



Glenalmond College

**Prospectus**  
2026





# Welcome



**For nearly 180 years, Glensalmond College has stood as Scotland's most distinguished independent school, a place where academic excellence, rich tradition and an extraordinary setting combine to offer pupils an education that is truly exceptional.**

Nestled in 300 acres of Perthshire countryside, Glensalmond College is more than a school. It is a community built on high expectations, deep-rooted values and a genuine belief in the potential of every pupil. Our innovative academic programme challenges and inspires, our pastoral care is exceptional, and the breadth of opportunity from the arts and sport to outdoor adventure and leadership, is unrivalled.

We are proud of our heritage, and equally proud of what Glensalmond College continues to represent today: a school that combines the very best of tradition with a forward thinking approach to education, producing confident, well rounded young people who are prepared for the demands and opportunities of the world ahead.

As you explore this prospectus, we hope you will gain a sense of what makes Glensalmond special and why, for so many families, it remains the finest choice in British independent education.

We look forward to welcoming you to Glensalmond.

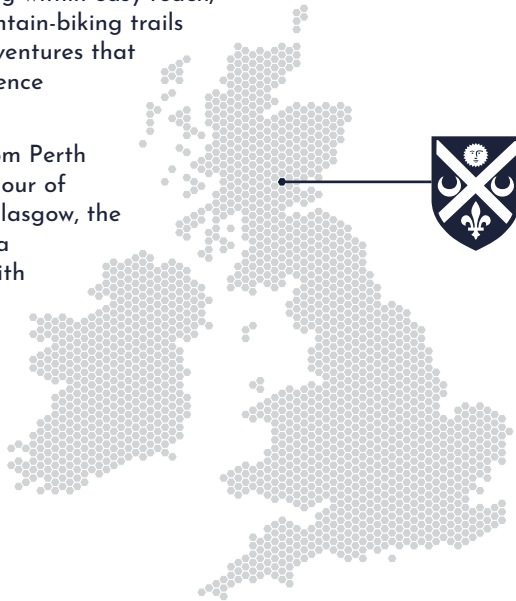
# Our Location

**Our location is more than a backdrop: it shapes school life. Pupils work and learn within a landscape that inspires focus, wellbeing and a sense of balance.**

Set within the stunning Perthshire countryside, on the edge of the Scottish Highlands, Glenalmond offers young people unfiltered access to the great outdoors - clean air, open space and the freedom to roam, explore and grow away from the pressures of city life.

Weekends often bring outdoor opportunities: cross-country routes across our 300-acre estate, winter mountaineering in the nearby Highlands, indoor and outdoor climbing within easy reach, dedicated mountain-biking trails on site, and adventures that build independence and resilience.

Just 13 miles from Perth and within an hour of Edinburgh or Glasgow, the College enjoys a rural campus with excellent connections to Scotland's main transport hubs and with easy travel access to London.





# The story of Glenalmond

**Founded in 1847 by the future Prime Minister William Gladstone, Glenalmond College was created with a clear purpose: to provide an exceptional education shaped by integrity, scholarship and service.**

Its early years were defined by a strong classical curriculum and a close connection to the Scottish outdoors, values that continue to underpin school life today.

Over the decades, Glenalmond has grown into a vibrant co-educational community while remaining true to its founding ethos. The College played an important role during both World Wars, with pupils and former pupils serving with distinction, and the post-war era saw significant expansion of academic, artistic and sporting facilities.

Today, Glenalmond stands as a school shaped by three centuries of heritage and forward ambition. Its history is not simply preserved in buildings and traditions, but lived every day through the character, curiosity and aspiration of its pupils.



## A Community of Scholars

Our pupils go on to study at some of the most prestigious universities including Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial College London, the London School of Economics, Durham, Edinburgh, St Andrews, Bristol, Exeter and Loughborough.

The breadth of destinations reflects the breadth of the education we provide. Our leavers pursue courses spanning the full academic spectrum – from Engineering and Mathematics to International Relations, Law, Languages, English, Business Management and Accountancy and Finance – each finding a path that reflects their individual strengths and ambitions.

*"When I visited Glenalmond, it was meeting the teachers that made my decision, you could tell they were truly invested in their subjects and their pupils. You also have so many opportunities; co-curricular activities work in tandem with the academics."*

### Bettina

Upper Sixth, offer from Wadham College, Oxford to study French and English



## Academic Excellence

### Our results speak for themselves.

In 2026, 100% of Sixth Form pupils have received university offers, with large percentages holding multiple offers and Russell Group offers including Oxford and Cambridge. This is a reflection of both the academic rigour we expect and the individual guidance every pupil receives throughout the process.

At Glenalmond, we do not simply prepare pupils for exams. We prepare them for life beyond school, supporting each individual to find the right path, make confident choices and take their next steps with ambition and self belief.

*"What I instantly loved about Glenalmond was the academic rigour and feeling supported by teachers who created such a wonderful learning environment."*

*"When I received my offer to read Mathematics at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, I realised how lucky I am to have had such dedicated teachers around me."*

### Raheim

Upper Sixth, offer from St Catharine's College, Cambridge to study Mathematics



# Academic Pathways

At Glenalmond College, pupils follow a well established academic pathway, studying GCSEs in Fourth and Fifth Form before progressing to A Levels in the Sixth Form.

Alongside A Levels, pupils may choose from a select range of BTEC qualifications including Countryside Management, and Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. The range of study pathways reflects the interests of our pupils.

Our Sixth Form curriculum comprises over 20 subjects, enabling every pupil to build a personalised combination that reflects their strengths, university ambitions and long-term aspirations. International pupils additionally have the opportunity to sit GCSE or A Level examinations in their native language.

A defining strength of Glenalmond is the calibre of its teaching staff. Teachers live on campus, contributing to a vibrant seven-day-a-week community and offering pupils continuity, encouragement and academic challenge.

**According to the Times Good University Guide 2026, six of the UK's top ten universities are represented among our recent leavers' destinations:**

1. London School of Economics
2. University of St Andrews
3. Durham University
- 4= University of Cambridge
- 4= University of Oxford
6. Imperial College London





# International Pathways

## English as an additional language (EAL)

Glenalmond welcomes pupils from many linguistic backgrounds and our specialist English as an Additional Language (EAL) support is designed to help international pupils flourish throughout their time at school.

Pupils are expected to have at least an intermediate level of English on arrival and they should be able to manage the normal academic curriculum of the school.

Upon arrival, pupils whose first language is not English complete a diagnostic assessment with the EAL department. This helps us understand each pupil's current level and ensure they receive the right support from the start.

The primary aim of the EAL programme is to develop confidence and proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing, enabling pupils to fully engage with their academic subjects and school life.

# Boarding Life

**Boarding at Glenalmond is centred around our houses, to which both boarders and day pupils belong. Each house has its own history, traditions and strong sense of identity. These houses create warm, settled environments where pupils feel known, supported and part of a close community.**

Every house is led by a resident Housemaster or Housemistress who lives on site with their family and is supported by a dedicated team of tutors and matrons. Together, they ensure pupils receive consistent pastoral care, clear routines and the day-to-day guidance that helps them thrive. Houses are intentionally mixed by age, enabling younger pupils to feel supported while older pupils develop leadership and mentoring skills. House prefects also give additional support for boarders.

Houses participate in social events in a variety of ways, as a school, as a year group, as a twinned house or as a solo house, all of which allow for greater integration into school life. For pupils, their house becomes a true home from home: a place of belonging, friendship, and confidence-building that shapes their Glenalmond experience.





# Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

**Pastoral care is at the heart of life at Glenalmond College, ensuring every young person feels known, supported and able to thrive.**

Our structures are deliberately designed to promote wellbeing, resilience and balanced personal growth. Each pupil belongs to a House-based tutor group, meeting their tutor three times a week for academic guidance and individual pastoral support. This daily continuity is complemented by a dedicated Wellbeing Lead, who oversees the school's wellbeing strategy and works closely with staff, pupils and families to ensure each child receives age-appropriate guidance and care.

Our Pupil Peer Support Programme, launched in 2022, adds another strong layer of support. Open to Fifth and Sixth Form pupils, the programme includes specialist training designed to strengthen active listening skills, empathy and emotional intelligence. Peer supporters play a meaningful role in helping younger pupils navigate challenges and build confidence within a supportive community.

Glenalmond is also one of the very few schools to operate a 24/7 on-site Medical Centre, staffed by nurses with expertise in both physical and mental health, ensuring round-the-clock care when pupils need it most.

## Guardianship

For families living overseas, a UK Guardian is required. Guardians act on behalf of parents as needed, offering practical support and a trusted point of contact—while not replacing the legal responsibilities of parents. Our Admissions Team provides full guidance on guardianship expectations and approved guardianship arrangements throughout the application process.

# Co-curricular Life

A Glensalmond education extends far beyond the classroom. Co-curricular life is central to the pupil experience, offering breadth, challenge and the opportunity to discover new interests, develop existing talents and build confidence.

With over 120 sports, activities, clubs and societies, every pupil is encouraged to take part and find their place. Whether on the sports field, on stage, in the mountains or in the music rehearsal room, pupils develop skills that will stay with them long after they leave. Sport plays a significant role in College life, supported by expert coaching and excellent facilities. Glensalmond College regularly takes part on team challenges such as the Scottish Island Peaks Race and raising funds for MND charity Doddie Aid with endurance cycling events. Alongside this, a vibrant creative programme sees pupils regularly performing in concerts, productions and recitals, with opportunities to participate at both school and national level. The co-curricular programme is not simply about participation, but about growth, encouraging pupils to challenge themselves, support one another and develop a lifelong curiosity for the world around them.

Outdoor learning is a defining feature of a Glensalmond education. Our location provides pupils with regular access to a stunning natural environment, where learning extends beyond the classroom and into real-world experience. Pupils take part in a wide range of activities including mountain biking, climbing, hillwalking, canoeing and expeditions, with opportunities to explore the Scottish Highlands throughout the year. Experiences such as Munro Day, weekend expeditions and seasonal activities, including winter mountaineering, are embedded in school life and available to pupils of all abilities.

Founded in 1875, Glensalmond's Combined Cadet Force is one of the oldest school-based cadet forces in the country and is a core part of school life, with all pupils participating from Third Form. Pupils join the Royal Navy, Army or RAF sections, developing leadership, teamwork and resilience through training and camps. Many continue beyond Fourth Form, with senior cadets in Fifth and Sixth Form progressing to NCO roles, taking responsibility for leading, instructing and supporting younger pupils.





## Spaces that inspire

**Glenalmond's facilities reflect both the ambition of its education and the breadth of opportunities available to pupils.**

The College offers an exceptional range of spaces that support academic, creative and physical development.

Recent investment has further enhanced the pupil experience, including the transformation of the Sixth Form Centre into a modern, collegiate-style environment, and the refurbishment of boarding house common rooms, creating welcoming, contemporary spaces for both study and relaxation.

Our academic facilities include specialist science laboratories and dedicated spaces for design and technology, providing an environment that encourages curiosity and independent thinking.

The performing arts are supported by a fully equipped theatre and a music recital hall, both central to the cultural life of the College.



# Spaces to excel

**Sporting provision is equally extensive, with a 25-metre indoor swimming pool, sports hall, multiple pitches and a wide range of training environments.**

Additional specialist facilities include a golf course, indoor golf performance hub, rifle range and archery provision.

Every aspect of the campus is designed to provide pupils with the resources, environment and support they need to achieve their full potential.

## **Our facilities include:**

- Golf course (9-hole)
- Golf Academy
- River Almond for fishing
- Cricket pitches
- Rugby pitches
- Hockey pitches
- Tennis courts
- Indoor swimming pool
- Sports hall
- Shooting range
- Squash courts
- Climbing wall
- Theatre
- Music school and practice rooms
- Recital hall
- Chapel
- 24-hour Medical centre
- Sixth Form Centre and cafe
- Library



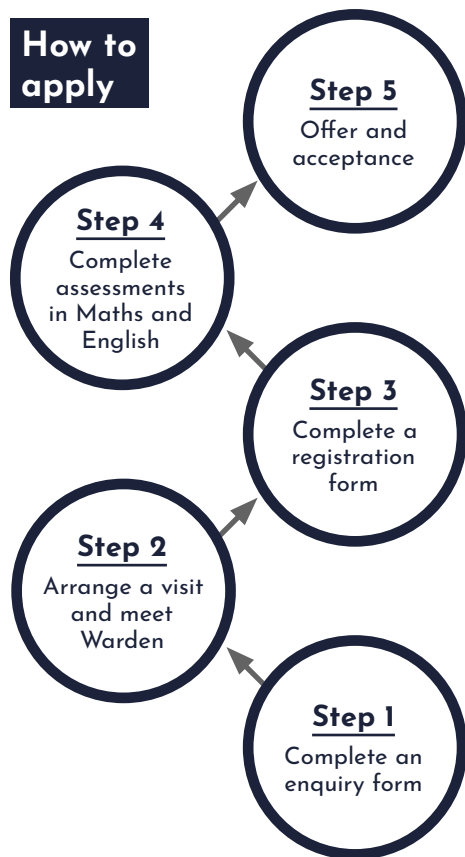


## Admissions

Choosing the right school is an important decision, and we aim to make the admissions process as clear and welcoming as possible.

At Glenalmond, we take time to understand each child as an individual, ensuring that every pupil who joins us will thrive within our community and make the most of the opportunities on offer.

## How to apply



## International applications

Glenalmond welcomes pupils from around the world, with approximately 20% coming from overseas.

Almost 70% of our pupils board, and enjoy a fully integrated British boarding school experience.

Whether your child is fluent in English or needs additional help we are able to provide the right amount of support. Our international pupils make a major contribution to the diversity and life here at Glenalmond.

We are delighted to help with any visa requirements and we work with Sable International, our visa consultant, to support families with the visa application process on acceptance of a place at Glenalmond.

As a full boarding school, we have a 7-day week programme, it is vital that all our boarders enjoy a home-away-from-home experience and feel secure and supported throughout their stay with us.

During 'Leave Out' weekends, pupils are able to stay at the College and enjoy trips and activities around Scotland. There are two Leave Out weekends in the Michaelmas and Lent Term, and one in Trinity Term.

## Scholarships and Bursaries

Glenalmond offers a range of Scholarships and Bursaries to recognise talent and ensure that a Glenalmond education is accessible to pupils with the ability to benefit from all that the College offers.

Scholarships are awarded to pupils who demonstrate excellence and potential across a range of disciplines, including Academic, Sport, Music, Drama and Creative Arts, as well as Outdoor Pursuits. These awards recognise achievement and commitment, and scholars are expected to play a full and active role in College life, contributing to their chosen area.

Bursaries are means-tested and awarded at the discretion of the College to families who require financial support. They are designed to enable talented pupils to access a Glenalmond education regardless of financial circumstance, ensuring a diverse and inclusive school community.

All awards are subject to the College's admissions process, and families are encouraged to discuss options with the Admissions team at an early stage.

## Travelling to Glenalmond

Glenalmond College is well connected, offering convenient access by air, rail and road while retaining the benefits of its rural setting.

### By Air

The College is within easy reach of Scotland's main international airports. Edinburgh and Glasgow airports offer a wide range of domestic and international connections, and transfers to and from the College can be arranged.

### By Rail

Perth Railway Station is the nearest mainline station, located approximately 20 minutes from the College. Perth is well connected to major cities across the UK, including direct services to Edinburgh, Glasgow, London and Inverness, Edinburgh Train Station is just 4 hours from London. Taxi transfers from Perth Railway Station are straightforward and readily available.

### By Road

Glenalmond is situated approximately 12.5 miles from Perth, with easy access to Scotland's main road networks. The College is around one hour from both Edinburgh and Glasgow, making it readily accessible from across Scotland and beyond.



## Contact us info

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