

The English College in Prague

Prague, Czech Republic



Grammar-school rigor born of the Velvet Revolution, first in Czechia to pair the IB Diploma with the Czech Maturita.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	68/100
Academic outcomes	70/100
University placement	68/100
Prestige & heritage	68/100
Alumni network	67/100
Facilities	69/100
Transparency	62/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The English College in Prague occupies a narrow but important niche: an English-medium grammar school in Czechia with a selective intake, a sixth-form destination profile that reaches serious British universities, and a structure built for students who can thrive under sustained academic pressure. Founded in 1994 in the wake of the Velvet Revolution, it was the first school in the country to pair the IB Diploma with the Czech Maturita, which gives it a distinct place in the Prague market. That combination matters. It keeps one foot in the local system and one in the international university circuit, which is exactly what ambitious bilingual or internationally minded Czech families want. The average annual day fee is ****465,000 CZK****, expensive by local standards but defensible for a specialist, academically

selective day school.

This is not a broad church trying to be everything to everyone. It is a 6-year grammar school for ages 12 to 19, teaching in English, with a **12:1** student-teacher ratio and average classes of **20**. Those numbers point to real classroom contact without the boutique intimacy of a tiny school. The school's own language leans hard on compassion and pastoral care, but the central fact is *grammar-school rigour*. Families should shortlist ECP for its academic seriousness, its clear British orientation, and its track record of sending leavers to competitive universities: in the 2018 cohort of 69, destinations included Oxford, UCL and King's College London. It is also a member of the Headmasters' & Headmistresses' Conference, which places it in a recognisable British independent-school orbit rather than the looser international-school middle ground.

The pupil who fits ECP is academically confident, self-directed and happy in a school that does not dilute expectations. This is a strong option for able Czech students moving out of the national system after lower secondary, and for international families in Prague who want English-medium education with *serious intellectual discipline* rather than a softer, lifestyle-led version of international schooling. It will suit students who want university pathways in the UK and beyond, and who value a peer group selected for academic capacity. It will not suit children who need a highly sheltered environment, a sprawling all-through campus, or a less pressurised culture. ECP's appeal rests on being *focused*, *demanding* and *unambiguously academic*; that is exactly why it belongs on the shortlist.

STRENGTHS

- British offered
- English-language teaching throughout
- Selective Czech-British grammar school
- 12:1 student-teacher ratio

TRADE-OFFS

- Day school only
- Non-religious ethos may not suit all
- Average class size of 20

ADMISSIONS

Admissions appear to centre on the school's main secondary intake rather than a broad all-through entry model. The primary source describes The English College in Prague as a selective Czech-British grammar school for students aged 13–19, with Czech students typically joining after Year 7 in the Czech system for a six-year course. That suggests the principal entry point is around age 13, though the wider listing also gives an age range of 3–18; the school does not, from the material provided here, publish enough detail to map all junior-year entry routes with confidence. Selection is explicitly academic: ECP describes itself as selective. Beyond that, the school does not publish, in the source material supplied, the format of its assessments, whether interviews are required, or any distinctive admissions stages. Nor are application deadlines stated here. Likewise, no bursary or financial-aid scheme is mentioned in the provided sources. Parents should therefore expect competition for places, but will need the school's current admissions office guidance for assessment dates, documentation and any support available.

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