

Harrow International School Hong Kong

Hong Kong, Hong Kong



A crescent-shaped Tuen Mun campus, modelled on Bath's Royal Crescent, houses Hong Kong's only formal weekly boarding and house system.

RANKING DIMENSIONS

Overall	69/100
Academic outcomes	74/100
University placement	72/100
Prestige & heritage	63/100
Alumni network	56/100
Facilities	75/100
Transparency	71/100

EDITOR'S VERDICT

The crescent-shaped Tuen Mun campus does a lot of the work here. Harrow International School Hong Kong has built a **distinctive** proposition in a crowded city market: a British independent-school model, an IB and British curriculum mix, and Hong Kong’s only formal weekly boarding alongside a house system that borrows directly from the English public-school playbook. Opened in ***2012***, it now enrolls ***1,650 pupils*** from Nursery to Year 13, taught in English, and it holds both IBO and CIS accreditation. For families who want a school that feels structurally closer to a UK boarding school than to a standard Hong Kong day school, that combination puts Harrow on the shortlist at once.

The appeal is clear, and so is the trade-off. This is not a loose, progressive campus selling informality. It is a **highly codified** all-through school with a strong institutional identity and a clear sense of ritual, belonging and hierarchy. Some pupils thrive in that framework; others will find it **too managed**. The boarding offer matters here even for day families, because it shapes the culture of the whole school: longer days, stronger house attachment, and a more contained social world than many urban international schools. Parents who value continuity from age 3 to 18, a traditional British school atmosphere, and the option of weekly boarding without leaving Hong Kong will find very few direct competitors.

Fees place it firmly in the premium bracket: the average annual day fee across the full school is ***HK\$215,000***, and the average annual boarding fee is ***HK\$350,000***. That pricing buys a **rare** market position, not just a badge. Harrow Hong Kong suits students who like structure, respond well to clear expectations, and want school life to extend beyond the timetable into houses, fixtures and community routines. It will also suit internationally mobile families who want a British-style education without giving up the IB pathway. It is less suited to children who need a deliberately relaxed culture, minimal institutional formality, or a school still working out what it wants to be. Harrow knows exactly what it is. For the right child, that **clarity** is the draw.

STRENGTHS

- The first and only school in Hong Kong to offer a formal British-style house-based weekly boarding system, with boarding available from Year 6 upward.
- Strong public examination outcomes reported by the school, including 99% of IGCSE candidates achieving C grades or above and 66% at A*.
- Purpose-built 400,000 sq ft campus near the Gold Coast in Tuen Mun, opened in 2012 with dedicated science, sports, and performing arts facilities.
- A genuinely international pupil body drawn from around 35-36 different nationalities, taught entirely in English with EAL support available.
- Clear, single-pathway British curriculum (National Curriculum, IGCSE, A-Level with EPQ) giving families a well-defined route to UK and international universities.

TRADE - OFFS

- Campus is in Tuen Mun in the New Territories, a considerable commute for families based on Hong Kong Island or in Kowloon.
- Fees sit in the premium band, with published tuition ranging roughly from HK\$170,000 to over HK\$200,000 a year depending on year group, plus boarding supplements for those who board.
- Pupils without inherited Capital Certificates or Debentures must pay an additional annual Capital Levy (currently HK\$60,000), a cost structure some rival day schools do not impose.
- Admissions are explicitly selective, with English-proficiency assessment for all applicants, making late or non-native-English entrants a harder fit.

ADMISSIONS

Harrow Hong Kong describes itself as selective, assessing aptitude, personality and English proficiency for all applicants regardless of entry year. Entry points run from K1 through to Year 12, with the school recommending application roughly 14 months to two years ahead of the desired start, ideally once an end-of-year report is available. Scholarships are offered at Year 6, Year 9 and Year 12 entry. Boarding places from Year 6 are competitive and sometimes used strategically to strengthen a day application.

WTS RATING 

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