

Highlands School Madrid

Madrid, Spain



In La Moraleja's green belt, a Cambridge-accredited trilingual campus pairs British rigour with a public-speaking programme built into daily lessons

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	56/100
Academic outcomes	57/100
University placement	55/100
Prestige & heritage	56/100
Alumni network	55/100
Facilities	58/100
Transparency	45/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Highlands School Madrid sits in La Moraleja, one of Madrid’s wealthiest residential districts, and trades on a combination that few schools execute cleanly: a British curriculum, Catholic formation and a genuinely trilingual culture. Founded in ****1998****, it is a day school for ages ****3-18****, with English and Spanish as languages of instruction and a clear commitment to public speaking as a daily habit rather than an occasional extra. That matters. Plenty of schools promise confidence; fewer build structured oracy into ordinary lessons. The result is a school with a **disciplined academic core** and a **noticeably*

performative edge*: pupils are trained not only to know their work, but to stand up and deliver it.

Its market position is clear. This is for families who want British academic structure without giving up Spanish fluency or Catholic identity, and who value polish, articulation and visible standards. The Cambridge-accredited trilingual framing gives it a sharper profile than the many bilingual schools in Madrid that stop at competent language delivery. Highlands targets parents who want their child comfortable in formal speech, routine presentation and a high-expectation classroom culture. The setting adds to that appeal: La Moraleja gives the school a *green, insulated campus feel* while keeping it in Madrid's premium family catchment. NABSS and BSO accreditation place it inside the recognised British-schools ecosystem, which reassures internationally mobile families.

What puts Highlands on a shortlist is not novelty but coherence. The school knows what it is: British in curriculum, Catholic in ethos, and explicit about communication skills as part of education rather than ornament. That will suit children who thrive on structure, respond well to clear expectations and do not shrink from speaking in front of others. It will suit ambitious local families who want strong English, and international families who want a school with *social confidence*, *formal manners* and a *clear moral frame*. It will suit them less if they want an informal atmosphere, a secular environment or a school defined by progressive looseness. Highlands is for the student who wants to be stretched, corrected and heard.

STRENGTHS

- British curriculum from ages 3-18
- English and Spanish daily use
- Catholic ethos may suit practising families
- NABSS and BSO accreditation

TRADE-OFFS

- Catholic ethos may not suit all families
- Day school only; no boarding option
- Three campuses may complicate logistics

ADMISSIONS

Highlands School Madrid is a day school for ages 3 to 18, so the natural entry points are likely to be the early years, primary, secondary and sixth-form transition stages within that span. As a Catholic school with British curriculum declared in the context, it is reasonable to expect admissions to consider both academic readiness and family fit with the school's ethos, though the school does not publish much granular detail publicly in the material provided here. Families should assume a standard application sequence of enquiry, submission of records and age-appropriate assessment.

The precise format of assessment, interview arrangements and annual deadlines are not stated in the supplied sources, so these are points to confirm directly with the school. Likewise, no public information is given here on bursaries or means-tested financial aid, so it would be wrong to assume provision. The most distinctive element, as far as can be inferred, is likely to be ethos: Highlands School Madrid presents as a Catholic, Regnum Christi school operating in English and Spanish across three campuses, which may matter as much as academics in the admissions conversation.

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