network.

#### Extra-curricular activities:

We firmly believe that a well-rounded and healthy individual has a range of recreational interests. Our extracurricular program is designed to offer the opportunity to expand their interests and skills. It provides the varying interests and talents of our students in a relaxed and fun-filled manner. Our extensive program runs after school Monday to Friday, and Saturday afternoon.

#### Cultural Club Activities:

Koto Club, Pop Music Club, Chorus Club, Brass Band Club, Drama Club, Tea Ceremony Club, Flower Arrangement Club, Living Art Club, Calligraphy Club, Art Club, Cooking Club, Manga Club, Biology Club, Chemistry Club, Junior Red Cross, Literature Study Club, Peace Study Club

#### Sports Club Activities:

Dance Club, Cheerleading Club, Table Tennis Club, Tennis Club, Soft Tennis Club, Badminton Club, Softball Club, Skiing Club, Kendo Club, Basketball Club, Volleyball Club

#### Future courses / Advance to Higher Learning:

- The number of the graduates in the academic year of 2015 is 219.
- The number of the graduates who went on to university is 205.
- The number of the graduates who went on to junior college is 2.
- The number of the graduates who went on to vocational / technical college is 4.
- 26 students are now preparing for university entrance exams for another academic year.

#### The universities from which our 2015 graduates have been offered:

National / Public Univ.: Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (1), Hokkaido University (1), Chiba University (2), Yamagata University (1), Tottori Public University (1)

Private Univ.: Waseda University (10), Keio University (2), Sophia University (17), International Christian University (1), Tokyo University of Science (8), Ritsumeikan University (1), Meiji University (10), Aoyama Gakuin University (21), Rikkyo University (22), Chuo University (9), Hosei University (21), Gakushuin University (3), Otsuma Women's University (57), Tsuda College

(1), Tokyo Woman's Christian University (16), Japan Women's University (19),  
Foreign Univ.: Loyola University of Chicago (1), University of Wisconsin-Superior (1), University of  
Iowa (1), El Camino College (1)- these acceptance in 2014, Kyung Hee University (1), Chung-ang  
University (1), \* ( )- the number of the graduates who accepted the admission offer.