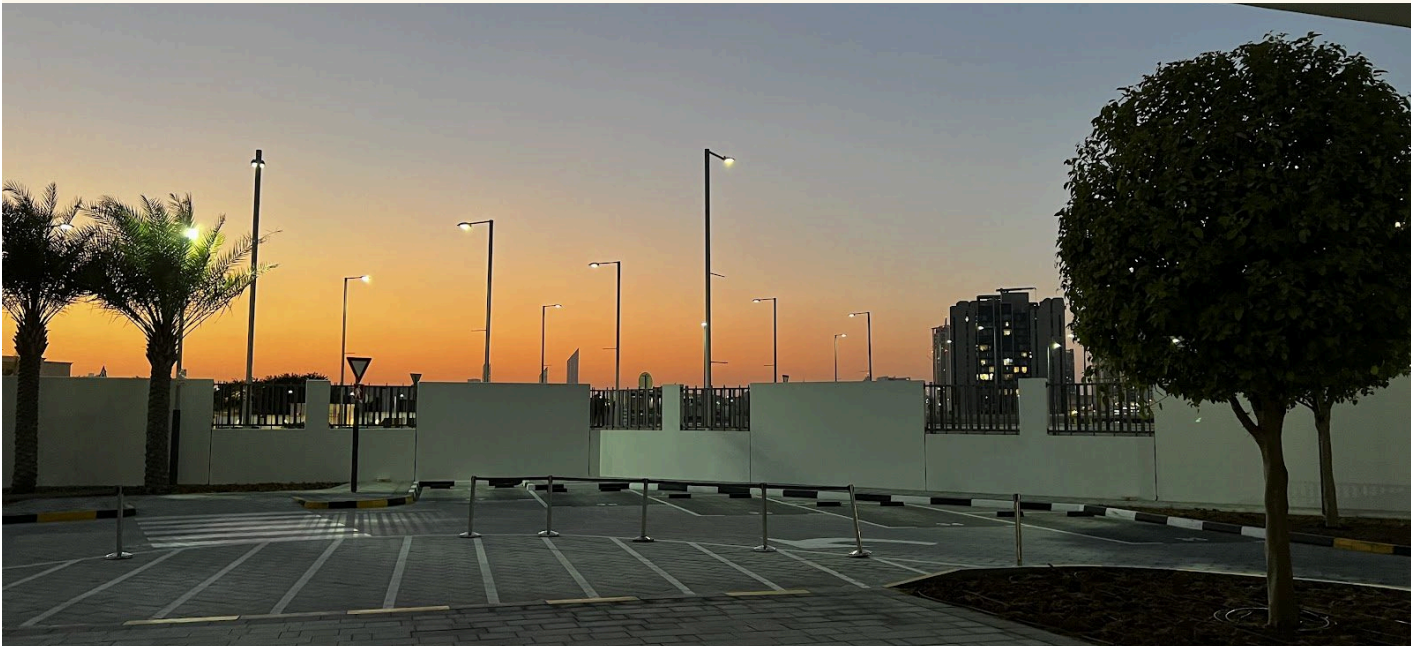


GEMS World Academy – Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates



A purpose-built Al Reem Island campus pairs IB inquiry with England's National Curriculum, IGCSEs folded into the MYP.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	69/100
Academic outcomes	73/100
University placement	71/100
Prestige & heritage	67/100
Alumni network	57/100
Facilities	80/100
Transparency	72/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The sharpest point of difference at GEMS World Academy – Abu Dhabi is structural: this is an Abu Dhabi day school that runs an IB spine while also using England’s National Curriculum, with IGCSEs folded into the Middle Years Programme rather than set up as a separate British track. That matters. It gives families a school with stronger academic continuity than many hybrid offerings, and it suits parents who want inquiry-led teaching without abandoning the habits of a British classroom. The school opened in 2011 and moved to a purpose-built Al Reem Island campus in 2022, a material upgrade that gives it a more serious physical base than its earlier set-up. ADEK rates it **Very Good** for 2023/24, and it holds IB World accreditation. The average annual day fee across the age range is ***AED 66,367***, which places it in the

expensive bracket, but not at the very top of the Abu Dhabi market.

The current version of the school is also a school in transition. It now serves ages 3 to 17, and the public line is clear: Phase 2 opens in August 2025 with specialist science and technology labs, a secondary library, food technology, robotics with CAD/CAM, a fitness suite, arts and gaming spaces, and expanded sports and outdoor provision. That is a **serious** facilities play, and it signals ambition beyond a compact early-years-and-middle-years operation. Parents should still read the shape of the school carefully. The context here matters more than the branding: this is not yet a settled all-through Year 13 school, even if that is the stated direction. For families joining now, the attraction is not a long-established senior school with decades of sixth-form outcomes; it is an IB World school with a **clear growth trajectory**, a new campus, and an academic model that is more coherent than many schools that bolt curricula together.

It belongs on a shortlist for parents who want three things at once: English-medium teaching, a British academic frame, and the wider habits of the IB. It will suit students who thrive in discussion, inquiry and cross-disciplinary work rather than those who want a narrow, exam-drilled environment from the start. It also suits families drawn to Al Reem Island and willing to buy into a school still building out its upper years. The strongest fit is a child who is adaptable, engaged and comfortable in an internationally minded setting; the weaker fit is a student who wants a **fully mature** sixth-form culture and a long public track record of senior results, because the school does not yet publish that kind of deep outcomes picture. As a market position, it is **distinctive**: not the cheapest, not the most established, but one of the cleaner options in Abu Dhabi for parents who want the IB approach without giving up British curricular structure.

STRENGTHS	TRADE-OFFS
• Very good ADEK rating retained at the first full post-expansion inspection in May 2024 • IB World School offering the PYP and MYP now, with Diploma and Career-related Programme to follow • Purpose-built Al Reem Island campus opened in 2022 with world-class co-curricular provision across sport, music, dance, drama and visual arts • English-medium, co-educational day school built around an all-through model from FS1 upward	• Phase 2 facilities not due until 2025, so key specialist spaces are still being added • Current provision extends only to Year 11 for 2025-26; the first IB cohort graduates in 2027-28 • No senior examination track record yet exists, so headline outcomes cannot be assessed

ADMISSIONS

GEMS World Academy – Abu Dhabi is a co-educational day school on Al Reem Island whose current provision runs from FS1 and, per its own materials and independent reporting, extends to Year 11 for 2025-26, with year groups added annually toward a full FS1-to-Year-13 model; the school is due to open Year 12 in 2026-27, with its first IB cohort graduating in 2027-28. The most obvious admissions entry points are therefore the early years and standard year-group intake points across primary and lower secondary. The school invites families to apply, book a tour and consult an age-placement guide, though in the material provided it does not publish fixed admissions deadlines.

The school does not publish a detailed account of assessment format, interview stages or any unusually selective admissions process. Families should confirm directly with the school what screening, documentation and timelines apply for their child's year of entry.

WTS RATING 

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