



Glenalmond College
Space and time to learn

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Space and Time

Glenalmond pupils have the space to grow and the time to learn. Our happy and purposeful school community develops confidence and humility, understanding and success.

A learning community



Which school should my child attend?

This is one of the most important questions you will ever face.

Glenalmond College offers the best possible answer. We understand that every child is unique, and that all children deserve opportunities, challenge and care.

At Glenalmond, participation leads to discovery, hard work leads to excellence, and kindness leads to happiness.

Pupils' minds are sharpened by teachers who can truly inspire them, academically and personally, within the classroom and beyond. Glenalmond's learning community, in its incomparable setting, will enable your child to become the best they can be.





If this is what you wish for your child, then visit our website glenalmondcollege.co.uk or, much better, arrange a visit and meet our pupils and staff registrar@glenalmondcollege.co.uk

I look forward to welcoming you.

Mr. P. Alderson

Dr Michael Alderson, Warden
Head of Glenalmond College



Shared Values

A strong set of traditional values supports the forward-thinking learning and care which pupils experience at Glenalmond.

First among these are hard work and commitment - to learning, to themselves, and to others. Good manners are instilled in our daily lives, as the outward signs of respect and responsibility. In an intimate learning community of children and adults, we know each other well and can look after our own and others' well-being.

Days at Glenalmond start with everyone coming together in a Chapel service, at the heart of the school, where we are reminded of the importance of peace and reflection. Glenalmond is an Episcopalian foundation which welcomes young people of all faiths, or none, who share our values.

While pupils are encouraged to excel in everything they do, and to develop deep self-confidence and a strong identity, this is always tempered with a sense of humility and service. At Glenalmond, we believe that children learn and grow when they feel good about themselves.

A happy childhood will lead to fulfilment and success as an adult.



Academic Excellence

The core purpose of Glenalmond College is learning.

This means working hard, under the guidance of outstanding teachers, to achieve the highest examination grades of which each individual is capable. We encourage aspiration through an open presentation policy.

Consistently, around a third of our pupils score all 9s and 8s at GCSE, and the same proportion achieve A* or A in A-Levels, enabling almost all to go on to their preferred university, whether Oxford, Cambridge or London, Scotland, England or Europe, Art School or Conservatoire.

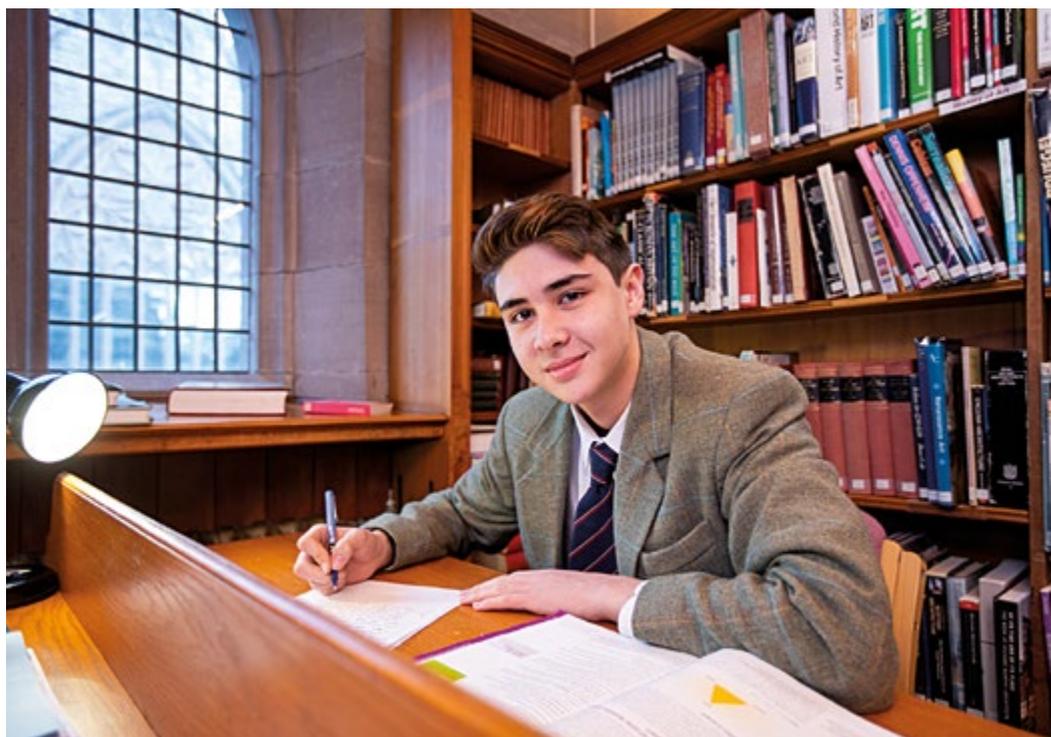
We offer an exceptional range of subjects, 17 at GCSE and 26 at A-Level, as well as a suite of Scottish Highers. The Extended Project Qualification provides further stimulation.

We enable pupils to follow up what they are good at and what excites them, and to select the best possible combination for access to preferred courses beyond school.

Intellectual discovery, which enriches and extends the curriculum, distinguishes the school. Late evenings in the library, visiting speakers, the William Bright Society, personalised tuition - through these, the minds of all pupils, whatever their gifts and interests, are stretched in varied ways.

Our academic success is based on expectation, engagement, motivation and reflection.









The Learning Project

Pupils at Glenalmond learn how to learn, not just what to learn, in small classes and through personal academic attention.

The Learning Project has gained a well-deserved reputation as a reflective, thorough and well-resourced approach to bringing out the best in the minds of each of our pupils.

In Glenalmond's community, everyone is learning, teachers alongside their pupils, benefitting from a thorough professional development programme.

Academic profiling and target setting ensure that potential is never wasted; our tutor programme develops pupils' positive dispositions and mental strengths. Through problem solving and personal research, we nurture independence of thought, articulate dialogue and well-informed opinions.

Our Learning Support department has an enviable reputation for helping any pupil overcome barriers to learning, of whatever kind, short or long term. We provide full support for those whose first language is not English.

In a world of information, the ability to make informed choices becomes ever more important. In a world of technology, human qualities will still matter most.

The distinction between a good school and a great school can be felt in classrooms and laboratories, tutorials and workshops, libraries and boarding houses: thereby empowering pupils to take control of their own hard work.

Our expertise is empowering young minds to flourish.



Kindness and care



With over 75% boarding pupils, Glenalmond is a uniquely generous environment in which to live and to learn.

Our seven boarding houses offer distinct but equally supportive experiences to Glenalmond girls and boys. Three are in the historic quadrangle and four a few minutes away in the beautiful grounds.

Resident house staff, along with tutors and matrons, get to know the children quickly and deeply. They ensure that caring relationships are at the heart of life in the Houses, from morning roll-call, when day pupils join them and mobile phones are stored away, to cocoa after prep in the evenings.



Younger pupils share and seniors have their own rooms, all of which benefit from a continuous programme of refurbishment. Extensive outside spaces give all the room pupils need for play and relaxation. After Saturday morning school and sports matches, there are social events in houses and for the whole school, such as ceilidhs, formal dinners and performances. After Sunday Chapel there is time to enjoy and explore, with plenty of organised events and visits as well.

Glenalmond operates a Responsive Boarding approach, which allows variations in the number of nights which pupils spend in school, to allow parents to see their children more often. Day pupils can stay overnight when they are involved in the College's evening activities.

All our pupils benefit from being members of a boarding house.





Participation and excellence

We believe that sport and outdoor activities, whether achieving a personal best or contributing to team success, build aspiration and challenge, self-belief and teamwork, which are skills for the classroom and for life. Education is holistic.

Visiting teams are amazed at the unique Highland backdrop to our wonderful cricket, lacrosse and rugby pitches, which inspires a passionate tradition of sporting success at Glenalmond. These are complemented by water and sand based hockey and tennis facilities, squash courts, games halls, strength and conditioning suite and swimming pool, as well as an indoor shooting range. All our pupils play competitive sport, including hard-fought house matches, tours and tournaments.



Glenalmond offers the time to learn and also the space to grow, and we believe that these opportunities benefit each other. This is why we have such a wide range of co-curricular activities. Pupils are encouraged to find out what they enjoy, what they are good at and to exceed their own expectations in everything.

As well as our core sports of athletics, cricket, hockey, lacrosse, rugby and tennis, we offer archery, badminton, basketball, cross country, dance, football, indoor range shooting, netball, squash, and swimming, and a strength and conditioning suite. The Glenalmond Golf School enjoys our James Braid designed nine-hole golf course and our indoor Technology Hub.

Participation is its own reward - excellence will follow.







Learning outdoors

Few schools have Glenalmond's advantages when it comes to outdoor education. The specialist outdoor classroom is a gateway to environmental awareness and we take seriously our custodianship of 300 acres of Highland landscape. The glens, hills and lochs of Perthshire and beyond see cross-country competitions, leadership programmes, and expeditions in a well supported Duke of Edinburgh Award programme.

Another Glenalmond modern tradition is the Combined Cadet Force, with RAF, Army and Navy branches and a famous and stirring Pipe Band.

Other outdoor activities include walking and running in the hills, canoeing, canyoning, fishing, horse-riding, mountain-biking and rock climbing.

Clubs and societies abound, covering both indoor and outdoor activities and interests. These change each year as pupils and staff are encouraged to think outside the box. Curricular clubs include Greek, Mandarin, L'Elite, Poetry, and most subjects; creative groups include Stage Craft, Art Master Classes, and over a dozen musical ensembles. Intellectual stimulation comes from Debating or the Model United Nations, Engineering, MedSoc or Technology, Lecture Programmes, and academically challenging themes and speakers in the William Bright Society.

Action groups include Conservation and Eco-warriors. Koinonia is our Chapel fellowship.

Opportunities beyond the classroom are not icing; they are the cake itself.

Creating together

Glenalmond has a well deserved reputation for both excellence and participation in art, drama and music. Outstanding academic teaching enables many pupils to move on to art schools or conservatoires.

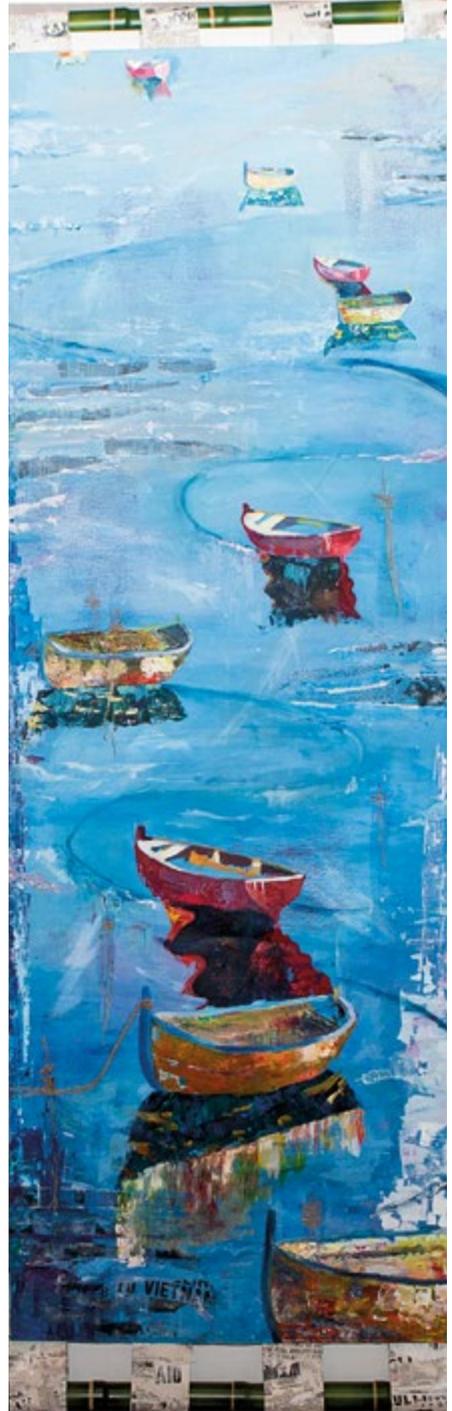
Thursday concerts by music pupils in our listed Music School are always well attended. Public Gala performances are of an outstanding professional standard and involves a high proportion of our pupils. The choir (and indeed the congregation) sing beautifully in Chapel every day and take on challenging music with relish. Our Chapel organ adds a further richness of opportunity.

Pupils art work, in many different media, is exhibited in the school's own spaces and beyond. A critical mass of able artists creates a reflective intensity in the art department, stimulated by our artist in residence.

The annual senior production involves most of the school in a performance of big shows like *Anything Goes*, to professional standards. In Junior and Studio productions, our drama department enjoys taking on challenges such as *Peer Gynt*.

We believe that science and technology and the arts complement rather than contrast with each other, with transferable skills and shared values of precision and creativity, as well as personal discovery and achievement.

Creativity is a key skill for the 21st century.









An accessible education

Glenalmond is the best of Scotland, situated in wonderful countryside but only a few minutes from the city of Perth, and only an hour or so from Edinburgh and Glasgow. Our day pupils join the free minibus from Angus, Fife, Kinross and Perthshire, and after a comfortable journey they can be at the House of which they are part, for the start of the school day.

For pupils from Europe and the wider world we arrange easy transport to Edinburgh Airport. In fact, Glenalmond is only two hours from Heathrow, more accessible than many schools in the lowlands or England.

Accessibility is not just a matter of geography.

It is a principle of the school, as a charity, that young people who would benefit from a Glenalmond education should be able to do so, whatever their family background. There are fee reductions of up to 100%, based on evidence of ability to pay. A wide range of scholarships, with fee remissions, is available for talented pupils, whether academic, sporting or creative. We recognise that intelligence comes in many forms, some unexpected, and look to bring out the best in pupils according to their talents.

At Glenalmond, pupils can find out who they are and what they do best.

Glenalmond Life

One of Glenalmond's unique strengths is the fact that so many staff live on site. This gives a strong shared purpose to the education which pupils experience. Along with the school's physical beauty, this develops in pupils a lifelong sense of identity.

This is shared through the Old Glenalmond (OG) network, with active sports sections and a robust international community.

Meetings and dinners are held annually across Britain and frequently abroad, enabling OGs to share memories and keep in touch with the ever changing educational ambitions of their school.

The parent community is equally strong, with a vigorous Parents Association and much practical help with school events.

Many friendships are formed across Scotland and the world through the life of the school.



Contact, visit, apply

Any pupil is welcome, at any time, to join us to find out what it is like to be a Glenalmond boy or girl. Families are welcome, by appointment, to tour the school with current pupils and to meet staff.

There are more formal Open Mornings in September and March, and Taster Days in the autumn term. We always encourage visits, from local schools or teams, groups who use our facilities, and friends of our parents and pupils.

There is Second Form entry for pupils from Primary 7, based on tests in English, Maths and Verbal Reasoning, with specific scholarships available.

Pupils from Prep Schools sit the Common Entrance and Scholarship exams and are interviewed.

Pupils from abroad are welcome to contact us directly or through an agent; we are very experienced in ensuring a continuity of curriculum for those staying for a shorter time, though frequently that short time turns out to be for all of their schooling.

Glenalmond College is becoming increasingly popular as a Sixth Form option. We integrate pupils from a wide range of educational backgrounds into our A-Level or Higher courses, offering the full intensity of Glenalmond experience and developing the self-knowledge and identity which will last a lifetime.

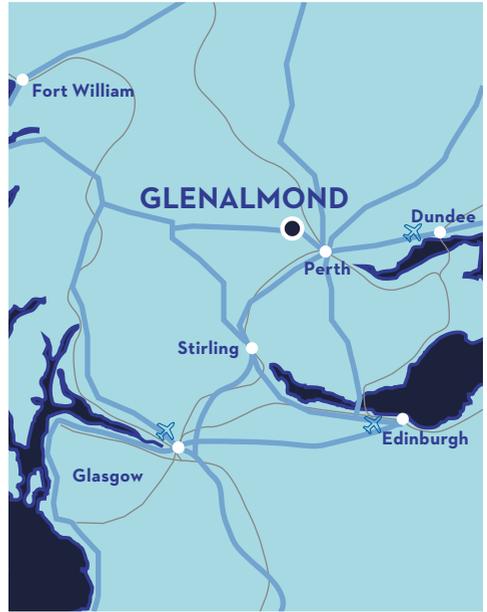




Location and travel

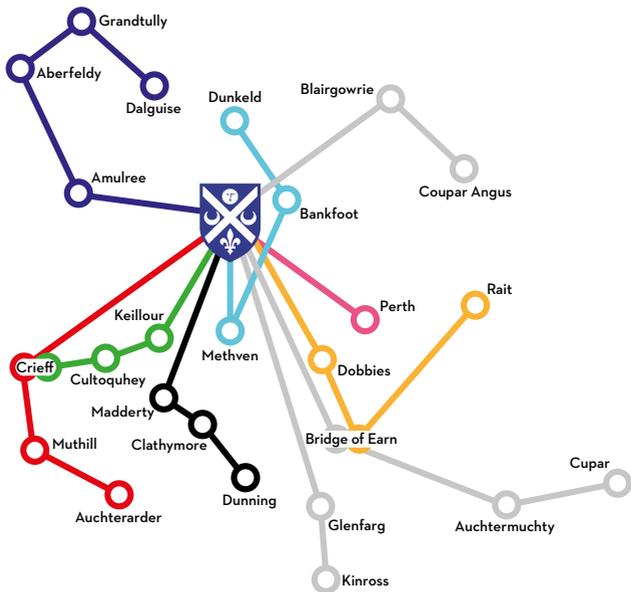


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Central belt travel

Glenalmond offers a free local bus service. The routes in grey are planned additional routes, in response to local demand, for the 2020/21 academic year.



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