

The Tiffin Girls' School

Kingston upon Thames, United Kingdom



Kingston upon Thames’ selective girls’ school since 1880

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	69/100
Academic outcomes	78/100
University placement	70/100
Prestige & heritage	60/100
Alumni network	55/100
Facilities	59/100
Transparency	85/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The Tiffin Girls' School occupies a rare position in south-west London: a long-established, academically selective girls’ day school with state funding rather than private-school fees. Founded in ****1880****, it offers a British curriculum for girls aged ****11-18**** and has the brute attraction that drives this corner of the market: serious academic selection without the financial barrier of an independent school. That combination alone puts it on a shortlist for families who want **high academic pressure**, **a selective peer group** and **clear sixth-form continuity** in Kingston upon Thames.

What sets Tiffin Girls’ apart is not pastoral branding or glossy facilities talk; it is the structural proposition. This is a girls’ selective school, and that shapes the culture from the start. Parents should

read that plainly. The school suits students who thrive on pace, competition and scrutiny, and who want to work in an environment where strong attainment is normal rather than exceptional. For the right pupil, that can be *electrifying intellectual company*. For the wrong one, it can feel *unforgiving*. Families who want a softer, looser or less exam-driven school experience should look elsewhere.

Its market position is therefore exact. Tiffin Girls' sits in the space between the top state grammar tradition and the independent girls' school sector. In practice, it competes not on luxury but on outcomes, selectivity and value. It is a day school, non-religious, taught in English, and it became an academy in **2011**. That matters less to parents than the practical reality: entry is contested, expectations are high, and the school attracts families prepared to organise around exams, travel and ambition. The students who will want to go here are girls with *strong academic self-discipline*, *real stamina* and the appetite to be stretched every day by equally able classmates.

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