



Glenalmond College

# International Parent Guide

Scotland's Leading Full  
Boarding Experience



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# Welcome to Glenalmond College

**Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions a family will make.**

At Glenalmond College, we provide a transformational boarding education that combines academic excellence, exceptional pastoral care, outstanding outdoor learning opportunities and preparation for success at leading universities worldwide.

Located in the heart of Scotland, Glenalmond offers a safe, supportive and inspiring environment where young people develop the confidence, character and skills needed to thrive in an increasingly global world.

Our pupils leave Glenalmond not only with excellent qualifications, but also with resilience, independence, leadership skills and friendships that last a lifetime.

# Why Families Choose Glenalmond

## Key Facts

- Co-educational boarding and day school
- Pupils aged 12-18
- Beautiful 300-acre campus in Perthshire, Scotland
- Less than one hour from Edinburgh International Airport
- Average class size of 11 pupils
- More than 25 nationalities represented
- 70% of pupils are full boarders
- Full boarding experience with activities seven days a week
- GCSE, A-Level and BTEC pathways
- Dedicated English as an Additional Language (EAL) support

At Glenalmond, every pupil is known as an individual and supported to achieve their full potential.





# Academic Excellence and University Success

## Academic achievement is central to life at Glenalmond.

Small class sizes allow our teachers to provide personalised support and challenge every pupil to achieve their best.

Our curriculum is designed to prepare pupils for entry to leading universities in the UK and around the world.

### Recent University Destinations Include:

- Oxford
- Imperial College London
- London School of Economics
- University College London
- King's College London
- St Andrews
- Durham
- Edinburgh
- Bath
- Warwick
- Leeds
- Manchester
- Exeter

Glenalmond pupils develop the academic skills, confidence and ambition needed to succeed in higher education and beyond.

# Curriculum Pathways



## GCSE Programme (Ages 14-16)

Pupils follow a broad curriculum designed to provide strong academic foundations and prepare them for advanced study.

## A-Level Programme (Ages 16-18)

With more than 20 A-Level subjects available, pupils can choose courses that align with their university aspirations and career ambitions.

## BTEC Qualifications

Glenalmond also offers specialist BTEC qualifications in:

- Countryside Management
- Enterprise and Entrepreneurship

These programmes provide practical, career-focused learning alongside academic study.





# Outstanding Boarding and Pastoral Care

**For many families, boarding is about much more than accommodation.**

At Glenalmond, boarding is the heart of our community.

**Our six boarding houses provide:**

- A welcoming family environment
- Dedicated Houseparents and pastoral teams
- Tutor support
- Peer mentoring programmes
- Strong pastoral care systems

Every pupil belongs to a tutor group and receives regular support and guidance throughout their school journey.

We pride ourselves on creating an environment where pupils feel safe, supported and able to flourish.

# Safety, Wellbeing and Medical Care



The safety and wellbeing of every pupil is our highest priority.

**Glenalmond offers:**

- Secure 300-acre campus
- 24-hour boarding supervision
- Dedicated pastoral support
- On-site Medical Centre operating 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Mental health and wellbeing support
- Structured weekend activities and supervision

Parents can be reassured that their child will be supported academically, emotionally and physically throughout their time at Glenalmond.





# Supporting International Pupils

We understand both the opportunities and challenges of studying overseas.

Our specialist English as an Additional Language (EAL) Department provides:

- English language assessment
- Tailored EAL tuition
- Academic vocabulary support
- IELTS preparation
- Integration support within school life

International pupils quickly become valued members of our community while developing the language skills required for academic success and university progression.

Our diverse community includes pupils from more than 25 nationalities, creating a truly international environment.

# Beyond the Classroom



**Education at Glenalmond extends far beyond academic study.**

With over 80 clubs, activities and societies available, pupils are encouraged to discover new interests and develop existing talents.

## **Sports**

- Rugby
- Hockey
- Cricket
- Golf
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Basketball
- Athletics
- Football- in partnership with Chelsea Football Club.

## **Outdoor Learning**

- Mountain biking
- Climbing
- Kayaking
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Conservation
- Fishing
- Archery
- Hill walking

## **Creative and Performing Arts**

- Music
- Drama
- Art
- Theatre productions
- Pipe Band
- Choir
- Dance
- Public speaking

These experiences help pupils develop confidence, leadership, teamwork and resilience.





# Visa, Guardianship and Relocation Support

Moving to a new country is an exciting step, and Glenalmond is committed to supporting families throughout the process.

## Student Visa Support

As a licensed UK Student Visa sponsor, Glenalmond can issue a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) once an offer has been accepted and all admissions requirements have been met.

The College works closely with specialist visa advisers who can support families with:

- Student visa applications
- Required documentation
- Application timelines
- Immigration requirements
- Advice throughout the visa process

Our Admissions Team is available to guide families at every stage.

## Guardianship Support

All international pupils whose parents are not resident in the UK are required to have a UK-based guardian.

We provide guidance on:

- Guardianship requirements
- Approved guardianship organisations
- Appointment procedures
- Ongoing communication arrangements

## Arrival and Airport Transfers

For pupils travelling independently, Glenalmond can arrange escorted transfers from Edinburgh and Glasgow airports.

Our team works closely with families to ensure a safe and smooth arrival in Scotland.

With many years of experience welcoming international pupils, we understand the importance of making the transition to boarding school life straightforward and reassuring.

# The Glenalmond Experience

What makes Glenalmond unique is the combination of:

- Academic excellence
- Outstanding boarding
- Exceptional outdoor education
- Individual support
- International community
- Scottish heritage and traditions

Set amongst Scotland's stunning mountains, forests and lochs, Glenalmond offers an educational experience unlike any other.

Our pupils leave as confident, resilient and ambitious young people, ready to make a positive contribution to the world.

We look forward to welcoming your family to Glenalmond College.

*'Over many years, Glenalmond has successfully welcomed pupils from around the world and has extensive experience supporting international families through the visa and relocation process. I am your key contact and here to support you'*

**Natalie Zindani**

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*"A world-class  
boarding education in  
the heart of Scotland."*

## Contact Us.

Please contact us to arrange a call, and please visit the website for more information.

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