

St George's British International School (Rome)

Rome, Italy



Italy's oldest British international school, splitting classrooms between the Vatican and Rome's northern hills, posts IB scores among the continent's highest.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	70/100
Academic outcomes	70/100
University placement	70/100
Prestige & heritage	72/100
Alumni network	68/100
Facilities	80/100
Transparency	79/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Rome has few schools with genuine historical weight in the international market, and St George’s has it. Founded in 1958, it is the city’s oldest British international school, and it now operates across two campuses, one in the city centre and one in the northern outskirts. That split matters. It gives the school a footprint that is more woven into Rome than the usual suburban international-school compound, while still serving families who want a full 3-18 route. The academic structure is also wider than the standard “British school” label implies: an enhanced UK National Curriculum to IGCSE, followed by both IB and A

Level, with English and Italian in daily use. For internationally mobile families, that combination is *commercially astute* and academically flexible.

The school's scale is another selling point. With **1,000+** students and **100+** nationalities represented, St George's offers the cosmopolitan peer group many parents claim to want and few schools in Italy match. This is not a boutique school trading on intimacy; it is a large, established international operation with the breadth that brings. The published **36** average IB score places outcomes in strong territory by European standards, and the school is IBO-accredited. It also advertises a UAL Foundation Diploma in Art & Design, which adds a serious creative route beyond the standard university-prep script. Fees sit in the premium bracket at an average of **€20,450** a year for a day place across the full age range, but not at the stratospheric end of the European international market.

What is special here is the mix: *old-school British scaffolding*, a genuinely international student body, and post-16 choice between IB and A Level in a city where that breadth is rare. Parents should still read the school clearly. This is not the place for families seeking a small, *hand-held* environment or a soft academic culture. A school of this size, with this many nationalities and multiple campuses, rewards students who are adaptable, socially confident and comfortable in a *high-expectation* setting. It will suit ambitious children who want academic stretch, expatriate families who need portability, and arts-minded sixth formers who value an extra specialist pathway. It is less suited to students who need a tightly contained school community or intensive individual shepherding.

STRENGTHS

- Founded in 1958, St George's British International School Rome is the oldest British international school in Italy, and with close to 100 nationalities represented within the student body, the school is also one of the most international in the world.
- The school follows an enhanced version of the UK National Curriculum up to IGCSE, after which students choose between two distinct Post-16 pathways: the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), with 2025 results averaging 36 points, and A-Levels, launching in the 2025/26 academic year.
- Graduates progress to many of the world's most prestigious universities, including Cambridge, Imperial, UCL, Caltech, and NYU.
- The art department is the stuff of legend, tucked into the attic of the secondary building, feeling like stepping into Aladdin's cave, every inch of wall and floor space covered in striking artwork and sculpture.
- The extensive infrastructure includes specialist laboratories and studios for science, art and design, as well as two multi-sport AstroTurf pitches, tennis and basketball courts, and an Olympic running track, and the school is

TRADE-OFFS

- The main campus, containing Junior and Senior Schools, is located in La Storta on the northern outskirts of the city, meaning families based centrally face a commute for secondary schooling.
- Children are not accepted without good English after the age of 11, which limits the option for late-arriving families whose children have little or no English.
- A non-refundable registration fee of EUR 4,000 applies, plus an annual re-enrolment fee of EUR 350, bus costs of EUR 2,600 to EUR 4,150, and separate IGCSE and IB exam fees, on top of tuition that published sources place broadly between roughly EUR 11,000 and EUR 28,000 a year depending on year group.
- A-Levels were only reintroduced in 2025, so this post-16 route lacks the multi-year results history that the IB Diploma has built up.

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ADMISSIONS

St George's is a non-selective day school taking pupils from age 3 to 18 across two campuses, with priority reportedly given to relocating international and expatriate families. Entry is possible at multiple points, though places in popular year groups can be limited given enrolment above 1,000 pupils. A non-refundable EUR 4,000 registration fee applies, and children joining after age 11 are expected to already have a workable level of English, with EAL support available for younger joiners. Families should contact admissions directly for current-year vacancies and assessment requirements.

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