

St. George's College Harare

Harare, Zimbabwe



Jesuit since 1896, this Harare college pairs British curriculum rigor with forty hectares beside the Botanical Gardens.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	69/100
Academic outcomes	70/100
University placement	68/100
Prestige & heritage	72/100
Alumni network	71/100
Facilities	70/100
Transparency	62/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

St. George’s College Harare has two assets that matter at once: pedigree and land. Founded in ****1896**** and run in the Jesuit tradition, it carries the weight of one of Zimbabwe’s established Catholic schools. It also sits on ****40 hectares**** beside the Botanical Gardens, which gives it a physical scale many urban schools cannot match. That combination — **old institutional confidence**, substantial grounds and a British curriculum taught in English — puts St. George’s in the top tier of Harare’s traditional independent schools. Parents who want a school with **clear intellectual seriousness**, religious formation and the habits of a long-settled institution will put it on a shortlist quickly.

What marks it out is not novelty but continuity. This is not a fashionable start-up trading on branding. It is a Jesuit school, and that signals something concrete: a culture that prizes discipline, service, reflection and academic rigour over gimmickry. The age range, ****12-18****, gives it the shape of a focused secondary school rather than an all-through operation trying to be everything at once. The school also holds accreditations and memberships that matter in its market — HMC (Sub-Saharan Africa), the Jesuit Schools Network and ATS Zimbabwe — which reinforce its standing among families who want a school with recognised professional and ecclesial ties. The attraction lies in **institutional depth**, **moral seriousness** and a campus large enough to support a full school life beyond the classroom.

The trade-off is equally clear. St. George's suits families who value structure, tradition and a Catholic ethos; it will not appeal to parents hunting for progressive informality or a loose, child-led culture. Jesuit education asks students to cope with standards, accountability and a strong sense of collective expectation. That works best for boys who thrive when adults set the bar high and keep it there. It also suits students who want a secondary education with **a strong sense of purpose** rather than a softer, more permissive atmosphere.

In market terms, St. George's sits as a high-prestige Harare college for families who want British curriculum academics anchored in Jesuit values and delivered within a **deep-rooted school culture**. It belongs on a shortlist because it offers something hard to replicate: historic standing, serious educational intent and room to grow on a major urban campus. The right student for St. George's is academically capable, resilient, comfortable with discipline, and ready to join a school where tradition is not decorative but operational.

STRENGTHS

- Founded 1896: unusually established Zimbabwean school.
- Jesuit Catholic identity offers clear values framework.
- British curriculum suits UK-style examination pathways.
- HMC membership adds external professional network.

TRADE-OFFS

- Boys-only college narrows options for co-educational families.
- Boarding school model may not suit all teenagers.
- Only English instruction limits bilingual education.

ADMISSIONS

St George's College is a British-curriculum Catholic day and boarding school in Harare for ages 12 to 18, so the main entry point is likely Form 1 at around age 12, with additional places potentially available in later year groups and the sixth form. The school's own site notes boarding for boys from Forms 1-6 and explains the inclusion of girls in sixth form, indicating a distinctive admissions structure: boys across the college, with girls admitted at sixth-form level. Publicly available material does not set out a full admissions calendar, published deadlines or a detailed assessment process.

Families should therefore expect to enquire directly for year-by-year availability, timelines and any entrance testing or interview requirements. The school does not publicly publish bursary or financial-aid details in the source material provided, so it would be unwise to assume fee assistance is available without asking. What is clear is that admissions sit within a long-established Jesuit setting, with boarding as a defined option rather than a peripheral add-on.

WTS RATING 

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