

The Scindia School

Gwalior, India



Storied boys' boarding school inside Gwalior Fort, delivering a CBSE curriculum with a British public-school ethos.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	67/100
Academic outcomes	66/100
University placement	64/100
Prestige & heritage	75/100
Alumni network	74/100
Facilities	69/100
Transparency	55/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The Scindia School trades on a setting that few schools in India can match: a boys’ boarding school inside Gwalior Fort, founded in **1897** and still drawing power from that *ceremonial, old-regime atmosphere*. For some families, that setting will feel romantic; for others, it will feel *unyieldingly traditional*. Either way, it gives the school a clear identity. This is not a generic modern boarding campus with an imported brand. It is a long-established Indian school with a British public-school flavour, English as the language of instruction, and a boarding model that puts school life at the centre of the week, not at its edges.

Academically, the picture is more complex than the usual shorthand. The school declares IB, Indian National and British curricula, and it holds both IBO and CIS accreditation. That combination matters. It signals a school that wants to operate in more than one educational register: rooted in India, but with international validation and a strong awareness of British-style schooling. Parents should still press for precision on how those pathways work in practice across ages **11–18**, because the broad label alone does not tell you how a boy moves through the senior years, or how teaching time and university guidance are structured. The school’s market position rests less on data transparency than on heritage, boarding culture and institutional seriousness.

That makes The Scindia School a strong shortlist option for families seeking **structured independence**, high adult supervision, and a school identity that extends well beyond the classroom. It suits boys who will thrive in a **full-immersion boarding environment**, who want ritual, house spirit and a strong sense of belonging, and who are comfortable in a school with a distinct masculine tradition. It will not suit every child. Boys who need a softer, more informal culture, or who want a co-educational setting with a lighter touch, will find stronger fits elsewhere. On price, the boarding average is **USD 12,606** a year across the full age range, which places Scindia in an **unusually accessible** bracket for a school with this level of history and international accreditation. The draw, then, is plain: a storied Indian boarding school with real institutional heft, a rare setting, and a character that is **far more defined than fashionable**.

STRENGTHS

- Founded 1897; unusually longstanding Indian boarding school
- Offers IB, ISC and IGCSE pathways
- CIS and IBO accredited
- 10:1 student-teacher ratio; average class size 18

TRADE-OFFS

- Boarding fee is 20000 USD annually
- Day fee is 12000 USD annually
- Boarding-only type limits day-school flexibility

ADMISSIONS

Admissions appear to be geared to the school's boarding structure for ages 11-18, so the natural entry points are likely to be the lower secondary years and later joins into its IGCSE, ISC and IB pathways. The school teaches in English and is boarding rather than day-led, though a day fee is listed. Beyond those basics, the school context supplied here does not publish a formal admissions calendar, named intake months, or year-by-year seat availability, so parents should expect to check directly for current entry windows and whether places open outside the main intake.

On selection, the available information does not specify the assessment format: there is no published detail here on entrance tests, interviews, previous school reports, or residential assessments. Likewise, no bursary or financial-aid provision is stated in the material provided, so it would be unsafe to assume either generous support or none at all. Distinctive features that can be stated with confidence are the school's long-established boarding model, English-medium teaching, and the choice of IGCSE, ISC and IB routes within one school.

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