

Harrow International School Bangkok

Bangkok, Thailand



The first Harrow campus outside Britain, where a private lake hosts dragon-boat races and a six-house system still defines school life.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	71/100
Academic outcomes	78/100
University placement	74/100
Prestige & heritage	65/100
Alumni network	58/100
Facilities	76/100
Transparency	73/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

A private lake in north Bangkok is not a gimmick when a school builds house life around it. At Harrow International School Bangkok, dragon-boat racing, boarding, sport and pastoral structure all feed into a model that borrows heavily from the English boarding-school tradition and transplants it into Thailand with unusual confidence. This was the first Harrow campus outside Britain, founded in 1998, and the Harrow machinery is visible everywhere: a six-house system, four boarding houses, shared governance links with the wider Harrow family, and a British curriculum taught in English from the early years to IGCSE and A level. Parents looking for a *full-blooded* British independent-school experience, rather than a generic international school with British branding, will find the distinction matters here.

The campus is one of the school’s clearest advantages. A **35-acre** site, **2 swimming pools**, six tennis courts, five fields, four basketball courts and more than 50 sports and activities give the school real operational scale. That matters because Harrow Bangkok sells breadth: not just academics, but boarding, competition, leadership, service and an all-round programme. The school states **72%** of IGCSE grades were A*/A and **68%** of A-level grades were A*/A, which places it firmly in the *serious academic* bracket. It also holds BSO, COBIS and CIS accreditation, which gives parents external reassurance that this is not only a brand outpost trading on a famous name.

Fees place it in Bangkok’s expensive tier. The average annual day fee across the full age range is **670,283 THB**, with boarding averaging **513,900 THB**. That buys scale, facilities and a boarding culture that few schools in the city can match. It does not buy intimacy. Families wanting a small, informal, lightly structured environment should look elsewhere. Harrow Bangkok suits students who thrive on routine, competition and belonging to a visible institutional culture. The best fit is the child who wants sport, houses, activities and academic stretch all at once; the weaker fit is the child who needs a *gentler*, looser school with less ceremony and less pressure to join in.

Why shortlist it? Because it offers something distinct in Bangkok: a *highly structured*, Anglo-boarding-school model with real facilities, published exam outcomes and a campus built to support school life beyond the classroom. The special factor is not one headline statistic; it is the coherence of the proposition. Harrow Bangkok knows what it is. For the right student, that clarity is *a major strength*.

STRENGTHS	TRADE-OFFS
- Follows the English National Curriculum through to IGCSE and A Levels, and is a full member of FOBISIA, categorised as accredited via an approved inspectorate by the federation. 2024 A-Level results showed roughly half of all grades at A*/A, well above the UK's national average that year, with graduates matriculating to Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial and other Russell Group universities as well as US and Asian institutions. - Boarding is offered from Year 6 across four age- and gender-organised houses, making it one of the few schools in Bangkok offering a genuine boarding option alongside day places. - Part of the wider Harrow International Schools network (Bangkok, Beijing, Hong Kong, Shanghai) that shares a Board of Governors with Harrow School in the UK and moves staff between campuses. - Offers scholarships of up to 30% fee discount for students who excel academically, in music, or in sport, alongside a dedicated Oxbridge mentoring programme for sixth formers.	- Fees sit at the top end of the Bangkok international-school market, with day fees reported up to roughly THB 1,037,100 a year before one-off admission and deposit charges. - Admission carries substantial non-fee costs: a THB 225,000 non-refundable admission fee plus refundable deposits of THB 200,000 (day) or THB 275,000 (boarding), on top of a THB 5,000 application fee. - Entry testing and stated priority criteria (native English speakers, siblings already enrolled, students from English-medium or bilingual programmes) mean the assessment process can disadvantage families from non-English-speaking backgrounds. - With around 1,600 students across the age range, class sizes and cohort scale are large by international-school standards, and the school does not publish independently verified pupil-teacher ratios.

ADMISSIONS

Harrow Bangkok enrolls from 18 months through Year 13, with external entry commonly sought at Year 7, Year 9 and Year 12. All applicants sit English and maths assessments appropriate to their year group plus an interview; priority is reportedly given to native English speakers, siblings of current pupils, and boarding applicants. A non-refundable THB 5,000 application fee applies before assessment, and a THB 225,000 admission fee follows acceptance. Sixth-form entry is considered competitive given strong published A-Level outcomes, so early application is advisable.

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