

St Benedict's School, Ealing

London, United Kingdom



West London's Benedictine all-through Catholic day school

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	65/100
Academic outcomes	64/100
University placement	63/100
Prestige & heritage	59/100
Alumni network	57/100
Facilities	77/100
Transparency	82/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

St Benedict’s occupies a distinct niche in west London: a Roman Catholic, Benedictine, all-through day school that runs from age ****3-18**** on one site and keeps the transition from junior to senior years unusually clean. That matters. Parents buying an all-through education want continuity, not a second admissions battle at 11 or a cultural reset halfway through childhood. The school’s Benedictine frame gives it more than chapel-window atmosphere; the stated emphasis on reflection, kindness, hospitality and character points to a house style built around **serious pastoral care**, **moral seriousness** and **calm continuity**. In a market crowded with schools that chase polish and profile, St Benedict’s offers something more durable: a coherent ethos with a long institutional memory, dating back to ****1902****.

What puts it on a shortlist is that blend of academic ambition and a broad, structured co-curricular life. The school talks up outstanding examination results but does not publish aggregate results in the source material, so parents should ask for current leavers' destinations and recent subject performance by cohort. Even without that data in the open, the shape of the offer is clear: strong tutorial support, a proper sporting tradition, substantial music-making, regular drama productions, and investment in facilities such as a new Sixth Form Centre, Art Department, and Nursery and Pre-Prep. This is not a narrow hothouse. It is a school for families who want *the whole person educated*, with academics, sport, music, drama and religion all carrying real weight.

The average annual fee across the full age range is **£25,717**, which places St Benedict's in the expensive bracket, though still below the very top tier of London independent pricing. That makes value a real part of the proposition. Parents are paying for an all-through independent education with a defined Catholic identity, English-medium teaching, and access to senior-school facilities from the junior years onward. The school also accepts pupils of all faiths, which broadens its appeal beyond committed Catholic families to parents who want *a grounded culture*, *clear values* and a school with more depth than branding.

The pupil who will thrive here is not hunting for a flashy, hyper-competitive social scene. St Benedict's suits children who respond to structure, community and adult attention; who will use the sporting, musical and dramatic opportunities rather than treat them as brochure filler; and who can live comfortably inside a school where faith and values are explicit parts of daily life. For parents, the attraction is straightforward: *a stable all-through education*, *a strong sense of belonging*, and a school that treats formation of character as part of the main job, not an optional extra.

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