

GEMS Royal Dubai School

Dubai, United Arab Emirates



A Very Good-rated British day school in Mirdif, educating pupils from Early Years through an expanding Secondary phase.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	65/100
Academic outcomes	70/100
University placement	67/100
Prestige & heritage	61/100
Alumni network	55/100
Facilities	76/100
Transparency	69/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

GEMS Royal Dubai School sits in a crowded Dubai market with two clear advantages: regulatory solidity and a price point below the city’s premium British heavyweights. It is a British day school in Mirdif, founded in 2005, teaching in English, with a KHDA rating of ****Very Good**** for 2023/24 and BSO accreditation. The average annual fee across the school is ****AED 49,440****, which matters: this is not a budget school, but it is also not priced at the top end of Dubai’s British sector. For parents who want a recognised operator, GEMS brings scale and infrastructure; the group runs more than 60 schools across the Middle East and North Africa. That does not guarantee brilliance, but it does signal **institutional heft** and operational experience.

What marks the school out is its place in the market rather than any grand claim to exclusivity. This is a British curriculum school for ages **3-11**, which gives it a *clear, focused brief*: Early Years and primary, not an all-through campus trying to sell every stage at once. The result is a school that suits families who care most about strong day-to-day schooling in the junior years, with the reassurance of a well-known Dubai operator behind it. The Mirdif location will also matter to parents who want to avoid the long-haul commute that defines too much of school life in the city. In practical terms, this is a *sensible middle-ground choice* for families who want a credible British education, a recognised KHDA judgement and fees that stay short of the city’s *price-inflated elite*.

The children who fit best here are those who will benefit from a structured English-medium British curriculum in a day-school setting, without the social theatre and fee burden that attach to Dubai’s most expensive names. It will appeal to parents who value consistency, oversight and the familiarity of a large school group, and less to those chasing a tiny boutique school or a school built around sixth-form outcomes, because this school covers primary years only. Put plainly, GEMS Royal Dubai School belongs on a shortlist for families seeking a *dependable*, regulator-validated British primary school in Mirdif at an average annual cost of **AED 49,440**, with the backing of one of the region’s largest operators.

STRENGTHS	TRADE - OFFS
- English National Curriculum taught in English - BSO rated Outstanding in its latest inspection - KHDA rated Very good - Expanding into full secondary provision, with a secondary campus due August 2026 - Publishes academic results and university destinations	- Secondary phase is still being built out rather than fully established - KHDA judgement is Very good, not Outstanding - Part of a very large chain, which some families find standardised - Premium fee band in a competitive Dubai market

ADMISSIONS

GEMS Royal Dubai School is a co-educational British-curriculum school in Mirdif, Dubai, teaching in English. It has historically admitted children into the early years and primary stages, and is now expanding upward: it grew to Year 7 in September 2024 and Year 8 in September 2025, with a full secondary campus due to open in August 2026. The natural entry points therefore span Foundation Stage through the newly added secondary years, subject to availability.

The school's website provides an admission process and an age-placement guide, and lists tuition fees, tours and callbacks. The average annual fee is around AED 52,000 across a band of roughly AED 40,000–61,000.

WTS RATING 

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