

Repton School Dubai

Dubai, United Arab Emirates



Four centuries of Derbyshire heritage meet Nad Al Sheba boarding houses, backed by over a decade of top-tier KHDA inspections.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	69/100
Academic outcomes	72/100
University placement	70/100
Prestige & heritage	70/100
Alumni network	60/100
Facilities	82/100
Transparency	72/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Repton School Dubai trades on something few Dubai schools can claim with a straight face: a live link to a British boarding-school brand with real age, plus an actual boarding offer on the ground in Nad Al Sheba. Opened in 2007, it was the first UK independent school in the Middle East, and that heritage still does useful work in the market. This is not just a British day school with imported house names. It runs as both a day and boarding school for ages 3 to 18, teaches in English and Arabic, and combines a KHDA-attested British curriculum with IB pathways. For families who want the structure and examination culture of a British school without closing off the IB, that dual route matters. So does the regulator’s verdict: KHDA has rated it Outstanding for 2023/24, and the school states it has held that grade since 2014. In a market

full of inflated claims, sustained inspection strength is *hard evidence*.

What puts Repton on a serious shortlist is the combination of breadth, polish and institutional heft. The school draws students from over 80 nationalities, which gives it a genuinely international intake rather than a narrow expatriate profile. It also has two accreditations that parents watch for — CIS and IBO — and that supports the picture of a school built for international mobility, not just local demand. The campus investment is substantial: a new Performing Arts Centre, a Sports Village, and reworked Early Years and Sixth Form spaces. That matters because Repton is selling a *full-service premium education*: academics, boarding, sport, arts and sixth-form choice in one place. The price matches that ambition. The average annual day fee across the full age range is **AED 78,883**; boarding averages **AED 163,937** a year. This is *expensive*, but it is priced in line with a top-tier Dubai school that offers both boarding and a British-plus-IB model.

The right child for Repton is not hard to identify. This suits students who thrive in a *structured, ambitious* environment, who want visible standards, a strong school identity, and a broad co-curricular life built into the week rather than bolted on. Boarders, or families considering boarding later, get a rare option in Dubai without leaving the city. Sixth formers who want a choice between A-levels and the IB also have more room to shape an academic route than they would in a single-pathway school. Children who need a very small, alternative or radically progressive setting should look elsewhere. Repton is for families who want scale, tradition, inspection credibility and a school with enough infrastructure to carry a child from age 3 to 18 without changing system midway. Its appeal rests on that *rare combination* of British school formality, Dubai ambition and **3-18** continuity.

STRENGTHS

- KHDA rated Outstanding, sustained across successive inspections
- British curriculum with an IB Diploma and Careers-related Programme option in the sixth form
- Full boarding option, rare among Dubai schools, alongside day places
- Publishes campus-specific exam results (2025 A-Level 31% A*-A; IB average 35 points, 98% pass rate, per WSA)
- Low reported student-teacher ratio of around 10:1 and average class size of 18
- World-class sports provision on an extensive Nad Al Sheba campus

TRADE-OFFS

- Premium fees place it at the higher end of the Dubai market
- Headline exam outcomes are solid rather than exceptional for a school at this fee level
- Instruction is English and Arabic only, with no third-language medium
- Recent ownership change to Cognita means the long-term investment picture is still settling

ADMISSIONS

Admissions are available across the full age range, from age 3 through 18, with the usual main entry points at the start of nursery, primary, secondary and sixth form. Repton School Dubai offers both day and boarding places — it is one of only a small number of Dubai schools to run a full boarding option — so families should check directly which routes are open in the relevant year group and phase. The school follows a British curriculum and adds the IB Diploma and Careers-related Programme in the sixth form; applicants should confirm when pathway choice begins and whether places are constrained in older years.

WTS RATING 

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