## Parameters of Excellence: India's Top 10 Boarding Schools

Rank

| Rank |      |   |              |
|------|------|---|--------------|
| 2008 | 2009 | Academic reputation                                   | Rating (100) |
| 2    | 1    | St. Paul's School, Darjeeling                         | 86           |
| 3    | 2    | Mayo College, Ajmer                                   | 85           |
| 4    | 3    | The Doon School, Dehradun                             | 84           |
| 6    | 3    | Lawrence School Lovedale, Nilgiris                    | 84           |
| 8    | 4    | Lawrence School, Sanawar                              | 83           |
| NR   | 5    | Sarala Birla Academy, Bangalore                       | 82           |
| 6    | 5    | Welham Boys School, Dehradun                          | 82           |
| 6    | 5    | Sherwood College, Nainital                            | 82           |
| 7    | 5    | St. George's College, Mussoorie                       | 82           |
| 9    | 5    | St. John's International Residential School, Chennai  | 82           |
| 7    | 6    | Welham Girls School, Dehradun                         | 81           |
| 7    | 6    | RiverDale International Residential School, Pune      | 81           |
| 8    | 7    | Rishi Valley School, Chitoor                          | 80           |
| 5    | 7    | The Scindia School, Gwalior                           | 80           |
| 9    | 7    | Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer                      | 80           |
| NR   | 7    | New Era High School, Panchgani                        | 80           |
| 9    | 7    | Daly College, Indore                                  | 80           |
| 5    | 8    | Rashtriya Indian Military College,<br>Dehradun        | 79           |
| 4    | 8    | St. Joseph's School, North Point,<br>Darjeeling       | 79           |
| NR   | 8    | Bangalore Military School, Bangalore                  | 79           |
| NR   | 8    | Sela Qui World School, Dehradun                       | 79           |
| NR   | 9    | Chinmaya International Residential School, Coimbatore | 78           |
| NR   | 10   | Bishop Cotton School, Shimla                          | 77           |
| NR   | 10   | B.G.S. International Residential School,<br>Bangalore | 77           |
| 1    | 10   | Maharani Gayatri Devi Public School,<br>Jaipur        | 77           |
| 6    | 10   | Birla Vidya Mandir, Nainital                          | 77           |

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|------|------|---|--------------|
| 2008 | 2009 | Co-curricular education                             | Rating (100) |
| 1    | 1    | Sarala Birla Academy, Bangalore                     | 89           |
| 1    | 2    | Mayo College, Ajmer                                 | 88           |
| 1    | 2    | St. Paul's School, Darjeeling                       | 88           |
| 4    | 2    | Orchid International School, Nasik                  | 88           |
| 2    | 3    | The Doon School, Dehradun                           | 87           |
| 5    | 3    | The Scindia School, Gwalior                         | 87           |
| 6    | 4    | Sherwood College, Nainital                          | 86           |
| NR   | 5    | Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer                    | 85           |
| 2    | 6    | Lawrence School, Sanawar                            | 84           |
| 5    | 6    | Rashtriya Indian Military College,<br>Dehradun      | 84           |
| NR   | 6    | Maharani Gayatri Devi Public School,<br>Jaipur      | 84           |
| 6    | 7    | Rishi Valley School, Chitoor                        | 83           |
| 8    | 7    | Welham Boys School, Dehradun                        | 83           |
| NR   | 7    | Sainik School, Satara                               | 83           |
| 7    | 8    | Welham Girls School, Dehradun                       | 82           |
| 1    | 8    | Lawrence School Lovedale, Nilgiris                  | 82           |
| 7    | 8    | Bishop Cotton School, Shimla                        | 82           |
| 9    | 8    | Daly College, Indore                                | 82           |
| 3    | 8    | Jain International Residential School,<br>Bangalore | 82           |
| 7    | 9    | St. George's College, Mussoorie                     | 81           |
| NR   | 9    | Sela Qui World School, Dehradun                     | 81           |
| NR   | 9    | Shigally Hill International Academy,<br>Uttarakhand | 81           |
| 7    | 10   | St. Joseph's School, North Point,<br>Darjeeling     | 80           |
| NR   | 10   | RiverDale International Residential School, Pune    | 80           |
| 8    | 10   | Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie                     | 80           |
| 6    | 10   | Sainik School, Jamnagar                             | 80           |

Yet the school which has risen high in the public esteem in peninsular India is the Sarala Birla Academy, Bangalore which has vaulted into the Top 10 nationally and second position regionally

## St. Paul's School, Darjeeling



| Rank |      |  |              |
|------|------|--|--------------|
| 2008 | 2009 | Competence of faculty                                | Rating (200) |
| 1    | 1    | The Doon School, Dehradun                            | 181          |
| 2    | 2    | Mayo College, Ajmer                                  | 180          |
| 5    | 2    | Orchid International School, Nasik                   | 180          |
| 2    | 3    | Rishi Valley School, Chitoor                         | 179          |
| NR   | 3    | Sherwood College, Nainital                           | 179          |
| 6    | 4    | Lawrence School, Sanawar                             | 178          |
| 5    | 4    | Lawrence School Lovedale, Nilgiris                   | 178          |
| 7    | 4    | Army Public School, Dagshai                          | 178          |
| 2    | 5    | Sarala Birla Academy, Bangalore                      | 177          |
| 4    | 6    | The Scindia School, Gwalior                          | 176          |
| 6    | 7    | St. Paul's School, Darjeeling                        | 175          |
| NR   | 7    | Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer                     | 175          |
| 7    | 7    | Daly College, Indore                                 | 175          |
| 4    | 7    | St. Joseph's School, North Point,<br>Darjeeling      | 175          |
| 8    | 8    | Welham Girls School, Dehradun                        | 174          |
| 4    | 8    | St. George's College, Mussoorie                      | 174          |
| NR   | 8    | B.G.S. International Residential School, Bangalore   | 174          |
| 9    | 9    | Rashtriya Indian Military College,<br>Dehradun       | 172          |
| 3    | 9    | Maharani Gayatri Devi Public<br>School, Jaipur       | 172          |
| NR   | 9    | G.D. Birla Public School, Ranikhet                   | 172          |
| 10   | 10   | Bishop Cotton School, Shimla                         | 171          |
| NR   | 10   | St. John's International Residential School, Chennai | 171          |
| NR   | 10   | Mussoorie International School,<br>Mussoorie         | 171          |

## Rishi Valley School classroom



| Ra   | nk   |   |              |
|------|------|---|--------------|
| 2008 | 2009 | Individual attention to students                | Rating (100) |
| 2    | 1    | Rishi Valley School, Chitoor                    | 91           |
| 1    | 2    | The Doon School, Dehradun                       | 89           |
| NR   | 3    | New Era High School, Panchgani                  | 88           |
| 6    | 4    | Lawrence School, Sanawar                        | 87           |
| 2    | 4    | Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer                | 87           |
| 3    | 5    | Mayo College, Ajmer                             | 86           |
| 4    | 5    | Welham Girls School, Dehradun                   | 86           |
| 6    | 5    | Sarala Birla Academy, Bangalore                 | 86           |
| 10   | 6    | Welham Boys School, Dehradun                    | 85           |
| 3    | 7    | The Scindia School, Gwalior                     | 84           |
| 9    | 7    | Daly College, Indore                            | 84           |
| 7    | 7    | Orchid International School, Nasik              | 84           |
| NR   | 7    | Himali Boarding School, Kurseong                | 84           |
| 6    | 8    | St. Paul's School, Darjeeling                   | 83           |
| 4    | 8    | Lawrence School Lovedale, Nilgiris              | 83           |
| 7    | 8    | Bishop Cotton School, Shimla                    | 83           |
| 5    | 8    | Sherwood College, Nainital                      | 83           |
| 8    | 9    | Rashtriya Indian Military College,<br>Dehradun  | 82           |
| NR   | 9    | Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie                 | 82           |
| NR   | 10   | The Assam Valley School, Balipara               | 81           |
| 7    | 10   | St. Joseph's School, North Point,<br>Darjeeling | 81           |

| Rank |      |  |              |
|------|------|--|--------------|
| 2008 | 2009 | Value for money                                | Rating (100) |
| 2    | 1    | Rishi Valley School, Chitoor                   | 85           |
| 5    | 2    | Lawrence School Lovedale, Nilgiris             | 82           |
| NR   | 3    | Himali Boarding School, Kurseong               | 79           |
| 3    | 4    | The Doon School, Dehradun                      | 75           |
| NR   | 4    | Daly College, Indore                           | 75           |
| 6    | 5    | Lawrence School, Sanawar                       | 74           |
| 4    | 5    | Rashtriya Indian Military College,<br>Dehradun | 74           |
| NR   | 5    | Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior               | 74           |
| 5    | 6    | Welham Girls School, Dehradun                  | 73           |
| NR   | 6    | Sarala Birla Academy, Bangalore                | 73           |
| 6    | 7    | Mayo College, Ajmer                            | 72           |
| 4    | 7    | The Scindia School, Gwalior                    | 72           |
| NR   | 7    | The Assam Valley School, Balipara              | 72           |
| NR   | 8    | New Era High School, Panchgani                 | 71           |
| NR   | 8    | B.G.S. Intl. Residential, Bangalore            | 71           |
| NR   | 9    | St. Paul's School, Darjeeling                  | 70           |
| 9    | 9    | Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer               | 70           |
| NR   | 10   | St. George's College, Mussoorie                | 69           |

| Rai  | nk   |   |              |
|------|------|---|--------------|
| 2008 | 2009 | Honesty/integrity                                     | Rating (100) |
| 1    | 1    | Rishi Valley School, Chitoor                          | 88           |
| 3    | 2    | The Doon School, Dehradun                             | 84           |
| 5    | 3    | Lawrence School, Sanawar                              | 82           |
| 2    | 3    | St. Paul's School, Darjeeling                         | 82           |
| 2    | 3    | Welham Boys School, Dehradun                          | 82           |
| 4    | 3    | St. George's College, Mussoorie                       | 82           |
| NR   | 3    | Himali Boarding School, Kurseong                      | 82           |
| NR   | 3    | RiverDale International Residential School, Pune      | 82           |
| 3    | 4    | Welham Girls School, Dehradun                         | 81           |
| NR   | 4    | Sarala Birla Academy, Bangalore                       | 81           |
| 4    | 4    | Daly College, Indore                                  | 81           |
| NR   | 4    | The Assam Valley School, Balipara                     | 81           |
| 8    | 4    | St. John's International Residential School, Chennai  | 81           |
| 3    | 4    | Birla Vidya Mandir, Nainital                          | 81           |
| 3    | 5    | Army Public School, Dagshai                           | 80           |
| 6    | 5    | St. Joseph's School, North Point,<br>Darjeeling       | 80           |
| 7    | 5    | Chinmaya International Residential School, Coimbatore | 80           |
| NR   | 5    | Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior                      | 80           |
| 2    | 6    | The Scindia School, Gwalior                           | 79           |
| 5    | 6    | Bishop Cotton School, Shimla                          | 79           |
| 5    | 6    | Rashtriya Indian Military College,<br>Dehradun        | 79           |
| NR   | 6    | Bangalore Military School, Bangalore                  | 79           |
| 3    | 7    | Lawrence School Lovedale, Nilgiris                    | 78           |
| NR   | 7    | B.G.S. International Residential School,<br>Bangalore | 78           |
| 8    | 7    | Shigally Hill International Academy,<br>Dehradun      | 78           |
| 6    | 8    | Mayo College, Ajmer                                   | 77           |
| 5    | 8    | Maharani Gayatri Devi Public School,<br>Jaipur        | 77           |
| 5    | 8    | Mussoorie International School,<br>Mussoorie          | 77           |
| 8    | 9    | Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer                      | 76           |
| NR   | 9    | New Era High School, Panchgani                        | 76           |
| 10   | 9    | The Blue Mountain School, Ooty                        | 76           |
| 2    | 9    | G.D. Birla Public School, Ranikhet                    | 76           |
| NR   | 10   | Kasiga School, Dehradun                               | 74           |
| 10   | 10   | Sainik School, Jamnagar                               | 74           |

| Rank |      |   |              |
|------|------|---|--------------|
| 2008 | 2009 | Leadership/management quality                           | Rating (100) |
| 1    | 1    | The Doon School, Dehradun                               | 89           |
| 2    | 2    | Rishi Valley School, Chitoor                            | 87           |
| 6    | 2    | The Scindia School, Gwalior                             | 87           |
| 5    | 2    | Sherwood College, Nainital                              | 87           |
| 3    | 3    | Welham Girls School, Dehradun                           | 86           |
| 5    | 3    | Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer                        | 86           |
| NR   | 3    | Army Public School, Dagshai                             | 86           |
| 7    | 4    | Mayo College, Ajmer                                     | 85           |
| 4    | 4    | St. Paul's School, Darjeeling                           | 85           |
| NR   | 4    | New Era High School, Panchgani                          | 85           |
| 5    | 4    | Orchid International School, Nasik                      | 85           |
| 10   | 5    | Welham Boys School, Dehradun                            | 84           |
| 3    | 6    | Lawrence School, Sanawar                                | 83           |
| NR   | 6    | B.G.S. International Residential School, Bangalore      | 83           |
| 4    | 7    | Sarala Birla Academy, Bangalore                         | 82           |
| NR   | 7    | Himali Boarding School, Kurseong                        | 82           |
| 8    | 8    | Rashtriya Indian Military College,<br>Dehradun          | 81           |
| 9    | 9    | Bishop Cotton School, Shimla                            | 80           |
| NR   | 9    | The Assam Valley School, Balipara                       | 80           |
| 3    | 10   | St. George's College, Mussoorie                         | 79           |
| 3    | 10   | St. John's International Residential<br>School, Chennai | 79           |

With an inherited tradition of according sports and co-curricular education as much importance as academics, boarding schools need to be assessed and evaluated with altogether different yardsticks



Welham Girls principal Jyotsna Brar

| Ra   | nk   |   |              |
|------|------|---|--------------|
| 2008 | 2009 | Admissions transparency                             | Rating (100) |
| NR   | 1    | Himali Boarding School, Kurseong                    | 86           |
| 7    | 2    | The Scindia School, Gwalior                         | 84           |
| 10   | 2    | B.G.S. International Residential School, Bangalore  | 84           |
| 3    | 3    | Welham Girls School, Dehradun                       | 83           |
| NR   | 3    | New Era High School, Panchgani                      | 83           |
| NR   | 3    | The Assam Valley School, Balipara                   | 83           |
| 1    | 4    | Rishi Valley School, Chitoor                        | 81           |
| 3    | 5    | Mayo College, Ajmer                                 | 79           |
| NR   | 5    | Sarala Birla Academy, Bangalore                     | 79           |
| 6    | 5    | Bishop Cotton School, Shimla                        | 79           |
| 3    | 6    | Lawrence School, Sanawar                            | 78           |
| 7    | 6    | St. Paul's School, Darjeeling                       | 78           |
| NR   | 7    | Daly College, Indore                                | 77           |
| 3    | 8    | Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer                    | 76           |
| NR   | 8    | Jain International Residential School,<br>Bangalore | 76           |
| NR   | 9    | Kasiga School, Dehradun                             | 75           |
| 4    | 9    | The Doon School, Dehradun                           | 75           |
| NR   | 9    | Welham Boys School, Dehradun                        | 75           |
| 2    | 9    | Sainik School, Satara                               | 75           |
| 6    | 10   | Lawrence School Lovedale, Nilgiris                  | 74           |
| 2    | 10   | Maharani Gayatri Devi Public School,<br>Jaipur      | 74           |
| NR   | 10   | Birla Vidya Mandir, Nainital                        | 74           |

| Ra   | Rank |  |              |
|------|------|--|--------------|
| 2008 | 2009 | Infrastructure provision                       | Rating (100) |
| 1    | 1    | The Doon School, Dehradun                      | 93           |
| 5    | 2    | Lawrence School, Sanawar                       | 89           |
| 2    | 3    | Mayo College, Ajmer                            | 88           |
| 3    | 3    | Welham Girls School, Dehradun                  | 88           |
| 6    | 3    | Daly College, Indore                           | 88           |
| 4    | 4    | St. Paul's School, Darjeeling                  | 87           |
| 4    | 4    | Bishop Cotton School, Shimla                   | 87           |
| NR   | 4    | New Era High School, Panchgani                 | 87           |
| 5    | 4    | Sherwood College, Nainital                     | 87           |
| 2    | 5    | The Scindia School, Gwalior                    | 86           |
| 10   | 5    | Sarala Birla Academy, Bangalore                | 86           |
| 4    | 5    | Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer               | 86           |
| 7    | 5    | Welham Boys School, Dehradun                   | 86           |
| 4    | 5    | Rashtriya Indian Military College,<br>Dehradun | 86           |
| 3    | 5    | Army Public School, Dagshai                    | 86           |

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|------|------|---|--------------|
| 2008 | 2009 | Sports education                                      | Rating (100) |
| 6    | 1    | Mayo College, Ajmer                                   | 91           |
| 1    | 2    | St. Paul's School, Darjeeling                         | 86           |
| 10   | 2    | Army Public School, Dagshai                           | 86           |
| NR   | 3    | Mayo College Girls School, Ajmer                      | 85           |
| 6    | 4    | Sarala Birla Academy, Bangalore                       | 84           |
| 3    | 4    | Rashtriya Indian Military College,<br>Dehradun        | 84           |
| 5    | 4    | Sherwood College, Nainital                            | 84           |
| NR   | 4    | Bangalore Military School, Bangalore                  | 84           |
| 4    | 5    | Lawrence School Lovedale, Nilgiris                    | 83           |
| 7    | 5    | Welham Boys School, Dehradun                          | 83           |
| 5    | 6    | The Doon School, Dehradun                             | 82           |
| 5    | 6    | Welham Girls School, Dehradun                         | 82           |
| 5    | 6    | Bishop Cotton School, Shimla                          | 82           |
| 3    | 6    | Sainik School, Jamnagar                               | 82           |
| 6    | 7    | Lawrence School, Sanawar                              | 81           |
| 7    | 7    | The Scindia School, Gwalior                           | 81           |
| NR   | 7    | Orchid International School, Nasik                    | 81           |
| NR   | 7    | Sainik School, Satara                                 | 81           |
| NR   | 8    | St. George's College, Mussoorie                       | 80           |
| 9    | 9    | Chinmaya International Residential School, Coimbatore | 79           |
| 8    | 9    | Wynberg Allen School, Mussoorie                       | 79           |
| NR   | 9    | Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior                      | 79           |
| 10   | 10   | Maharani Gayatri Devi Public School,<br>Jaipur        | 78           |
| NR   | 10   | Sela Qui World School, Dehradun                       | 78           |

| NR | 5  | B.G.S. International Residential School,<br>Bangalore | 86 |
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| 6  | 6  | Rishi Valley School, Chitoor                          | 85 |
| 8  | 6  | St. Joseph's School, North Point,<br>Darjeeling       | 85 |
| 5  | 7  | St. George's College, Mussoorie                       | 84 |
| 4  | 8  | Lawrence School Lovedale, Nilgiris                    | 83 |
| 5  | 8  | St. John's International Residential School, Chennai  | 83 |
| 3  | 8  | Jain International Residential School,<br>Bangalore   | 83 |
| NR | 8  | Birla Vidya Mandir, Nainital                          | 83 |
| NR | 9  | The Assam Valley School, Balipara                     | 82 |
| 5  | 10 | Orchid International School, Nasik                    | 81 |
| 3  | 10 | Maharani Gayatri Devi Public School,<br>Jaipur        | 81 |
| NR | 10 | The Blue Mountain School, Ooty                        | 81 |