

# Burnbrae House Boarding at Lomond School



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## Introduction

As the West of Scotland's only boarding school, living and studying at Lomond School offers a truly unique experience for boys and girls from the UK and around the world. As a co-educational house, siblings can live together under one roof and the mix of boys and girls of different ages engenders a real family feel, helping our boarders to settle in to Lomond School life with ease.

Burnbrae is home to young people from a diverse range of nationalities and backgrounds and its superb location and facilities provide endless opportunities for adventure, making it an exciting and cosmopolitan place to learn and grow.

*"The boarding house has a nice family atmosphere. Everyone makes you feel welcome and there's always lots going on. Since joining Lomond I love going to school. The teachers here really care and are constantly pushing you to do your best. They wouldn't settle for anything less!"*

**Orla, Isle of Seil (West of Scotland)**



## A Supportive Environment

Our boarding parents, Lesley and Craig, and the exceptional staff and teachers who work or live in the house all form part of the Burnbrae family. As a team, they are dedicated to supporting every child's academic success and personal wellbeing as they grow.

Our small environment, with accommodation for around 60 boarders, allows the team at Burnbrae to know our young people well. Staff work together to ensure that every child in our care makes the most of the many opportunities available to them in sport, extra-curricular activities, trips and excursions. This support extends to each young person's academic performance and a strong work ethic exists in the house. Senior School teaching staff are present at Burnbrae most weekday evenings to ensure that our boarders can call on them for help with homework and extra-study.





## The Best of Both Worlds

Burnbrae is located in a quiet residential area of Helensburgh, just a five minute walk from the main school campus and ten minutes from the shopping area and seafront. The house has been purpose-built to ensure our boarders are comfortable and well catered for and being situated off the school campus helps our young people feel like they are leaving school and coming 'home' each day.

Consistently named as one of the top places to live in the UK, Helensburgh offers an unrivalled balance of easy access to the countryside, whilst also having excellent transport links to cities like Glasgow and Edinburgh. This provides the perfect environment for our boarders, with a host of outdoor pursuits on their doorstep and culture and entertainment only a short trip from home.



# About Helensburgh

From the town's notable residents to its world-class architecture, Helensburgh has a rich heritage to discover.

Our small town is home to Charles Rennie Mackintosh's finest domestic creation, the Hill House, which is open to visitors throughout the year. As well as architecture and design, Helensburgh has an inspiring history of innovation in engineering. Both Henry Bell, inventor of the first commercial steamboat, and John Logie Baird, one of the inventors of the television, lived and worked in Helensburgh.

Beyond the town's inspirational heritage, there is a great amount to offer young people living in the area. As a coastal town, with easy access to Loch Lomond, there is a wide range of water sports on offer, and the town is famous for its excellent sailing; two former pupils of Lomond School are on the GB Olympic Sailing Team with one alumna, Anna Burnet, winning silver at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

As well as water sports, there are excellent trails for mountain biking and walking and opportunities for outdoor adventure feature significantly in Burnbrae's weekend itinerary.

While the town itself has many great amenities, Helensburgh is only a short journey from the Highlands for skiing and hillwalking and Glasgow for museums, shows, shopping and cultural experiences. Glasgow and Edinburgh Airports are both easily accessible, meaning pupils can travel to Lomond School from other parts of the UK or abroad with ease.



- 10 minute drive to Loch Lomond
- 35 minute drive to Glasgow Airport
- 1.5 hour drive to Edinburgh Airport
- 1 hour flight from Glasgow to London
- Regular, direct train routes to the centre of Glasgow, Edinburgh and the Highlands of Scotland





## Burnbrae House

The kitchen at Burnbrae is, like many family homes, the hub of the house and allows boarders the possibility of preparing snacks in the evenings and weekends. All dining outside of school hours is delivered by our award-winning catering team and is served in the dining room at Burnbrae.

Our boarders are mostly housed in twin en-suite rooms with boys and girls accommodated on separate floors. Each floor is kept secure with a biometric entry system; boarders access their floor using their handprint to unlock the main door. The house is well maintained and boarders have access to attractive common rooms designed by the residents themselves. Junior and senior boarders have their own common rooms and our sixth form boarders also have separate social spaces on their own floors.

The house boasts AstroTurf pitches and a gymnasium as well as all the expected amenities to keep our young people entertained such as a pool table, table tennis, a music room and IT facilities.





## Activities and Enrichment

Weekends are a busy time for boarders with events and activities aplenty. By taking part in a broad range of extra-curricular activities and excursions, our young people nurture new and existing interests that encourage lifelong learning. It also provides our young people the opportunity to form strong bonds with their class and housemates through shared experiences and team sport.

In addition to whole school activities, the house parents and tutors ensure that our boarders are kept busy with a planned schedule of trips throughout the term and impromptu activities over the course of the weekend.

Whether they are skiing in the Highlands, visiting Edinburgh Castle or canoeing and camping on Loch Lomond, boarding at Lomond School is a truly unique and unforgettable experience.



# Benefits of Boarding

Boarding at Lomond School provides stability, structure and discipline in a supportive, nurturing and homely environment.

Academically, our boarders have a great support structure with regular prep supported by teaching staff and an in-house culture which ensures a healthy balance of work and play. Our young people are determined and hard-working and new boarders often comment on how this environment has helped them to be the best version of themselves.

Like at home, as our boarders grow they gain more freedom. Our location means that boarders and day pupils mix well and can meet up in their free time. We work with parents to set parameters and guide our boarders as they grow into young adults, ready for the next step in their education and life.

For families living in remote areas, boarding prepares children for independent living and helps them to navigate shared accommodation and the experience of living with young people from around the world. For international pupils looking to attend British universities, boarding provides a safe environment to grow and adapt to British culture as well as improving English language skills.



*“Through boarding at Lomond I have developed the resilience and determination that has made me the person I am today. Our house parents, matrons and tutors really care about us and the encouragement they provide has helped me to become more confident and independent. Support with my schoolwork and access to regular sport and fitness has seen me become the best version of myself and I am grateful for having the opportunity to live and study at Lomond. I feel ready to take on the challenges that the next stage in my education and life will bring!”*

**Marcus, Hong Kong**  
**Senior Boarder and Head of House**

# A Typical Week Day

08.00 – 08.30 Breakfast served in Burnbrae.

08.25 Check out with Matron and walk to school.

08.30 – 15.40 (15.00 on Fridays) Lessons in school. Seniors have seven periods Mon – Thurs and six periods on Friday. Pupils get a 20 minute morning break and a one-hour lunch break. Extra-curricular clubs are available during lunch break.

15.40 Return to Burnbrae for a snack and catch up with House Parents and Matrons.

15.40 – 17.30 After school extra-curricular clubs or free time to see friends, visit town or utilise the facilities in the house and grounds. Juniors set up for dinner and will help to clear up after dinner as part of their 'house duties'.

17.45 Dinner served for all at Burnbrae.

18.00 – 19.00 Free time.

19.00 – 20.00 Junior Prep (homework and study time) and 19.00 – 20.30 Senior Prep. All supported by in-house tutors and senior school teaching staff.

20.00 Free time to play games or watch television and chat with friends. Bedtimes are staggered depending on age. Before going to bed, boarders tidy their bedroom, prepare their uniform and school bag for the next day and have a shower etc.

Seniors complete evening duties; ensuring the communal areas are clean and tidy and well ordered for the next day. No prep on Friday- movies/board games/cinema trip etc.



# A Typical Weekend Day



## Morning

Continental breakfast available from 07.00. On Saturday there are hot filled rolls served from 10.00. On Sunday our boarders enjoy a cooked Brunch at 11.00.

Saturday – Organised sports including rugby, hockey and badminton.  
Sundays (and Saturday afternoons) – Pre-arranged trips, for example, boat tours on Loch Lomond, visits to explore local beauty spots, museums, shows and exhibitions or sports matches.

Boarders may have their own weekend plans including travelling to Glasgow, dinner out and meeting family/friends.

## Afternoon

For lunch, there is a selection of bread and fillings for sandwiches available throughout the afternoon. This helps to meet the needs of boarders with different schedules.

After returning from days out and free time on Sunday afternoon, boarders spend some time getting organised for the school week ahead, including tidying their dorms and packing schools bags.

17.30 Dinner is served in Burnbrae.

Boarders are encouraged to be outside every day and to use the onsite facilities including the all weather pitch and gym. Helensburgh is perfect for running, cycling and walking. Evenings often include organised pizza, movie or pamper nights. Board games including chess and card games are played nightly. Table tennis and pool tables are used by all frequently.



# Evening Meal Menu Examples



Main Choice: Welsh beef, bacon and leek pie  
Vegetarian Choice: Chickpea, mushroom and butternut squash pie  
Accompaniments: Carrots and green beans, baked potato, salad bar  
Dessert: Strawberry cheesecake

Main Choice: Teriyaki salmon  
Vegetarian Choice: Curried cous cous with grilled vegetables  
Accompaniments: Rice and pak-choi, baked potato, salad bar  
Dessert: Assorted sorbets

Main Choice: BBQ pulled pork baguette (halal option available)  
Vegetarian Choice: Shredded quorn baguette  
Accompaniments: Ranch coleslaw, baked potato, salad bar  
Dessert: Chocolate brownie

Starter: Leek and potato soup  
Main Choice: Beef lasagne  
Vegetarian Choice: Root vegetable and brie lasagne  
Accompaniments: Green beans, garlic bread, baked potato, salad bar

*"We aim to provide lots of choice in the breakfasts, lunches, dinners and snacks that we provide. Healthy, balanced meals are mixed with the occasional treat and soups, salads and fruit are available daily. Our team always keep an eye out for new boarders and we like to get feedback on what they like and don't like which allows us to play our part in helping them to settle in."*

**Claire Lane, Catering Manager**  
**Inspire, School Catering Company**

# Boarding Options

At Lomond School we offer a range of boarding options to suit the needs of individual families.

## Full Boarding

Boarders stay at Burnbrae every day throughout term time.

## Weekly Boarding (Sunday evening to Friday evening)

Ideal for families who live outwith the daily commute or have significant work commitments. Weekly boarding provides the perfect balance for our young people with structure, academic support and extra-curricular activities throughout the week, and relaxed family time at the weekend. We run a weekly bus from Oban for families living in the West Highlands.

## Flexi-Boarding

When available, pupils can choose to board for just a few nights a week. This can also be done on an ad hoc basis to support families with childcare or as a short-term solution for families relocating to the area and still seeking permanent residence.



*"Boarding is my favourite thing about school. I love living with my friends, it's so fun! There are a lot of activities in the boarding house to keep you busy and Helensburgh is a great place to live and study."*

**Holly, Thailand**

To find out more about Boarding at  
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