



Cairnies

Cairnies Junior House

OPENING SEPTEMBER 2017



Glenalmond College

Cairnies, the new Junior House at Glenalmond College, will open in September 2017.



Our busy and lively new Junior House provides the perfect transition to senior school, giving boys aged 12-14 the space to grow, learn and play with a level of support and pastoral care specifically suited to younger pupils.



Close to the outdoor classroom, Cairnies Woods, Glenalmond's golf course and its own playing fields, Cairnies is an excellent base for junior year groups.

Friendships will be made, new activities tried, fresh challenges faced... all within the supportive environment of a house full of boys sharing new interests and experiences.





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Our Vision for Cairnies Junior House

Young boys need to be busy and engaged, experiencing a rich variety of activities, including sports, music, drama, art, cultural and cerebral events. All Cairnies boys will be encouraged to try out as many new sports, activities and pursuits as possible, making the most of the opportunities available to them and finding out what they are good at, or not so good at! We will help each boy to develop a programme of learning and activities to ensure a breadth of experience, ensuring that the boys get the most from their time in Cairnies before they move on to the senior houses. Throughout the year there will be a number of formal and informal social events held in Cairnies for the junior boys and girls.



Links with the Senior Houses

As a separate junior house, Cairnies provides a welcoming environment for boys to settle into their new school, bonding as a year group. Links with the senior houses are clearly very important and during their time in Cairnies the boys will have plenty of interaction with prefects and housemasters from all of the senior boys' houses. This will enable the boys and their parents to select their senior house during Third Form. From that point, the Cairnies boys will compete in inter-house competitions for their future senior boarding house.





Facilities

Within the recently refurbished boarding house, boys will be sharing in a combination of double rooms and small dorms.

The downstairs common room is a wonderfully warm and inviting space, easily accommodating all of the boys. There is also space for the boys to do supervised prep each evening.

Adjacent to the House there are sports fields and an outside classroom, where the pupils can experience the fun of bushcraft activities and learn to cook outdoors. Close to Cairnies is Glenalmond's own James Braid designed golf course, so the boys will have plenty of opportunities to play some golf in addition to other sports.



Routine

The junior boys will spend their whole day in the main school and will have access to all of the same facilities for music, sport, drama and activities as the senior boys. There will be minibus transport between Cairnies and the main part of the school. All the pupils will share the same classrooms and teachers, and will continue to eat together in the Dining Hall.





The House Team, led by the Housemaster, Mr Peter Golden



“I joined Glenalmond in 2010 as a housemaster of a senior boys’ boarding House. I also run the golf and an exchange programme with an American school. My wife, Linda, also works at the school in the External Relations department.

The House team includes Assistant Housemaster Mr Rich Myers – a young and enthusiastic geography teacher, who looks after cross country running and will ensure the boys are able to enjoy early morning exercise, if they wish! Yvonne Deuchar, our wonderful Matron, has been with me in the boarding house for the last two years and is the ideal person to work with the youngest pupils in our school.



Please do come along to see Cairnies House for yourself. I would be delighted to discuss your son’s needs and how we can help develop his talents; ensuring that he thrives within a happy and caring seven day boarding school environment.”

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