

Marymount International School London

Kingston upon Thames, United Kingdom



A Catholic girls' day-and-boarding school in Kingston upon Thames that became Britain's first to adopt the IB from Middle Years through Diploma.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	60/100
Academic outcomes	61/100
University placement	59/100
Prestige & heritage	61/100
Alumni network	60/100
Facilities	62/100
Transparency	50/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Marymount’s clearest point of difference is structural, not cosmetic: this is a Catholic girls’ school in Kingston upon Thames that has committed fully to the IB for ages 11 to 18, and it did so early. Founded in 1955, it became the first all-girls’ school in the UK to adopt the IB across the Middle Years Programme and Diploma. That gives it a cleaner academic identity than many London independents that bolt the IB on at sixth form or run it beside A levels. For parents who want a school with one coherent framework from early secondary through university entry, Marymount has a **rare clarity of purpose**. It also offers genuine flexibility in access: day places sit alongside full, weekly and flexi boarding, a useful distinction for internationally mobile families and for London-based parents who want options rather than a binary

choice.

The school stakes a great deal on academic performance, and here the published figures are strong: a **36** average IB point score, a **100%** pass rate, and **33%** of students completing the bilingual diploma. The school also holds IB World School and CIS accreditation, which matters more than glossy branding because it tells parents the core systems have external scrutiny. The claim to be in the top 1% of IB schools worldwide is the sort of line that needs context, but the harder numbers already do the work. Marymount's attraction is not brute exam-drill intensity so much as a *disciplined internationalism*: critical thinking, languages, global outlook and small classes, all within a Catholic framework that does not confine the intake to one faith.

This is not a cheap experiment in progressive education. The average annual day fee across the school is **£39,540**, and boarding averages **£65,550**. That places Marymount firmly in the expensive end of the London and south-east market, so parents need a clear reason for paying the premium. The reason is not scale, spectacle or sporting dominance; it is an *unusually focused proposition* for girls who thrive in discussion-heavy classrooms, want the IB rather than the British exam ladder, and value an internationally mixed peer group. Girls who want a very large school with sprawling choice and maximum social anonymity will find Marymount too contained. Girls who want a *serious, self-possessed* academic culture, close pastoral oversight and a boarding model that can flex around modern family life will keep it high on the shortlist.

STRENGTHS

- Girls-only IB school for ages 11-18, with the IB offered across all years.
- Day and boarding options in Kingston upon Thames, with around a third of pupils boarding.
- Strongly international community, with roughly 35 nationalities among about 240 girls.
- Elite co-curricular provision in drama, dance, music and visual arts, plus very strong sport.
- A top-performing IB school.

TRADE-OFFS

- Girls-only model will not suit every family.
- Small school of about 240 pupils, so subject breadth and cohort size are limited.
- Catholic identity may not suit all families.
- Premium fees, with an average around GBP 31,500 per year.

ADMISSIONS

Marymount International School London is a girls' day and boarding school for ages 11 to 18, so the obvious entry point is at age 11, with later admission possible where places exist in older year groups. The school is small — about 240 pupils from around 35 nationalities — and less selective than several other private schools in the area, so families should expect a considered but not especially competitive process. Publicly available material here does not set out a fixed annual admissions deadline or the exact assessment sequence, so families should confirm current timings and requirements directly with the school.

As an IB World School, Marymount offers the IB Middle Years and Diploma Programmes, and describes itself as the UK's only all-years IB World School for girls. For admissions, that international profile is likely to matter: applicants should be prepared for a process that assesses fit for a globally minded, academically demanding environment. The school states that financial support is available, though it does not publicly detail bursary criteria or award levels in the material provided, and we could not independently verify the scale of any aid programme.

WTS RATING 

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