

Markham College

Lima, Peru



Founded in 1946 by British expatriates, this Lima day school pairs house traditions with a bilingual IB-British curriculum.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	65/100
Academic outcomes	73/100
University placement	71/100
Prestige & heritage	73/100
Alumni network	20/100
Facilities	73/100
Transparency	66/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

Markham sits in a rare position in Lima: a long-established British-founded school that has kept a **clear institutional identity** while operating as a bilingual, secular day school for ages 3 to 18. Founded in 1946 by British expatriates, it now educates about ****2,000 students**** across three sections in Miraflores and Santiago de Surco, with a new primary campus opened in Monterrico in May 2024. The draw is not novelty but structure: British school habits, house traditions and an English-Spanish academic life, paired with an IB-British curriculum. That combination puts it in the **serious** end of the Lima market. The average annual day fee across the full age range is ****\$18,000****, which places it firmly in the premium bracket for Peru.

What is special here is the blend. Many schools claim to be international; Markham has the older, more rooted version of that idea. It is independent, non-profit, co-educational and non-religious, and the bilingual model matters because Peru-based families often want genuine fluency in both English and Spanish without giving up local relevance. The British influence gives the school shape and continuity; the IB gives it an outward-facing academic framework. That mix will appeal to families who want a child educated for mobility without turning them into a stranger in their own country. The alumni footprint adds weight: Wikidata catalogues **22 notable alumni**, spanning politics, business, scholarship, writing and the arts. That is not a guarantee of outcomes, but it is **hard evidence** of reach.

The caveat is straightforward. A school of this scale and reputation will not suit families looking for intimacy, looseness or a progressive free-form culture. Markham reads as a **high-expectation**, well-drilled institution with a strong sense of self. The best fit is a student who can handle structure, move comfortably between two languages and make use of a large-school ecosystem. Children who thrive on clear standards, established traditions and an academically ambitious peer group will find plenty to work with here. Those who need a smaller, softer or more experimental environment will feel the weight of the place.

STRENGTHS

- Markham is an independent, non-profit, co-educational, bilingual, secular, day school of approximately 2,000 students aged 3-18, giving families a single institution spanning the whole of school life.
- The school's British heritage and international nature are integral to its holistic formation of students, and it has adapted the British curriculum to respect its distinct Peruvian context, culminating in IGCSEs and the IB Diploma.
- In 2024, Markham has an IB average of 32, a score the school notes sits above the global IB average.
- The school is affiliated with the Round Square network and Duke of Edinburgh's International Award scheme, per Wikipedia's summary of its Affiliation: Round Square G20 Schools Group ADCA UDCA Latin American Heads Conference International Baccalaureate Programme University of Cambridge International Examinations Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.
- Alumni include Pedro Pablo Kuczynski Godard, former President of Peru, indicating a track record of producing figures in national public life.

TRADE-OFFS

- Tuition is a significant financial commitment by local standards: published figures show the 2019 annual College tuition fee for Nursery is \$10,640 USD and for all other year groups is \$13,300 USD, plus a separate one-time entrance fee that in past years reached \$17,500 USD for years Nursery to Primary 5.
- The school operates across separate sites for different ages, with 3 different sections located in Miraflores and Santiago de Surco in Lima, meaning families may face different commute logistics as a child progresses through the school.
- With roughly 2,000 pupils on roll, class and cohort sizes are large by international-school standards, which can mean less individualised pastoral attention than at smaller schools.
- Entry outside the earliest years is constrained: most pupils are admitted into the Early Years Section, and admissions evaluations to all other year groups are held at scheduled times throughout the year, pending the availability of spaces, so mid-primary or secondary transfers for relocating families are not guaranteed.

ADMISSIONS

Most entrants join the Early Years/Nursery stage, with applications typically processed a year ahead of enrolment; places in later year groups are considered only as space allows, via scheduled evaluations rather than open rolling admission. A one-time, tiered entrance fee is payable to the British Educational Association of Peru upon acceptance, in addition to annual tuition. International and relocating families should contact the admissions office directly, since space in Secondary years is limited and competition for popular entry points (Nursery, Primary 1) is the norm rather than the exception.

NOTABLE ALUMNI (2 2)

SPORT: Sinclair Jones, Felipe Pomar

MUSIC: Diego Bertie, Thiago Vernal, Matías Spitzer

DRAMA: Luis Llosa, Diego Bertie, Gonzalo Torres, Josué Méndez, Alonso Alegría, Thiago Vernal, Matías Spitzer

LETTERS: Sergio Bambaren, Javier Heraud, Juan de Recacoechea, Alonso Alegría

POLITICS: Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, Francisco Soberón Garrido, Richard Webb, Luis Miguel Castilla, Gonzalo Aguirre

SCIENCE: Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, Alex Fort Brescia, Richard Webb, José de la Puente Brunke, Luis Miguel Castilla, Gonzalo Aguirre

BUSINESS: Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, Alex Fort Brescia, Richard Webb, Gonzalo Aguirre

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