

Legae Academy

Gaborone, Botswana



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RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	52/100
Academic outcomes	53/100
University placement	51/100
Prestige & heritage	51/100
Alumni network	50/100
Facilities	53/100
Transparency	40/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Legae Academy occupies a distinctive niche in Gaborone: a home-grown private school, founded in **1993**, that combines Cambridge International study with an unapologetically local identity. The school's motto, "Every Child Is Yours," matters here. It signals a communal ethic drawn from Setswana ideas of shared responsibility, not the imported mannerisms that dominate parts of the region's premium school market. For families who want an English-medium secondary education with IGCSE and A Level routes, but do not want a school that feels culturally detached from Botswana, Legae earns a place on the

shortlist. The school’s octagonal “Wheel of Knowledge” campus reinforces that sense of purpose: *rooted*, *self-assured*, *community-minded*.

Its market position is clear. Legae sells academic credibility through Cambridge International, but its sharper point of difference is ownership and tone: “the choice school for Botswana by Batswana.” That gives it weight with parents who want international qualifications without surrendering local context. The published **11:1** student-teacher ratio is another useful marker; it points to a school with the staffing to know its pupils properly, and that matters in the teenage years. Legae is not a finishing school for cosmopolitan posturing. It is a serious, non-religious day-and-boardings school for ages 12 to 18 that frames achievement through discipline, values and belonging. *Grounded ambition* is the phrase that fits.

The students who thrive here are those who want structure, clear academic goals and a school culture that expects them to contribute to a wider community. This suits diligent, socially aware teenagers more than children who need endless novelty or a vast menu of niche pathways. Parents looking for glossy claims about elite outcomes will find the public case thinner than at some rival schools; Legae does not publish aggregate exam data here, and that limits direct comparison on results. Still, for families drawn to *shared responsibility*, *local confidence* and an established Cambridge track in Gaborone, Legae offers a compelling proposition: *international qualifications, local centre of gravity*.

STRENGTHS

- Delivers the full Cambridge International pathway from early years through A-Level, giving continuity for families relocating mid-career.
- Based in Gaborone, Botswana's capital, making it accessible to the city's diplomatic, corporate and civil-service expatriate community.
- One of the few Botswana schools offering a British curriculum through to A-Level, an alternative to the national BGCSE system.
- Coeducational day school structure allows siblings across a wide age range to attend a single campus.

TRADE-OFFS

- Botswana's international-school market is small, so there is little local competitive benchmarking against larger regional schools.
- As a modest-sized private school, facilities and extracurricular breadth are unlikely to match larger international schools in hubs such as Johannesburg or Nairobi.
- Published fee schedules, inspection reports and exam-result data are not readily available online, making cost and outcome comparisons difficult for relocating families.
- No widely publicised university placement statistics or Cambridge learner awards are available to verify academic outcomes independently.

ADMISSIONS

Legae Academy admits students from early years through secondary, with entry points typically at the start of each academic year though mid-year places may be available depending on capacity. Applications generally require previous school reports and an assessment or interview for older applicants. As one of Botswana's few Cambridge-curriculum schools, demand from expatriate and local families is moderate rather than highly selective. Families should contact the school directly for current fee schedules, term dates and specific entry requirements, as these are not comprehensively published online.

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