

Peterhouse Girls' School

Marondera, Zimbabwe



On a 1,200-acre estate bordering Goshu Park, Anglican boarding pairs tight A-level classes with sister-school ties to Peterhouse Boys.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	53/100
Academic outcomes	54/100
University placement	52/100
Prestige & heritage	54/100
Alumni network	53/100
Facilities	54/100
Transparency	40/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Peterhouse Girls’ School occupies a distinct niche in Zimbabwe: a full boarding Anglican girls’ school on a **1,200-acre** estate, with the rare advantage of a close sister-school relationship with Peterhouse Boys. Founded in **2002**, it is the younger part of an established educational ecosystem rather than a stand-alone newcomer. For parents, that matters. The setting gives it scale, space and a degree of insulation that day schools cannot match; the sister-school link widens social, cultural and co-curricular life without diluting the focus of a girls’ education. This is not an urban school with a few sports fields attached. It is a rural boarding school built around routine, community and *a strong sense of place*.

The school’s proposition is clear: British curriculum, English-medium teaching, boarding from ages **12-18**, and Anglican foundations that shape tone and pastoral expectations. The attraction lies in the combination of tight structure and breadth. Boarding schools on estates of this size can offer riding, field sports, outdoor education and house-based community in a way city campuses cannot. Peterhouse Girls also benefits from the Peterhouse name, which carries weight in the regional market. Its accreditations — HMC (Sub-Saharan Africa), ATS Zimbabwe and GSA (Sub-Saharan Africa) — place it inside serious professional networks. That said, parents who want hard public data on academic outcomes will find the picture incomplete: the school does not publish aggregate exam results, and that limits external scrutiny. Prestige alone is not evidence.

Why shortlist it? Because for the right child, the package is compelling: **ordered boarding life**, **high personal accountability**, **expansive grounds**, and a social environment that extends beyond a single-sex bubble through the Peterhouse connection. This suits girls who thrive with routine, who want teachers and peers around them all week, and who value co-curricular life as much as classroom teaching. It will also suit families who want **traditional pastoral framing** and clear behavioural expectations. It will not suit every student. Girls who need an anonymous city setting, broad daily independence, or a visibly progressive school culture will find the model restrictive. Peterhouse Girls is for students who want **contained ambition** rather than looseness: girls ready for boarding, ready for community, and ready to make serious use of a campus built for far more than lessons.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
- Follows a British-style curriculum through Cambridge IGCSE and A-Levels, giving graduates internationally recognised qualifications. - Full boarding structure offers a stable, immersive environment away from Zimbabwe's day-to-day urban disruptions. - Part of the established Peterhouse Group of Schools in Marondera, alongside Peterhouse Boys' and Peterhouse Preparatory, giving it an institutional pedigree within Zimbabwean private education. - Single-sex setting allows a girls-focused pastoral and extracurricular programme, including sport and leadership structures tailored to its student body. - Location in Marondera, roughly an hour from Harare, keeps it within reach of the capital for family visits and travel logistics.	- Operates within Zimbabwe's constrained economic environment, which can affect infrastructure investment, staff retention and fee stability compared with schools in more stable economies. - As a single-sex boarding school, it will not suit families wanting a co-educational or day-school setting. - Limited independent, internationally published data (inspection reports, league tables, verified exam statistics) makes it harder for overseas families to benchmark the school against global peers. - Zimbabwe's broader logistical challenges, including travel connectivity and currency/fee payment arrangements, add practical friction for relocating expat families.

ADMISSIONS

Entry is available at multiple points, typically from early secondary age through to sixth form, with admission generally based on a combination of academic references, entrance assessment and interview. As with most Zimbabwean private boarding schools, places are more readily available than at the most oversubscribed regional schools, though early application is advised given boarding capacity limits. Prospective families should contact the school directly via its website for current entry requirements, fee schedules (usually quoted in USD) and boarding intake dates, as these are not consistently published in independently verifiable sources.

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