

Aitchison College

Lahore, Pakistan



On a 200-acre Mall Road campus, a Cambridge school since 1935 still trains boys across polo fields and seventeen boarding houses.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	67/100
Academic outcomes	67/100
University placement	65/100
Prestige & heritage	73/100
Alumni network	72/100
Facilities	71/100
Transparency	55/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Aitchison College trades on scale, ritual and reach. The facts matter: a **200-acre** campus on Mall Road, **8** boarding houses, **9** cricket grounds, 18 tennis courts, three swimming pools, a diving centre, riding fields and arena polo. Few schools in the region offer that kind of physical breadth, and fewer still combine it with a history that runs back to 1886. This is an all-boys school for ages 11 to 18, teaching in English, with Cambridge in junior and prep and, in senior school, the additional option of FBISE Matric and FSc. That mix gives Aitchison a distinctive place in the Pakistani market: it is not just an international-school import, and not just a national academic route either. It is an old Lahore institution with real domestic weight.

What makes it special is not a fashionable innovation but a **deeply entrenched** boarding and house culture. The school still organises boys through a full residential ladder, from junior boarding through prep into five senior houses, and it has the grounds and timetable to make that structure count. For the right family, that means a **full-service**, highly supervised education in which sport, house allegiance, tutorials and campus life carry as much force as lessons. The school’s alumni footprint is also hard to ignore: 107 notable alumni catalogued in Wikidata, with heavy representation in politics, business, journalism and sport. Recent destinations listed in the context — Brown, Duke and Johns Hopkins — show that Aitchison can send boys to selective US universities, though the school does not publish the broader spread or aggregate university outcomes, so parents need to ask harder questions about depth beyond the headline names.

Aitchison belongs on a shortlist for parents who want a **traditional, high-structure** boys’ school with serious boarding, major sporting infrastructure and a national reputation that still opens doors in Pakistan. It will suit boys who thrive on routine, competition, house identity and outdoor life, and who want a school where cricket, riding and polo sit close to the centre rather than the margins. It will not suit families looking for a progressive, co-educational or gently informal atmosphere. Nor is this a school for children who need a small, flexible setting. Aitchison’s appeal rests on institutional heft, old networks and a campus life that is **unapologetically grand**. In market terms, it sits in the country’s top tier of legacy schools: distinctive, socially powerful and still unusually hard to replicate.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
• Eight boarding houses support structured residential life • Cambridge and FBISE options in senior school • English-medium teaching throughout • 10:1 student-teacher ratio; average class size 18	• Boys-only education limits co-educational exposure • Boarding fees reach USD 12,000 annually • No IB or other non-Cambridge pathways listed

ADMISSIONS

Aitchison College is an all-boys day and boarding school in Lahore for ages 11–18, so the practical entry points are likely to align with its Junior, Prep and Senior divisions, with boarding structured progressively from junior through senior school. The school teaches the Cambridge curriculum in junior and prep, with FBISE Matric and FSc available in senior school. It is clear that boarding is a significant part of the institution's identity: there are eight boarding houses, and boarders move through named houses as they advance. For admissions, however, the school material provided here does not publish a clear list of year-group entry points, assessment format, interview process, or application deadlines.

The same caution applies to fees support. Fees are listed in the editorial context, but no bursary, scholarship or financial-aid scheme is mentioned in the supplied source material, so it would be unwise to assume one. What is distinctive is not a published selective test, but the school's long-established house and boarding structure, extensive sporting estate, and its combination of Cambridge and FBISE pathways in the senior years.

NOTABLE ALUMNI (107)

SPORT: Bhupinder Singh of Patiala, Imran Khan, Iftikhar Ali Khan Pataudi, Bazid Khan, Bhalindra Singh, Javed Burki, Ramiz Raja, Wahab Riaz

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SCIENCE: Jamal J. Elias, Rehman Sobhan, Saleem Ali, Umar Saif

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