



STRATHALLAN  
WORLDWIDE

Opportunities *for all* to excel

# Short Stay Immersion Programmes

# Where we are

Strathallan School was founded in 1913 in Bridge of Allan, near Stirling, but quickly outgrew its original site. In 1920, the school moved to the Freeland Estate in Forgardenny, a few miles south east of Scotland's ancient capital the City of Perth.

The campus is ideally situated for accessing the rest of Scotland, whether you want to head north to the ski slopes or south to the political and cultural centres of Edinburgh and Glasgow. Today's travel connections are simple and regular, with frequent trains from Perth and buses through Forgardenny throughout the day.

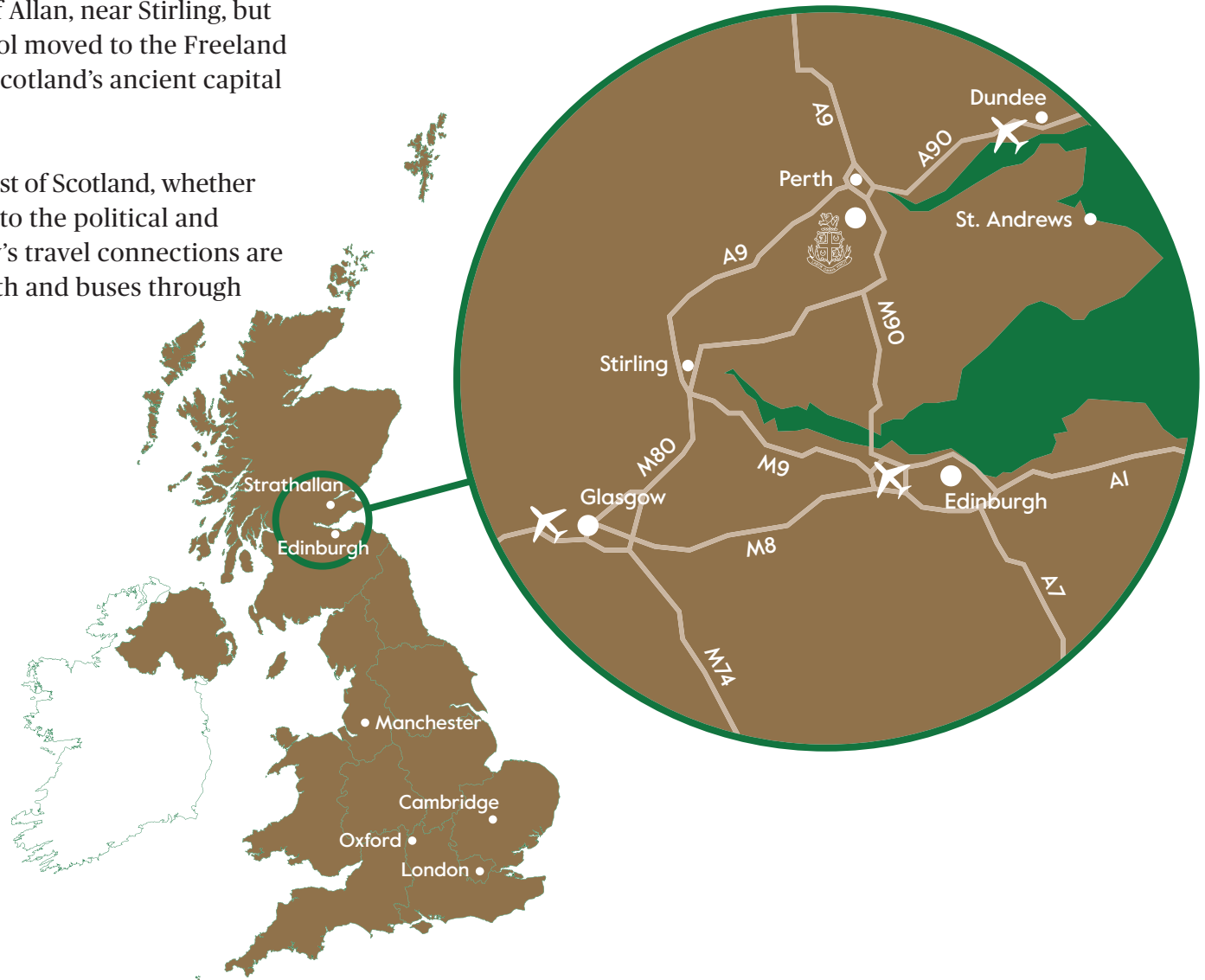
## Approximate Journey Times



Amsterdam-Edinburgh	1 hr 25 min
London-Glasgow	1 hr 15 min
London-Edinburgh	1 hr 10 min
London-Dundee	1 hr 50min



Edinburgh	1 hr
Glasgow	1hr 10 min
M9 motorway	5 min
Edinburgh Airport	50 min
Glasgow Airport	1hr 15min
Dundee Airport	40 min





# Immerse yourself in a world of opportunity

Strathallan's short stay immersion programmes offer international pupils the opportunity to join us for two or three weeks during term time on a full boarding experience. Our 152-acre campus is located in the beautiful Scottish countryside with excellent transport networks and outstanding facilities in which we have invested over £25M in the last 15 years.

Strathallan School was recently voted "Independent School of the Year for International Pupil Experience" and a visit here has all the ingredients for a life-changing experience: a chance to develop academically as well as socially, gain transferable life skills and build a lasting network of friendships in a warm and welcoming environment.

Alongside our high-quality educational programme, we also have advanced sporting and expressive arts opportunities with extensive participation, enabling potential to be reached at all levels.

An immersion visit will be a memorable stay where international pupils can embrace the life, opportunities and friendships on offer at our school. We would love you to join us and give you and your child a taste of what is possible. Come and visit, our door is always open, and you are most welcome!



Sean Hamill, Head of Strathallan Worldwide



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# Meet our International team

## **Sean Hamill**

Sean became Head of Strathallan Worldwide in September 2023 with a brief to run and develop partnership opportunities for the school. Before this he was Deputy Head Academic at Strathallan for ten years overseeing and managing the academic life of the school. He is a former Head of English and spent five years at the start of his teaching career as a live-in master at a Prep School. He is a keen sportsman and has travelled, on behalf of Strathallan, to China, Africa and Europe.



## **David Giles**

David has been the International Director at Strathallan for the past two years with responsibility for assisting House staff in overseeing all aspects of our international pupils' lives at Strathallan. Before this he was responsible for International Study Programmes for visiting groups during term time and holidays.

He is a former Admissions Registrar (nine years) and also spent 10 years as a senior boys' housemaster. He still currently teaches Mathematics to all levels and is involved in coaching sports, having run various sports programmes over the years. His various roles at Strathallan mean he is well travelled, having spent time in Asia, Australia, Africa and Europe.



### **Dr. Tao Zhou**

Dr. Tao Zhou's journey at Strathallan School began in 2003 as the Chinese Counsellor while pursuing his Ph.D. at the University of Dundee. His connection to the school's diverse and inclusive community remained strong even as he transitioned into the IT industry after graduation.

As Strathallan's Chinese Counsellor, he works to bridge cultural gaps and provide support to both Chinese pupils and parents. As an individual who has seamlessly integrated academic pursuits, professional accomplishments, and a deep connection to the Strathallan community, Dr. Tao Zhou stands as an inspirational figure for those navigating the complex intersection of education, personal development, and cultural diversity.



### **Suzie Mackenzie**

Suzie joined Strathallan in 2016, and is our International Communications Officer. Having previously worked in Admissions, she has represented the school internationally, including visits to Germany, Russia, Ukraine and Mexico. Supporting our international pupils and their families both as they prepare for their arrival and once they are in school, Suzie is on hand to answer any questions, or find someone who can!

### **Kenna Troup**

Kenna is the Head of English as an Additional Language (EAL) and has been a teacher for over 25 years. She joined Strathallan in 2018. Before that she worked as an EAL teacher for the local council and began her teaching career in the US teaching social studies. She has experience living and teaching all over the world, including Uruguay, Mexico and Taiwan. At Strathallan, she works with the CCF (Combined Cadet Forces), Scripture Union and Model United Nations. In her free time she enjoys taking her dogs out on hill walks, helping with farm chores, sewing and crafting.



# A passion for teaching meets a love for learning

Strathallan is a co-educational, boarding and day school for ages 5 to 18. We provide an all-round, progressive education which supports pupils academically, in sports and in the arts. We follow the English GCSE and A Level curriculum and offer Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers. We welcome pupils from Scotland, the rest of the UK and all over the world.

## We provide:

- First class facilities
- Exceptional pastoral care
- Excellent sport at all levels
- A full programme 6 days a week
- Optional excursions on Sundays

## INDICATIVE PUPIL NUMBERS

Total number of pupils — 600-610  
(55% boys, 45% girls)

Where pupils come from — 75% UK nationals, 25% international

230 Sixth formers (Y12 & Y13)  
(75% boarding, 25% day)

260 Senior school pupils (Y9-Y11)

110-120 Junior school pupils (Y3-Y8)

## Nationalities of current pupils

American	1	Italian	1
American/Colombian	1	Kenya	1
American/Ecuadorian	1	Mexican	6
Andorran	1	Mexican/French	1
Australian	2	Mexican/Spanish	1
Austrian/Spanish	1	Nigerian	2
British/American	5	Norwegian	2
British/Australian	1	Norwegian/Switzerland	1
British/German	3	Peru	1
British/Kenya	1	Portuguese	1
British/South African	1	Russian	9
British/Spanish	1	Saudi	1
British/Swedish	1	Serbian	1
Canadian	1	Slovene	1
Chinese	41	South African	1
Congolese	2	Spanish	3
Croatian/New Zealand	1	Spanish/Mexican	1
French	3	Tanzanian	1
German	25	Thai	3
German/American	1	Ukrainian	3
German/Italian	1	United Arab Emirates	1
German/Russian	2	Uruguay	1
Hong Kong	2		
Icelandic/Spanish	1		
Indian	1		

# Sample timetable

There is a full programme running Monday to Sunday with sports and activities throughout the week and trips or activities on Saturday afternoon and Sundays.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7.30am	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8.20am	House Time	Chapel Singing	Chapel	House Time	School Assembly	House Time	Cultural Visit
Lessons 8.45am	Maths	Science-Chemistry	Maths	Spanish	Science-Chemistry	English	e.g. Edinburgh Castle and City shopping
Lessons	French	Computing	Geography	History	Maths	Science	
Break 10.30am	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	
Lessons 11.00am	Science-Chemistry	Geography	Physical Education	Religious Education	Music	Maths	
Lessons	English	English	English	French	History	Lunch	
Lunch 12.45pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Cultural Visit	
Lessons 1.55pm	Science-Biology	Maths	Science-Physics	English	Science-Physics	e.g. Scottish Landscape: The Hermitage, Dunkeld and Pitlochry	
Lessons	Drama	Games	Activities	Games	Classics		
Activities 3.45pm	Activities	Games	Activities	Games	Activities		
Dinner 5.45pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
Homework/Prep 7.30pm	Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep	Prep	House Event	House Event
House Time 9.00pm	House Time	House Time	House Time	House Time	House Time		
Bed 10.00pm	Bed	Bed	Bed	Bed	Bed	Bed	Bed



# Sport

## Specialist Sport Programmes

Our advanced sporting programmes include rugby, hockey, netball, tennis, cricket, swimming, clay pigeon shooting and athletics. These are tailored dependent on the age and stage of the individual.

## Strathallan Sports Academies

We have already launched two sports academies – our Rugby Academy and Shooting Academy – with more to be introduced soon.

## Rugby

With over 40+ international age-grade players, 11 full-time professionals and 9 full Internationalists supported by expert coaches at Strathallan over the last 10 years, the Strathallan Rugby Academy aims to draw out excellence in talented young players through a focused programme.

## Shooting

Over the past 12 years, we have been consistently placed in the top 4 at the British Schools' Championships as well as pre-COVID-19 winning the Scottish Schools' Clay Pigeon Championships 13 times in the last 15 years. Since its inception 3 years ago, we have won the renowned Holland & Holland British Independent Schools Competition once and been runners-up twice.

## Easter and summer camps

We run a range of residential and non-residential sport and activity camps attended by young people from all over the UK and Europe.



“Sport is a way of life at Strathallan combining both sporting excellence and extensive participation, enabling potential to be fulfilled at all levels.”



# Music, drama & dance



“Expressive arts flourish at Strathallan.  
We offer an exceptional variety of  
performance opportunities throughout  
the year.”

## **You can find our pupils in:**

National Youth Symphony Orchestra of Scotland, Royal Conservatoire Junior Section, National Youth Boys Choir, National Youth Choir, National Youth Pipeband of Scotland, Scottish National Orchestra, and Scottish Ballet.

## **Our music ensembles include:**

Chamber Choirs, Jazz Band, Wind Band, Symphony Orchestra, Brass Ensemble, Flute Ensemble, String Chamber Ensembles, Sax & Clarinet Ensemble, Rocks Bands, Percussion Ensemble, Folk Group, Pipe bands, Music Technology Activity, Music Theatre rehearsals.

As well as studying Drama as part of the curriculum, there are lots of opportunities to get involved in performing arts outside the classroom. There are plays and musical theatre performances every term that are open to all. Pupils can also work towards the world-renowned London Academy of Music and Drama Awards (LAMDA).



# Extra-curricular activities

One of the things that sets Strathallan apart is the scale of what's on offer outside the classroom. Our extensive programme of extra-curricular activities encourages pupils to build on existing skills, explore new areas of interest and discover hidden talents.

We offer over 80 different activity options – some are linked to academic departments, some are sports, while others are purely recreational. The majority of these are available onsite, meaning less travel time and more educational value – a benefit for day and boarding pupils alike. Our extensive onsite facilities also help to foster a sense of community and mutual ambition – pupils across year groups and Houses can get involved and work towards a shared goal together. There's something for everyone and we're always looking for initiatives to give our pupils new experiences.

“We provide such a breadth of activities that every pupil can find an area in which they can shine. With so many activities, clubs and societies on offer at Strathallan, there's never a dull moment.”

## WE FACILITATE:

- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme — Bronze, Silver and Gold
- Combined Cadet Force — Army, Navy and Royal Marines
- Pupil exchange programmes — Australia, New Zealand and South Africa
- Summer programme — Kenya





### Academic

- Book Club
- Biology Society
- Chess Club
- Debating
- Eco Club
- Explore Christian Union
- Greek
- Mathematics Club
- Medical Ethics
- Oxbridge Preparation
- Robotics
- Russian
- STEM Club

### Performing and creative arts

- Art Workshops
- Ballet (RAD)
- Drama Club
- Highland Dance
- Jazz Dance
- London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA)
- Photography Club
- Stage Crew
- Theatre Wardrobe

### Music

- Chamber Choir
- Chanter Club
- Chapel Band
- Folk Group
- Guitar Ensemble
- Jazz Band
- Marching Band
- Musical Rehearsals
- Music Technology Club
- Music Theory
- Orchestra and School Choir
- Percussion Ensemble
- Pipe Band
- Rock Band
- Senior Flutes
- Senior Pipe Band
- String Quartet
- Vocal Ensembles

### Leadership and public service

- Combined Cadet Force
- Charities Committee
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- John Muir Award
- Primary School Football Coaching

### Sports

- .22 Shooting
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Canoeing
- Clay Target Shooting
- Climbing Wall
- Cricket
- Fencing
- Fives
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Horse Riding
- Karate
- Netball
- Rugby
- Strength & Conditioning
- Squash
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Touch Rugby
- Volleyball



# Pastoral care at Strathallan

We pride ourselves on our strong, clear values and sense of community, helped by the fact the majority of our staff live on site.

Our pupils, staff, and even visitors comment on the 'feel' of our school – somewhere welcoming, homely and where everyone is accepted and celebrated for what makes you, you. This year, the school was recognised by the prestigious LGBT Charter with a Bronze award, which highlighted our policies as 'best practice' for other institutions to follow.

## OUR ACCOMMODATION:

- 7 Senior Boarding Houses, 3 for girls and 4 for boys
- 4–6 beds per dormitory in our Junior House, Riley
- Individual study bedrooms for girls and boys from Year 10
- Day pupils have dedicated study facilities within their allocated House and are very much a key part of the House community





# Exceptional facilities

## Facilities include:

- .22 Shooting range
- All-weather tennis/netball courts
- Art school
- Canoe slalom course
- Chapel
- Clay pigeon shooting range
- Combined cadet force base
- Cricket nets
- Cricket pitches
- Dance and drama studio
- Dining hall
- Fitness and weights suite
- Gymnasium
- Health centre
- Hockey pitches
- Indoor climbing wall
- Indoor sports courts
- Football pitches
- Library
- Multi-sports hall
- Music room
- Piping centre
- Pond
- Rugby pitches
- Science labs
- Sports hall
- Squash courts
- Swimming pool
- Theatre

153 acre campus with £25m invested in the last fifteen years



# My Strathallan life

I am from Hong Kong and I chose Strathallan because I was inspired by their commitment in both sport and academics.

The best thing about Strathallan is the teachers. They are always here to support me when I need a helping hand, especially with A Levels coming soon. It feels warm and comfortable to speak with all the teachers. The ability to gain knowledge from different perspective has helped me to achieve lots of success over the past four years both academically and in sport.

While I have been here the school has opened an independent café – ‘The Art Café’ – in the same building as the Art Department with beautiful views across the lake. The café is a favourite place of mine. It has really helped to improve



the connections between pupils and teachers and provides a welcoming, comfortable environment to people for people to chat, work (sometimes!) and relax.

I am very proud that I have managed to achieve my sporting goal of being selected to play for Scotland in badminton. I have been able to balance this with my academic work helped throughout by the teachers that have supported encouraged and inspired me.

**Hailey Ho**  
(Hong Kong)



**Daniel Garduno Mijangos**  
(Mexico)

I'm from Mexico City, I came to Strathallan at the start of 4th form. When I first saw the school in person it was a big surprise, everything was better than I ever imagined. The thing I like the most is spending time with friends all day long, you get to do things that you can't do everywhere, making lifelong memories. An important thing, apart from class, is sports, and here you can do pretty much every kind of sport, that is a really big part of why I chose this school in the first place. Some advice I would give to new people is to try new things and enjoy your time here because it goes faster than you think.



I joined Strathallan in 3rd Form with my older brother, however when COVID19 started I went back home (to Spain) for my GCSEs, but I missed Strathallan so much I decided to come back for 6th Form.

Boarding at Strathallan can be slightly challenging sometimes, for example when you want to get your washing done but the other seventy people in your house also need the washers! However, at the same time you create bonds with people that are basically unbreakable, as you are living with them you all become a family that takes care of each other, you are never alone.

My best memory studying at Strathallan has been going to Art Café (a small coffee shop on campus) to study with my friends, and every once in a while, we take a break to gossip or have a chat. My favourite subject is Psychology and I want to go on to study this at University. The teachers make an already interesting course incredibly captivating.

Strathallan has helped me become more independent and resourceful, I think it has prepared me really well for my next step in life.



**Yasmin Karlsson Juan**  
**(Spain)**

I am from mainland China and I arrived at Strathallan in September 2023.

I think Strathallan school is very cool and all my classmates and teachers are very kind and helpful.

I love playing sports and there are so many to choose from at Strathallan. I particularly enjoy attending a reading club and it is helping me to improve my English.

If I was to recommend anything to pupils thinking of coming to Strathallan, I would encourage them to get involved with different sports as well as their academic work.

It's always so interesting to try new things and Strathallan has given me the ideal opportunity to do this alongside my academic work.

**Audrey Sun**  
**(China)**



Although initially only intended as a six-month stay abroad, I immediately identified with the unique atmosphere at Strathallan. This school magically manages to scrape every ounce of talent out of you, gives everyone a chance to realise their strengths and passions fully, and offers everyone unique opportunities to excel. I love the performing arts, especially the pipe band. The performing arts at Strathallan create so many different platforms for creativity and self-expression. All three performing arts at Strath allow me to explore my talents and passions.

First, there is the Department for Scottish Culture and Traditional Music. I particularly enjoy the pipe band, which has opened me to opportunities like marching through London's streets on the Lord Major's Parade or playing on stage with Skerryvore in front of 2000 fans. I also enjoyed participating in several Burns Nights with the Folk Band. The Piping Department – one of Strathallan's most significant treasures – has enabled me to take a deep dive into Scottish culture, which, for me as an international, is something I will always be grateful for. I also love the international connections piping can create.

Then there is the Music Department. It is always a special feeling when going up to music, as I find it's a hub for many different talents and creativity. The Music Department offers many different opportunities to perform, like in an evensong in Perth Cathedral or the House music competition, which is generally considered the highlight of the academic year. I am currently learning the organ alongside two other engaged pupils; we are partly responsible for the music played in services, but most importantly, for playing at Assembly. I love this part of my week as I always try to spread my passion for organ music and the instrument. This might lead to the Headmaster walking through the rows accompanied by Beethoven's 5th Symphony or, more popular with the pupils, the Imperial March from 'Star Wars' or the 'Top Gun' theme!

And then for me, there is the Drama Department. Here, I particularly enjoyed playing Count Dracula in last year's musical. It is amazing to see how completely different people can come together, create a positive environment, and pull a show like this together.

All three of those performing arts have such a strong sense of community, fostering unique friendships through the joint hobby of expression and creativity. There is so much going on that we can create new, unique memories every week



**Constantin Beckers**  
(Germany)



I am from Hong Kong and I have been studying at Strathallan for three years. What I appreciate most is the value added to education. Strathallan goes beyond academics, providing opportunities to explore our potential. The culture here is remarkable – people are determined, motivated, and disciplined, fostering an environment that encourages everyone to achieve their best selves. To me, Strathallan is more than just a school.



**Jason Cheng**  
(Hong Kong)

One thing I particularly enjoy is being a cadet in the CCF combined cadet force this has taught me a lot about the value of discipline and teamwork.



**Roberto Ramos**  
(Mexico)

I came to Strathallan in September following in the footsteps of my brother and cousin. I am at a school in Mexico and I'm spending a year at Strathallan to improve my English. I haven't been fazed by the differences in culture, language or weather and I've just got on with things and taken advantage of as many things as possible at this school. I've enjoyed playing rugby and I'm proud to have won man of the match for the school on two occasions. I have played hockey, taken up shooting and I enjoy playing the guitar.

I came from a British school in Kuwait last year. My first impression was that it was really structured – strict even, but I thought it was really pretty and fun.

What I like best is are the many opportunities involving music, sport and drama. I also love the connections I have made with people here, it is so different from what I was used to. The things I do outside class that are important to me are activities such as rock band, football and rugby.

There is also a wide range of fun weekend activities making school feel more like a home. You really don't feel confined to just school!

I would tell anyone interested in coming to Strathallan that they can't shy away from being involved through most of every week – we barely have time for ourselves which really isn't a bad thing!

**Sarah Ibrahim**  
(Kuwait)



# Term dates and further information

We welcome pupils onto our short stay programme at any point during the academic year and it is possible to tailor the experience to suit the academic, sporting, expressive arts and cultural interests of prospective pupils.

To find out more about how we can provide a truly unique immersion experience for your son or daughter please contact Sean Hamill, Head of Strathallan Worldwide at:

[international@strathallan.co.uk](mailto:international@strathallan.co.uk)



## TERM DATES 2024-2025

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Half Term: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

### SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Half Term: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

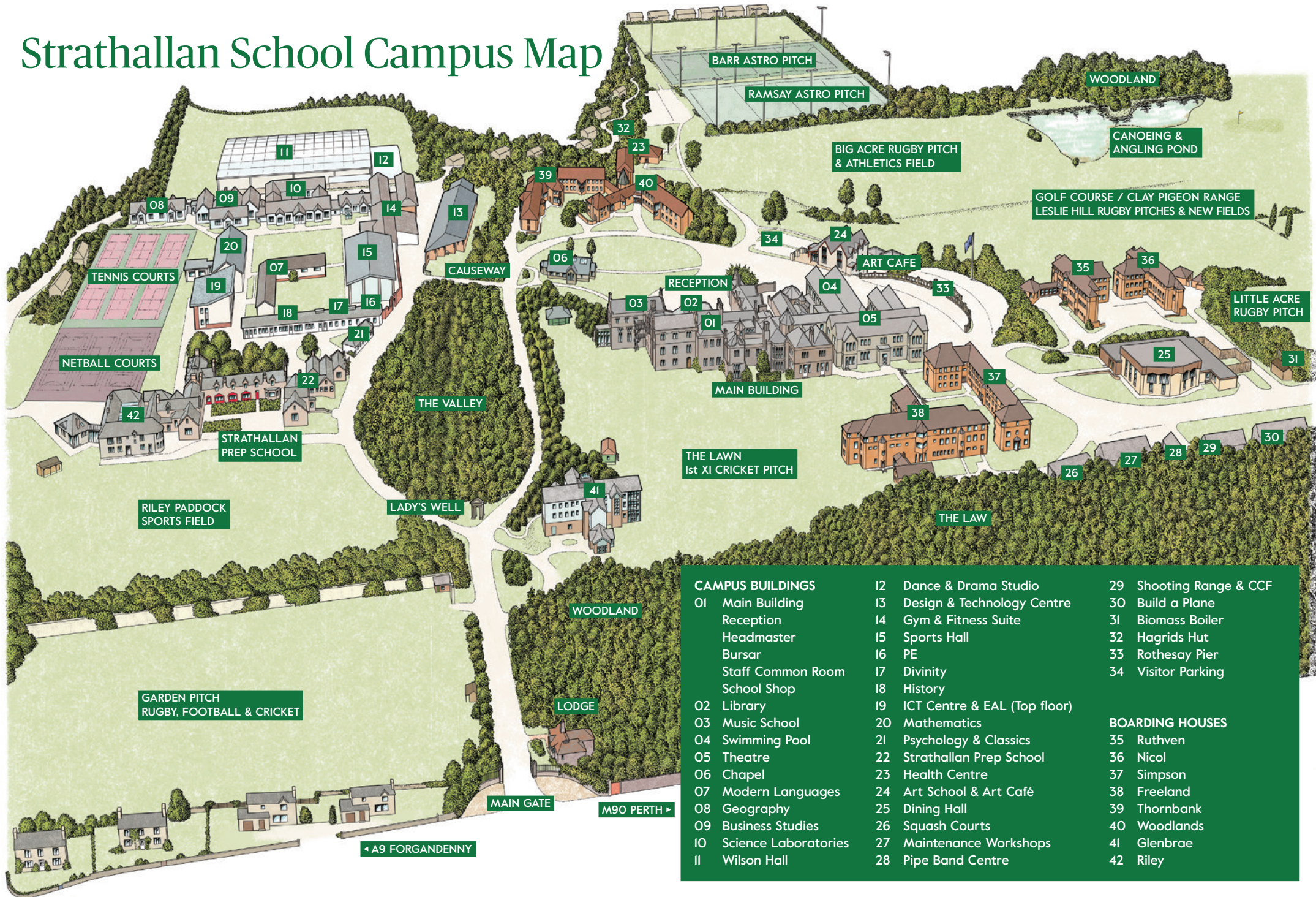
### SUMMER TERM 2025

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June

Half Term: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May - Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June



# Strathallan School Campus Map







CAMPUS BUILDINGS					
01	Main Building	12	Dance & Drama Studio	29	Shooting Range & CCF
	Reception	13	Design & Technology Centre	30	Build a Plane
	Headmaster	14	Gym & Fitness Suite	31	Biomass Boiler
	Bursar	15	Sports Hall	32	Hagrids Hut
	Staff Common Room	16	PE	33	Rothsasy Pier
	School Shop	17	Divinity	34	Visitor Parking
02	Library	18	History		
03	Music School	19	ICT Centre & EAL (Top floor)	BOARDING HOUSES	
04	Swimming Pool	20	Mathematics	35	Ruthven
05	Theatre	21	Psychology & Classics	36	Nicol
06	Chapel	22	Strathallan Prep School	37	Simpson
07	Modern Languages	23	Health Centre	38	Freeland
08	Geography	24	Art School & Art Café	39	Thornbank
09	Business Studies	25	Dining Hall	40	Woodlands
10	Science Laboratories	26	Squash Courts	41	Glenbrae
11	Wilson Hall	27	Maintenance Workshops	42	Riley
		28	Pipe Band Centre		





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