

Dubai Heights Academy

Dubai, United Arab Emirates



In Al Barsha South, an MIT-built AI curriculum and a Tommy Fleetwood golf programme pair with top KHDA marks for pupil wellbeing.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	66/100
Academic outcomes	71/100
University placement	68/100
Prestige & heritage	63/100
Alumni network	56/100
Facilities	77/100
Transparency	70/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Dubai Heights Academy has built a clear market position in Al Barsha South: a British school, open from ages 3 to 18, that tries to do two things at once — stay **small-scale and personal** while attaching distinctive programmes that most mid-market competitors do not have. The sharpest differentiators are its AI curriculum, developed with MIT, and its Tommy Fleetwood golf partnership. Those are not cosmetic add-ons; they give the school a concrete identity beyond the standard National Curriculum for England. The school also has a strong regulatory footing for a young institution: founded in 2017, it holds a KHDA rating of Very Good for 2023/24 and BSO accreditation. That combination matters. In Dubai’s crowded British-school market, a school with a recognisable specialism and credible inspection backing has a

stronger case for a parent’s shortlist than another generic “all-rounder”. The average annual day fee across the full age range is **AED 70,330**, which puts it in the expensive bracket, but not at the very top of Dubai’s premium tier.

What is special here is not raw scale or inherited prestige; it is *deliberate differentiation*. The school says it serves **90 nationalities**, and it leans hard into wellbeing, inclusivity and a community model rather than a corporate one. That fits the KHDA verdict in the tagline, which highlights top marks for pupil wellbeing. Parents who want a school where children risk disappearing into a very large student body should look elsewhere. Parents who want a British curriculum school with a more intimate feel, visible pastoral intent and a few *properly distinctive* programmes will find Dubai Heights Academy compelling. The “small class sizes” claim is part of the school’s pitch, though it does not publish the figures publicly; that missing number matters, because parents should ask how small “small” really is in each phase.

The pupils who will get the most from Dubai Heights Academy are children who benefit from *high-touch pastoral care* and who like the idea of learning in a school with a modern, applied edge rather than a strictly traditional one. The AI strand will appeal to intellectually curious pupils and families who want technology treated as part of the curriculum rather than an after-school extra. The golf partnership gives sporty children a serious niche option that few schools can match. This is not the obvious choice for families chasing old-school British formality, vast campus scale or long-published examination prestige; the school does not publish aggregate exam outcomes in the public domain. It is, instead, a *confidently contemporary* British school with a strong wellbeing reputation, a young profile, and enough substance in its special programmes to justify a place on a serious Dubai shortlist.

STRENGTHS

- KHDA rated Very good in 2023/24
- British curriculum, regulator-attested, with BSO accreditation
- English-medium co-ed day school, ages 3-18
- Publishes verified 2025 GCSE results (35% graded 9-7)
- Extensive purpose-built facilities across a 292,000 sq.ft campus, including new secondary building (2025)

TRADE-OFFS

- Senior phase still maturing, with the secondary building opened only in August 2025
- Fees sit in the premium band (AED 48,688-96,880)
- Public messaging is heavy on ethos and partnerships, lighter on classroom detail

ADMISSIONS

Dubai Heights Academy is a day school in Al Barsha South offering the British curriculum from FS1 to Year 13, so the main entry points are Early Years, primary, secondary and sixth form. The published age range is 3–18, and the school's website states it is currently open for FS1 to Year 13. Admissions appear to be handled directly by an in-house team, with tours available Monday to Friday from 9.00am. The school does not publish a fixed application deadline in the material provided, so families should assume rolling admissions, subject to places.

On selection, the school says its admissions team guides families from initial enquiry through application, but it does not set out the assessment format publicly. Fees are in the premium band, currently AED 48,688–96,880.

WTS RATING 

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