

# Prospectus



Lomond  
School  
Helensburgh

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**This is my time.**



# Welcome

## From the Principal

**A**t Lomond School we prepare our pupils for their future by ensuring that they learn the skills necessary to be successful in the 21st century whilst developing the traditional values and qualities that they require to be responsible and active global citizens.

Lomond School blends the old with the new seamlessly; a visit to Clarendon, which makes up part of our Junior School, is a clear example of this with its beautifully restored period features sitting comfortably alongside the latest in technology. In fact the facilities at Lomond are enviable with a purpose-built sports complex, modern and homely boarding house and a 1-1 iPad programme for all pupils from Transitus 1 (Primary 6) to Senior 6.

**LOMOND IS A FAMILY SCHOOL WITH A WELCOMING COMMUNITY AND AMBITIOUS APPROACH. WE AIM TO REMAIN AT THE FOREFRONT OF EDUCATIONAL BEST PRACTICE, RETAINING THE BEST OF A TRADITIONAL EDUCATION WHILST INNOVATING AND REMAINING OPEN TO NEW IDEAS AND APPROACHES.**

We are situated in the leafy town of Helensburgh nestled between the banks of the River Clyde and Loch Lomond. This enables us to make the most of our unique location with a strong commitment to extra-curricular activities and a particular emphasis on Outdoor Education.

As with any independent school we have an excellent track record of academic attainment but that is only a part of what we offer. I believe that the purpose of education should be to develop the whole child. At Lomond we do this in a supportive and nurturing environment with small classes that allow each and every one of our pupils to be known and recognised as individuals. In turn this allows us to deliver a personalised education that allows every

Lomond pupil to work towards his or her full potential in our inspirational environment.

Our pupils are happy, confident and rightly proud of their achievements and their school. I hope that this prospectus, and our website, give you a sense of this and a feel for who we are. Should you wish to come and visit our school to see this for yourself, you would be more than welcome.



**Johanna Urquhart**  
**Principal**



**Play welcome  
video**

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The variety and quality of the facilities at Lomond School mean that there is something for everyone. This allows us to develop existing skills and interests and investigate new ones.

*Annie, S5*

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My  
time to

inspire



# Life at Lomond:

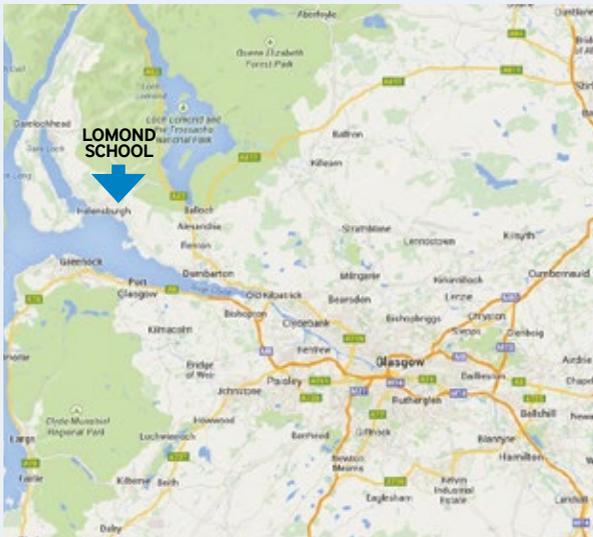
## Location & Facilities

**L**omond School is a co-educational independent school for children aged 3 - 18 years situated in Helensburgh. Whether they have lived locally all their lives or have joined us as international boarders, Lomond students know how lucky they are to live in a small, safe coastal town only 10 minutes from Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

We make the most of our location by providing and encouraging participation in a wide range of outdoor sports, activities and Outward Bound trips.

Students also benefit from great transport links with only 30 minutes' travel to Glasgow International Airport and direct trains from Helensburgh to both Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Our infrastructure boasts a mix of modern, purpose-built structures and characterful listed buildings which make for an inspirational setting for our students. We continually invest in our facilities and take a cutting edge approach to every new project we initiate.



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**LOMOND SCHOOL IS POSITIONED IN THE ELEGANT SUBURBS OF HELENSBURGH. A SUPERB QUALITY OF LIFE CAN BE ENJOYED HERE IN A BEAUTIFUL AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT.**

A young boy with dark hair, wearing a light blue collared shirt, a green and blue striped tie, and a dark sweater, is shown in profile, looking thoughtfully to the right. The background is a bright, out-of-focus indoor setting.

**My**  
time to  
**learn**

# Life at Lomond:

## *Ethos & Environment*

**L**omond offers a personalised education that allows every student to explore their potential with the support and encouragement of teachers, peers and the wider Lomond community.

We impart traditional values in our students while delivering access to the most up to date and effective methods of learning and teaching, supported by considerable investment in ICT.

We were one of the first schools in the UK to integrate an iPad strategy which has provided every student from P6 to S6 with their own personal iPad. It is this mix of old and new that has created our unique character and allows us to produce dynamic individuals who face their future with confidence, resilience and determination.

Our boarding provision adds a distinctive dimension to the school; the mix of cultures and backgrounds enriches our curriculum and co-curriculum, supporting all of our

pupils to develop their global awareness and understanding.

Like many independent schools we provide small class sizes, an extensive programme of extra-curricular activities, attention to the individual and a strong record of academic achievement. Our location makes us different and our students thrive in this environment which opens the door to new experiences, skills and talents to be explored.



**Play senior school video**



**LOMOND HAS AN INCLUSIVE ETHOS THAT AIMS HIGH IN ALL ASPECTS, ENCOURAGING PUPILS OF ALL ABILITIES TO ACHIEVE TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITY. ALL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT ARE ACCORDED IMPORTANCE, BE THEY ACADEMIC, MUSICAL, DRAMATIC, SPORTING OR IN WIDER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.**



# My time to create

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**At Lomond, my ambitions have always been nurtured, never restrained. That's the thing: whatever your talents, they will be recognised and fostered. No matter what you want to do in life, Lomond has the resources to help you fulfil your ambitions and it is helping me to achieve mine.**

***Katherine, School Dux 2014***

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# Life at Lomond:

## Personalised Education

**T**he size of our school and high staff to student ratio mean that we can genuinely deliver on the idea of an education, tailored to every individual. Our excellent teachers show an enthusiasm for their subject which goes beyond the classroom, ensuring that the students' core curriculum is supplemented by exciting after school projects, clubs and trips.

As a non-selective school our aim is to nurture high achievement by offering encouragement and flexibility. Our academic results, which are around three times higher than the national average, demonstrate our ability to encourage the best from our students.

Throughout Nursery, Junior and Senior School we are dedicated to delivering a wide and varied academic curriculum. We constantly review the subjects on offer and have recently invested in the addition of new subjects which

will add breadth and depth to our students' academic profile.

In addition to our academic focus, Lomond School encourages the creative arts. We have a well established Art Department and a successful Music Department which has earned Lomond national acclaim over the past decade. We are delighted to have enhanced our performing arts opportunities with the recent addition of a Drama Department.



**View Lewis's testimonial**



**OUR AIM IS TO ENSURE THAT OUR SCHOOL LEAVERS ARE GOOD COMMUNICATORS WITH OPEN, ENQUIRING MINDS WHO POSSESS STRONG TRANSFERABLE SKILLS IN LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK AND INDEPENDENT THINKING.**



# My time to achieve

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**Trekking in Morocco was a fantastic experience. We climbed the highest mountain in North Africa and from it, the whole group gained a huge sense of achievement.**

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***James, S6***

# Life at Lomond:

## Extra-curricular and Outdoor Learning

**W**e offer a rich programme of extra-curricular activities including clubs, societies, trips and expeditions. All are key to the personal development of our students and engender self-confidence, great teamwork, leadership skills and a sense of responsibility. Moreover, they offer an opportunity for fun, adventure and exploration of new skills and talents.

Participation in extra-curricular pursuits is high at Lomond; our students can be assured of personal accomplishment from trying

new things and taking on new challenges. The opportunities are endless and Lomond students can be regularly found climbing, canoeing, hill running, trampolining, debating, baking, launching rockets, camping, performing, competing and overall, having a great deal of fun.

Our location means that there is a particular emphasis on outdoor pursuits. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is, without doubt, a significant feature, and we have enjoyed great success carrying out expeditions both locally and abroad. Many of our trips and excursions

revolve around our passion for the outdoors and have included trekking in Morocco, canoeing in Norway and skiing in Austria.

We also build many cultural and educational trips into the school year with visits to Paris, Berlin, Brussels and Iceland, as well as Hockey and Rugby tours to South Africa or more locally. We support and encourage our students to make the most of the opportunities available, recognising both the immediate and long-term benefits of the personal development these experiences and activities can offer.



**A WIDE RANGE OF TRIPS AND EXPEDITIONS ARE OFFERED EACH YEAR. THESE RANGE FROM BOTH LOCAL TO INTERNATIONAL TRIPS AND CATER FOR A VARIETY OF AGES AND INTERESTS.**



# My time to shine

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Lomond School provides a wide range of facilities for a variety of sports. Being able to have access to the fitness suite, dance studio and sports hall I am able to keep fit and have use of the facilities I require for my personal training. Further, the Lomond Elite Sports Group gives the support and mentorship that I need to be able to train and compete to my full potential.

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*Rebecca, S5*

*U23 National Netball Team*

# Life at Lomond:

## Sport

**A**t Lomond, sport delivers more than health and wellbeing alone. It teaches values and life lessons that our students will take with them through their school life and beyond. In addition, sports at Lomond build character traits such as hard work, commitment and ambition that inevitably contribute to academic achievement.

We believe that sport is for all and our stunning new sports complex is equipped to host a wide range of activities. Whether students are learning something new or are at the top of their game in their chosen sport, our facilities and energetic P.E. Department ensure they can enjoy and take full advantage of our fantastic facilities.

The building features a 884m<sup>2</sup> multi-purpose games hall, fitness suite, climbing wall, dance

studio and excellent facilities to support the hosting of team games. The sports complex also includes tennis courts, a fully floodlit astro-turf pitch and rugby fields.

Sport starts from Pre-School onwards and senior team sports are played every weekend against both state and independent schools. Our core team sports are Rugby, Hockey and Netball but we have many other teams who play both for fun and competitively.



**LOMOND SCHOOL P.E. AND GAMES DEPARTMENT PROMOTES PARTICIPATION IN SPORT THROUGH TEAM GAMES, INDIVIDUAL SPORTS AND OUTDOOR EDUCATION WITH A SPORT FOR ALL POLICY.**



**Play sports video**



# My time to care

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Being part of a small, friendly school gives you a real sense of belonging, especially as there is always someone to turn to when in need of additional support. It gives me reassurance that staff are always on hand to offer help with any problems that I have or any decisions that I may have to make.

*Lucy, S6*

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# Life at Lomond:

## *Lomond Family*

**O**ur pastoral team is vitally important to the school in creating a nurturing and supportive setting for our students. Our pupils are well known by staff and teachers and we see ourselves as a large family where any issues or problems are identified and dealt with promptly and effectively.

We value the importance of communication and ensure that these lines are open to students, parents, teachers and staff. Our pastoral team is highly qualified and approachable with a vast amount of experience in their respective roles. We have a full time school nurse and strong relationships with our local GPs. For boarders we hold regular surgeries throughout the week.

On visiting we are certain that you will experience the warm nature of our students, teachers and staff and be assured by the high level of care and supervision achieved at Lomond.



**LEAD BY OUR PASTORAL DEPUTE,  
OUR EXPERIENCED PASTORAL CARE  
TEAM ENSURE THE WELFARE AND  
ONWARD PROGRESSION OF ALL OF  
OUR STUDENTS.**



My  
time to  
discover

# Junior School:

## Nursery

**N**estled in the grounds of the Junior School, our Nursery provides a safe and nurturing environment for children from age 3 onwards. The beautiful garden space and adventure playground are popular with the children and form the backdrop to much of the teaching and activities which take place at our Nursery. Like the whole school, the Nursery values the benefits and experiences of outdoor play and this contributes significantly to children's growth and development during their time here.

Managed by the Head of Nursery, who oversees a team of qualified and experienced staff, the Nursery works closely with parents to ensure each child is known. This approach allows us to build on the children's home experiences as we create a pupil-centred learning environment. Following the Curriculum for Excellence, our Nursery staff facilitate fun and engaging activities whilst delivering the highest standard of care and supervision.

We have unique access to a wide range of outstanding facilities in the Junior and Senior Schools. Accompanied by Nursery staff, pre-school children attend weekly Music, French, Drama, P.E. and Health and Food Technology lessons, benefitting from excellent facilities and the expert knowledge of teachers specialising in these subjects.

Nursery sessions are complemented by wraparound care which is available to parents looking for full-time care provision.



**A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU AT LOMOND NURSERY. THE NURSERY IS SET IN THE GROUNDS OF CLARENDON, WHICH HOUSES OUR YOUNGER JUNIOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AND HAS ITS OWN IMPRESSIVE GARDEN INCLUDING AN ADVENTURE PLAY AREA. THE SAFE GARDENS COMPLEMENT THE MODERN INTERIOR SPACE FOR LEARNING. INDOORS AND OUT, OUR CHILDREN ARE CONSTANTLY ENGAGED IN ACTIVE, PUPIL-CENTRED LEARNING.**



**Play junior school video**

# My time to smile

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T2 really prepares you for S1 because you get to know the building and you get to know your teachers, which is really good!

*Josh, T2*

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# Junior School:

## *P1 to P7*

**A**t Lomond we believe the formative years of a child's life are vital in shaping their future. Our academic curriculum is enhanced by the attention to each individual's progress which is carefully monitored and reviewed to ensure children are challenged as well as supported.

We often talk about the Junior School family as that is how we think of ourselves. Talents, ambitions and curiosity are embraced and staff and teachers commit their time to delivering out of school projects and excursions. In addition there is an astounding variety of clubs including Archery, Ukulele, Cookery, Science, Imagineering and many more. We pride ourselves on our happy atmosphere where good manners and behaviour are expected from everyone, and there is a mutual respect between staff and pupils.



From Nursery through to P7, the whole Junior School has access to a wide range of outstanding facilities and resources. Lessons in Music, Art, Drama, Health & Food Technology, Modern Languages and P.E. are all delivered by subject specialists from Lomond's Senior School teaching staff.

### **Clarendon - For children from P1 - P5**

The Clarendon experience is unique. As a listed building it is unrivalled in its charm and character; Clarendon's recent renovation has restored and upgraded surroundings to mix the latest technology with period features, creating a homely atmosphere and comfortable space for living and learning.

### **Transitus - For children from P6 - P7 (T1 & T2)**

Transitions between key points in children's education are vital. At Lomond we

accommodate P6 & P7 in the Senior School building to allow a measured transition to Senior School life. Their classroom style and dedicated Junior School teacher ensure that they still benefit from the stability and consistency of primary teaching, while at the same time, getting the opportunity to experience aspects of Senior School life.

Both Clarendon and Transitus pupils join together regularly to enjoy Junior School events and assemblies. They also enjoy sharing the same playground. While both have the benefit of access to the Senior School's excellent facilities and experienced teaching staff, they are very much a school in their own right. We regularly see the strength of the Junior School community at their exceptional events and heart-warming concerts and performances.

**OUR PHILOSOPHY AT LOMOND JUNIOR SCHOOL IS SIMPLE: HAPPY CHILDREN LOVE TO LEARN. HAPPINESS AT LOMOND JUNIOR SCHOOL IS ENGENDERED BY THE WELCOMING FAMILY ATMOSPHERE AND SMALL CLASS SIZES.**



**View Marsali and Sophie's testimonial**



**View Dylan and Joshua's video**

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**We're like a big family with many different and interesting characters. It's never boring, that's for sure. We take care of each other and you grow very close with many lovely people, allowing you to make friends for life.**

***Anina, S6***

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**My  
time to  
grow**



# Living at Lomond:

## Boarding

**L**omond features modern co-educational boarding for around 60 students from age 10 upwards. Students boarding at Lomond benefit from great integration into the day school and local community life due to the small size of the school and the close residential location of Burnbrae boarding house, which is only five minutes' walk from the school and town.

Purpose-built in 2003, Burnbrae offers modern living accommodation with several twin or single rooms and en-suite bathrooms, as well as bright social areas, a gymnasium, and well-kept gardens with access to an astro-turf area encouraging boarders to stay active.

There is a distinctive feel of happiness and vibrancy when you visit Burnbrae. Our dedicated pastoral team and boarding staff are committed to ensuring the health and wellbeing of our boarders. Each individual receives excellent pastoral care with a high adult to student ratio of 1:6 and further support provided by school staff on a daily basis.

The Lomond ethos supports a healthy and active lifestyle and boarders are never stuck for things to do. At weekends many will join in team sports or extra-curricular clubs and also take the opportunity to participate in organised activities, which range from cinema trips to theatre outings, outdoor education and residential experiences. The boarders

themselves generate many activities and are able to contribute ideas for the smooth running of the house through year group committees, food committee and an overall house committee.

As our boarders approach their final years at school we provide them with more responsibility and allow them opportunities to develop the independent skills they need for life beyond school.



**BOARDING LIFE IS BUSY AND REWARDING. BOARDERS PLAY A FULL PART IN THE LIFE OF THE SCHOOL AND ARE INVOLVED IN CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SPORT, MUSIC, DRAMA AND EXPEDITIONS.**



**Play boarding video**



**View Kaitlin and Anthony's video**



**View Max and Shona's video**

A photograph of four young people in school uniforms laughing together outdoors. They are standing on a wooden pier or dock with a body of water and mountains in the background. The uniforms consist of teal blazers, light blue shirts, and dark ties. The woman on the far left has long blonde hair and is laughing heartily. Next to her is a younger girl with blonde hair, also laughing. To her right is another young woman with blonde hair, smiling. On the far right is a young man with short brown hair, wearing a striped tie, also smiling. The background shows a calm body of water and distant mountains under a cloudy sky.

My  
time to

# flourish

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The school has always had a close knit, family environment and the strong bond with classmates and teachers carries on throughout life after Lomond. We hold regular former pupil events to give Lomond alumni the opportunity to keep in touch.

*Tobes Merriman,  
FP & Chair of the Lomond School Association*

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# Let us Look Forward:

## Our approach

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**O**ur School motto, 'Let us look forward', underpins our approach to the curriculum as a whole. Each individual receives support in achieving their future goals through our Academic & Pastoral Mentoring Programme and the Lomond Personal Development Framework. Around 95% of Lomond students go on to Further Education, securing places at top British universities including Oxford, Cambridge, St Andrews, Edinburgh, Strathclyde and Glasgow.

### Investment & Development

Over the past 10 years Lomond has invested considerably in the development of its buildings, resulting in a modern infrastructure.

We see this as a distinguishing feature of our school and are proud of the projects achieved in past and recent years.

We are committed to making our school a better place for the Lomond community and will continue to place significant emphasis on investment and development now and in the future.

### Lomond for Life

We help our students achieve their future ambitions through the provision of a dedicated Careers Department. Here they receive one to one consultation and support in recognising their core strengths and informing their pathway to Further Education and future careers.

Lomond provides a network for life and we are proud of the strong connection we have with our alumni. Our former students are located across the world and work throughout a variety of positions and sectors in employment. Many act as mentors to our existing students and

come back to school to give inspirational and motivational talks about their life after Lomond.

Coming to Lomond provides a network for life with on-going support from the staff here and long-lasting friendships which are forged over many happy years spent at school. Our alumni talk passionately and positively about their time at Lomond and share their fond memories at reunions, through social media and in person as parents and grandparents of our current students.



**LOMOND SCHOOL OFFERS A MODERN INDEPENDENT EDUCATION WHILST DRAWING ON THE TRADITIONS OF THE PAST.**

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My  
time to  
laugh

# Admissions:

## Visit us

**O**ne of the best ways to get a feel for Lomond School is to visit us. We welcome families to tour the school and meet with key staff, teachers and pupils. Prospective students can also benefit from experiencing Lomond School life by spending a day in classes or a night in the boarding house.

Lomond is a non-selective school; tests are carried out to assess a student's ability to access the curriculum and determine class sets.

Our Admissions team are on hand to help guide you from your initial enquiry to

submitting your application and arriving at Lomond prepared for your time here.

Enquiries should be directed to the Head of Admissions at [admissions@lomondschool.com](mailto:admissions@lomondschool.com) or by telephone on 01436 672476.

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**IT IS THE OVERALL AIM OF LOMOND SCHOOL TO PROVIDE A HIGH-QUALITY ALL-ROUND EDUCATION, BOTH TO LOCAL FAMILIES AND TO PARENTS WHO MAY WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BOARDING PROVISION. LOMOND PROVIDES AN EXTENSIVE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM AND THE VAST MAJORITY OF SCHOOL LEAVERS GO ON TO HIGHER OR FURTHER EDUCATION.**