

Sherborne Qatar

Doha, Qatar



The first overseas offshoot of a 500-year-old English school, now spread across five gender-specific campuses in Doha.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	68/100
Academic outcomes	69/100
University placement	67/100
Prestige & heritage	69/100
Alumni network	68/100
Facilities	72/100
Transparency	61/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Sherborne Qatar trades on a rare asset in Doha: direct lineage to one of England’s old public schools, with the first overseas Sherborne opening here in ****2009****. That heritage gives the group a clearer identity than many British-branded schools in the Gulf. It is not one campus but a network: five gender-specific settings across Doha, covering ages ****3-18****, with separate provision for boys, girls, preparatory pupils and a dedicated special educational needs school, Sherborne Qetaf, for ages 3-11. For parents who want an English-medium British education inside a structured, traditional frame, that matters. The proposition is **orderly**, **old-school** and **deliberately segmented**.

What puts Sherborne Qatar on a shortlist is the combination of brand heritage and breadth. Few schools in Qatar can offer this scale of age range while still preserving distinct environments for different stages and, in parts of the group, different genders. That will suit families who want a school system rather than a single-site institution: one that can carry a child from early years to sixth form without a curricular jump. The HMC and COBIS accreditations add credibility. So does the fact that recent university destinations include Imperial College London, the University of Bristol and Qatar University, even if the published destination list is still thin. What the school does not publish here is the deeper academic data serious parents will want: no aggregate public exam outcomes, no cohort-wide destination pattern, and no hard evidence on value added. That opacity matters in a market where many competitors now publish more.

The ideal Sherborne Qatar pupil is not hard to identify. This is a strong fit for families who value *tradition*, *clear boundaries* and a *highly managed* school experience in English, and who are comfortable with a gender-specific model across much of the group. Children who thrive in a visible pastoral structure and parents who like institutional formality will find the setup attractive. Families looking for a looser, more progressive culture, or those who want one fully co-educational campus all the way through, will find the model less compelling. In market terms, Sherborne Qatar sits in the premium British segment: a school group with *genuine pedigree*, a distinctive organisational shape, and enough substance to merit inspection — but not enough public academic disclosure to escape scrutiny.

STRENGTHS

- British curriculum, taught in English throughout.
- Covers ages 3-18 within one school group.
- Non-religious setting may suit international families.
- HMC and COBIS accreditation adds external oversight.

TRADE-OFFS

- Four-school structure may feel operationally fragmented.
- Day-only provision; no boarding option.
- English-only instruction may limit Arabic immersion.

ADMISSIONS

Sherborne Qatar is a day school in Doha offering English-medium, British-curriculum education from age 3 to 18. The published age ranges suggest the main points of entry are likely to be nursery or early years, primary, and secondary, with separate provision also noted across its wider family of schools in Qatar: a preparatory school, a boys' school in Al-Rayyan, a girls' school in Al-Ebb, and a separate special educational needs school, Sherborne Qetaf. For this listing, families should assume admissions are handled by age and year-group availability rather than by a single intake only.

The school does not publish, in the material provided here, the detail parents usually want most: assessment format, interview structure, application deadlines, or whether places are offered on rolling entry. Nor is there any public information in these sources on bursaries or means-tested financial aid. That absence matters: parents should ask directly how readiness is assessed at different ages, whether there are waiting lists at key entry points, and whether admissions practice differs between the Sherborne campuses in Qatar.

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