

Kabira International School

Kampala, Uganda



A leafy Bukoto campus where the English National Curriculum feeds into Cambridge IGCSE and the IB Diploma for over 40 nationalities.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	48/100
Academic outcomes	49/100
University placement	47/100
Prestige & heritage	47/100
Alumni network	46/100
Facilities	49/100
Transparency	36/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Kabira International School sits in Bukoto, not on a vast showpiece estate but on a *leafy*, urban Kampala campus that trades on breadth rather than flash. The academic structure is clear and sensible: English-medium teaching from age 3 to 18, the English National Curriculum in the lower and middle years, Cambridge IGCSE, then the IB Diploma at the top. That combination matters. It gives families a conventional British academic spine early on, then a globally portable sixth-form qualification. In a city where parents need continuity as much as aspiration, that is a serious advantage. So is the fact that Kabira is both an IB World School and a Cambridge International school. Those badges do not guarantee quality, but they do confirm external alignment and a school built for internationally mobile families

rather than a local school with imported branding.

Its market position is straightforward. At an average annual day fee of **\$23,021**, Kabira sits in the premium end of Kampala's international day-school market. Parents are paying for an all-through 3-18 school, a non-religious setting, and a student body drawn from over 40 nationalities. That last point is not decoration. A genuinely mixed intake changes classroom discussion, friendship groups and the social assumptions of the school day. Kabira's appeal rests less on theatrical prestige and more on *cosmopolitan normality*: children can stay in one system from nursery to graduation, work through Cambridge IGCSE, and finish with the IB Diploma without a disruptive switch of school or language. For expatriate families, returnees and internationally minded Ugandan parents, that is a *practical luxury*.

Why shortlist it? Because Kabira offers a rare combination in Kampala: continuity, recognised external programmes, and a broad international peer group on one campus. Founded in **2003**, it has had enough time to establish itself without the complacency that afflicts older institutions. This is not the right school for families chasing a hyper-traditional, religious or exam-factory atmosphere. It is for students who do well in an English-speaking, internationally mixed environment and who want a route that keeps options open across different university systems. The child who will thrive here is adaptable, outward-facing and comfortable among different cultures; the one who needs intense local rootedness or a *hard-edged* single-system education may want a different fit. Kabira earns shortlist status because it covers a lot of ground *without muddle*: British curriculum foundations, Cambridge assessment, IB finishing school, and a genuinely international daily experience.

STRENGTHS

- Offers the International Baccalaureate curriculum, providing an internationally recognised pathway for globally mobile families in Kampala.
- Operates as a day school, which typically keeps fees lower than boarding alternatives in the region.
- Located in Kampala, giving access to Uganda's diplomatic and NGO community that often seeks IB-curriculum schooling.
- Smaller and less established than Uganda's flagship international schools, which can mean smaller class sizes and more individual attention.

TRADE-OFFS

- Editorial rank (1374) and candidate tier indicate the school has limited independent verification of academic outcomes or inspection history at this time.
- No publicly verifiable IB Diploma pass rates, university placement data, or accreditation body reports were found to confirm academic performance.
- As a newer or lower-profile entrant compared to Kampala's established international schools, alumni network and track record are unproven.
- Fee levels and scholarship availability are not independently confirmed from public sources, making budgeting comparisons difficult for relocating families.

ADMISSIONS

Admissions appear to follow a standard application process via the school's website, with entry points likely available across primary and secondary years under the IB framework. No published entrance examination results, waitlist data, or selectivity ratios are publicly available, suggesting the school is not highly selective. Families should contact the school directly to confirm current fee schedules, term dates, and required documentation such as previous school reports and immunisation records, as these are not independently verifiable online.

WTS RATING 

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