



**Glenalmond College**  
*Space and time to learn*

**The Sixth Form  
Experience**



## The Sixth Form Experience at Glenalmond

**The Sixth Form Experience at Glenalmond is truly special.**

**We understand that Sixth Form pupils still require guidance, but are at a stage in their life where autonomy is also important. In Sixth Form, Glenalmond pupils experience the best of what makes the school unique: the combination of academic choice and progress, intellectual challenge, rich co-curricular opportunities, and leadership of our learning community.**



The Sixth Form curriculum allows for both choice and variety, with pupils selecting to study either four A Levels or six Scottish Highers in the Lower Sixth, with the intention of continuing with three A Levels or five Scottish Highers in the Upper Sixth. This maintains breadth of experience and allows a more mature final choice of exam subjects. We also encourage all Lower Sixth pupils to complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) - a formal research project on any topic, worth half an A-Level - and provide time for them to do so. Given the variety of options available, our academic pupils regularly apply to university with three A-Levels, a Scottish Higher in a foreign language and an EPQ. This makes them attractive applicants to any university, especially given that they will already have their Higher language and EPQ results confirmed at the time of making their UCAS application.

Sixth Form are also encouraged to plan for the future, and consider their career aspirations throughout the two year programme. All pupils at Glenalmond are registered with the Morrisby Career Guidance Program and take a profiling assessment to give guidance on subject choice, university course choice and career suitability. In addition, Sixth Form pupils attend a weekly lecture where topics range from career advice, gap year options, charity work and inspirational speakers. Ninety-eight percent of our Sixth Form Leavers go on to further education, with the majority taking up places at Russell Group universities. Pupils are led through every stage of the UCAS process and all applications are closely monitored by the Head of Sixth Form.





In the Lower Sixth, pupils attend supervised study when they do not have timetabled lessons, an opportunity to complete the necessary independent learning required in Sixth Form. In the Upper Sixth, pupils are extended a greater level of freedom and choose to work without supervision in the Upper Sixth study room, the Library, or in departments such as Art or Technology.

Whilst Academia remains the primary focus throughout Sixth Form, the pupils know how to have fun as well. The Sixth Form Centre, known as the Moncrieff Centre, becomes the venue for a weekly Sixth Form social, where pupils come to relax with friends before dancing commences downstairs. These socials are themed each week and pupils are encouraged to dress up for a chance to win the coveted

'best dressed crown'. Throughout the year there are also three significant formal events that are considered to be highlights of the social calendar, the St. Andrews Ball, Burns Supper and much-desired Valentines Ball.

Almost all of the Lower Sixth choose to take part in the three day Leadership Challenge towards the end of the Trinity Term where they are put through a gruelling set of long distance and overnight challenges by a group of Royal Marine Commandos. This process puts Sixth Formers well outside their comfort zone, but many of our leavers consider this as one of the most memorable experiences of their time at Glenalmond. The Upper Sixth then have varied opportunities to exercise leadership in Houses, teams, clubs, activities and across the college. They set the tone for the whole school.

### **Lent Term 2020**

Monday 6 January - Friday 20 March

Half Term: Friday 7 February - Sunday 16 February

### **Trinity Term 2020**

Tuesday 14 April - Saturday 27 June

Half Term: Friday 22 May - Sunday 31 May

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