

Bateen World Academy

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates



From Reggio Emilia early years through IGCSEs to both the IB Diploma and Career-related routes, strong multiple pathways underpin this well regarded school.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	62/100
Academic outcomes	67/100
University placement	64/100
Prestige & heritage	58/100
Alumni network	53/100
Facilities	72/100
Transparency	67/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Bateen World Academy earns its place on an Abu Dhabi shortlist through range, not gimmick. This is a day school for ages 11 to 18 that runs a genuine British-and-IB model: IGCSEs in the middle years, then a choice between the IB Diploma and the IB Career-related route in the sixth form. That matters. Many schools talk about personalisation; Bateen actually gives older pupils more than one serious exit path. For students who want academic breadth without being forced into a single sixth-form mould, that is a **genuinely useful advantage**. The school also carries an ADEK rating of **Outstanding** for 2023/24 and

IB World accreditation, which gives parents two hard markers of external quality control rather than just internal claims.

The other point in Bateen’s favour is market position. An average annual day fee of **AED 65,330** places it in the upper-middle to premium tier of Abu Dhabi day schools: expensive, but not at the very top of the market. For that price, parents are buying a school with a clear age range, English as the language of instruction, and a sixth form that does not force every pupil down the same academic track. That combination gives Bateen a distinct role in the city: it suits families who want an internationally portable education but do not want the narrowness of a school built around one terminal pathway. The school’s **multiple-pathway sixth form** is the central reason it stands out.

The pupil who fits Bateen best is not hard to identify. This is a strong option for ambitious, organised teenagers who want choice at 16, and for students whose strengths do not sit neatly inside a single exam system. A pupil targeting the full IB Diploma can stay on a rigorous academic route; another who wants a more applied post-16 experience has the Career-related option. That makes Bateen attractive to families who value flexibility but still want **serious academic structure**. It is less compelling for parents who want an all-through school beginning in the primary years, because this listing covers **11–18**, and it is not the obvious choice for families chasing a bargain. It is for parents willing to pay for breadth, oversight and a sixth form with more than one respectable destination.

STRENGTHS

- Outstanding ADEK rating from its most recent inspection
- IB World School status offering PYP, DP and CP alongside a British pathway
- Verified strong 2026 IB results: 66 candidates, 34.3-point average, 98% pass rate.
- World-class sport and elite-band music, drama and visual arts
- English-language instruction throughout

TRADE-OFFS

- Comparatively young (although not so much for the UAE), founded in 2011
- Running two curricula in parallel means families must choose the right pathway carefully

ADMISSIONS

Bateen World Academy is a day school in Abu Dhabi within the Aldar Education group, running from the early years to Year 13, so entry points span the primary, secondary and sixth-form stages. WSA lists a broad curriculum including the UK National Curriculum, IGCSE and GCSE alongside IB PYP, IB DP and IB CP, so families should expect applications to be matched to both age and intended pathway. Parents should check directly for current-year requirements and seat availability. Annual fees range from AED 54,000 to AED 75,310, with an average of around AED 65,500, placing the school in the premium band.

WTS RATING 

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