

Shrewsbury International School Bangkok

Bangkok, Thailand



A 1552 English public-school pedigree anchors a Chao Phraya riverside campus reachable by its own school boat.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	74/100
Academic outcomes	82/100
University placement	76/100
Prestige & heritage	65/100
Alumni network	60/100
Facilities	78/100
Transparency	75/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The Chao Phraya setting is not a gimmick here: Shrewsbury’s Riverside campus has the physical confidence of an old-established flagship, and the school’s own boat commute sharpens that sense of distinction. More important is the academic proposition. This is a 2003-founded, non-religious day school in Bangkok teaching in English from ages 3 to 18, with a British and IB identity in the listing but a public-facing academic story built squarely around English National Curriculum, IGCSE and A level results. The numbers are strong and specific: ****74% A*/A at IGCSE**** in 2025, ****65% A*/A at A level**** against a UK average of 28.3%, and 10 Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards plus 30 Outstanding Pearson Learner Awards in 2025. That places Shrewsbury in Bangkok’s **hard-charging** top tier: expensive, academically

serious, and geared to families who want external examinations, selective university preparation and a school with no interest in underselling its ambitions.

It also has a cleaner claim to university outcomes than many competitors. The school cites 140 graduates in its 2026 placements cycle, spanning 166 universities across 15 countries and four continents; the verified destinations list includes Oxford, Stanford and Yale, with **121 leavers** in the Class of 2026 and two places at Yale. Parents should read that for what it is: evidence of real international reach, not a guarantee of elite admissions. The annual cost reinforces the positioning. The average day fee across the full age range is **THB 1,252,200** a year, which puts Shrewsbury among Bangkok's *premium-priced* internationals. At that price, families are buying more than exam prep; they are buying a polished expatriate network, conspicuous facilities, and a school name with enough cachet to travel.

The special quality is the combination of English public-school inheritance and Bangkok-specific practicality. Plenty of schools borrow British symbolism; fewer manage to pair it with a genuinely central riverside campus and the scale to feel like a full social and academic world of its own. Shrewsbury belongs on a shortlist when parents want a school that is *openly selective in tone*, visibly well resourced, and comfortable pushing children towards high-stakes academic outcomes. It suits students who thrive in a structured, competitive environment, enjoy breadth beyond the classroom, and want peers who are aiming high. It does not suit families looking for progressive looseness, modest fees or an intentionally low-pressure adolescence. Shrewsbury is for the child who wants momentum, prestige and a campus life with some *theatrical polish* around it.

STRENGTHS

- Directly affiliated with Shrewsbury School in the UK, a boarding school founded in 1552, giving the Bangkok campus a long-standing curriculum and alumni link back to the UK institution.
- Riverside campus occupies a purpose-built site on the Chao Phraya River in central Bangkok, with facilities including a 40,000-volume library, a 590-seat auditorium and an aquatics centre.
- Long-established in the market, having opened in 2003, with a second City campus (Years 1-6) added in 2018 feeding into the senior Riverside site.
- CIS-accredited and a member of FOBISIA, BISA and the HMC (Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference), giving external benchmarking beyond the local regulator.
- Reported teacher-to-student ratio of around 10:1 at the Riverside campus, tighter than many large Bangkok international schools.

TRADE-OFFS

- Tuition sits at the top end of the Bangkok market, with City campus fees running from roughly THB 670,000 to over THB 900,000 a year and Riverside secondary fees reaching close to THB 1.2 million, before uniforms, trips and a non-refundable THB 225,000 Guaranteed Place Fee.
- Independent guides differ on the sixth-form pathway: several describe Shrewsbury Bangkok as an A-Level-only school, while others list it alongside IB Diploma providers, so families should verify current Year 12-13 options directly with admissions rather than assume both are available.
- As of 2023 reporting, around 70% of the Riverside student body was Thai nationals, meaning the school may feel less internationally mixed than some rival British-curriculum schools in the city.
- The City campus only runs from Year 1 to Year 6, so families entering there face a mandatory transition to the separate Riverside site for secondary school, adding a mid-childhood school-change logistics point.

ADMISSIONS

Entry points run from Early Years through Year 13, with the City campus covering Year 1-6 and Riverside spanning Nursery to Year 13, including direct Year 7 senior entry. Applications carry a non-refundable THB 5,000 fee per child plus assessment and school reports; an offer triggers a THB 225,000 Guaranteed Place Fee (non-refundable, includes alumni membership) and a matching refundable deposit. Popular entry years can involve waiting lists, so early application is advisable, particularly for City campus intake and Year 7 transfer into Riverside.

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