

Mougins School

Mougins, France



A pine-forest campus inside the Sophia Antipolis tech park, delivering British IGCSEs and A-Levels since 1964.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	68/100
Academic outcomes	69/100
University placement	67/100
Prestige & heritage	68/100
Alumni network	67/100
Facilities	71/100
Transparency	62/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Mougins School occupies a distinctive niche on the Côte d’Azur: a full English-medium British school in a pine-forest setting inside Sophia Antipolis, with a long local history dating back to **1964**. For international families who want continuity with the English system, that matters. This is not a hybrid programme dressed in British branding; the school states that it follows the National Curriculum for England, leading to IGCSEs and A-Levels. The draw is straightforward: a *serious British academic track* delivered in southern France, with the practical advantage of access for families based around Nice, Cannes, Antibes and Monaco. The headline numbers also help: an **8:1** student-teacher ratio and average classes of **16** point to a school where pupils are known individually rather than absorbed into

a large machine.

What is special here is the combination of setting, scale and clarity of academic route. The wooded campus gives the school a *calm, sheltered atmosphere* that contrasts with the density and traffic of much of the Riviera. Its age range, **3-18**, makes it a through-school, which removes one of the usual pressure points for expatriate families: the need to change systems at 11 or 16. The school also pushes character education, outdoor experiences and environmental programmes hard. That will appeal to parents who want more than exam preparation, though the rhetoric on values and global citizenship is stronger than the hard evidence on academic outcomes. The school does not publish aggregate IGCSE or A-Level results in the information we have seen, so parents who care about league-table style proof will need to ask sharper questions.

This school belongs on a shortlist for families seeking *continuity, structure and pastoral containment* rather than urban bustle or a vast senior-school social scene. It suits internationally mobile children, English-speaking households, and academically capable pupils who benefit from smaller classes and a *contained, green campus life*. It also fits students who want the British route to university without leaving France. The less obvious fit: teenagers who want a big-city atmosphere, a very broad sixth form subject menu, or the competitive intensity of a much larger UK-style independent school. Mougins School's strength is not scale; it is *coherent British schooling in an unusually attractive setting*, with enough intimacy to suit children who thrive when adults know them well.

STRENGTHS

- British curriculum through IGCSE and A Levels
- English-medium teaching suits internationally mobile families
- 8:1 student-teacher ratio allows close academic oversight
- Day school for ages 3-18 offers full-school continuity

TRADE-OFFS

- No boarding option for families needing weekly or full boarding
- English-only instruction may not suit French-language integration
- British-only pathway lacks IB or bilingual curriculum options

ADMISSIONS

Mougins School is a day school in Mougins offering English-medium education from the early years to sixth form. The published age range is 3–18, with Nursery and Reception for ages 3–5, then primary, secondary and sixth form. The school states that it follows the National Curriculum for England, leading to IGCSE and A Levels; it also mentions BTEC as a post-16 option on its website. In practical terms, the main entry points are likely to be nursery/reception, primary, secondary and sixth form, though the school does not set out a fixed admissions calendar in the material provided.

The school encourages families to book a visit and submit an admission enquiry, but it does not publicly spell out assessment format, interview stages or a distinctive selection process in the source material here. Nor does it publish application deadlines or any bursary or financial-aid scheme in the excerpts provided. Parents should therefore expect a standard rolling enquiry-and-application process, but will need to contact the school directly for details on testing, required documents, timelines and whether any fee support exists.

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