

A small School,  
big on heart,  
big on ambition

# Loretto







## LORETTO SCHOOL

Founded in 1827, and located in an 85 acre campus just outside Edinburgh, Loretto is one of Scotland's leading independent co-educational schools, for both boarding and day school pupils.

Loretto has always placed great emphasis on each pupil being known individually by fellow pupils and by staff, particularly the Headmaster: the ideal of a school as a family is considered achievable. The distinctive philosophy of Loretto, shaped by the formative early Headmaster, Dr Hely Hutchinson Almond, stressed the importance of full development of mind, body and spirit within a community based on the dictates of reason.

Traditional and innovative educational methods, first-class facilities and the advantages offered by a smaller school all combine to provide a uniquely rounded learning experience for boys and girls.

That rounded approach is really what sets Loretto apart. From day one, Loretto's founders were dedicated to blending academic excellence with a wealth of experiences beyond the classroom.

By helping boys and girls to excel in mind, body and spirit, the School aims to help them unlock and fully realise their true potential. Today's staff and pupils are living proof of the clear benefits offered by that ethos. Or to put it another way, while we may be a small school, our big heart and ambition offer big opportunities.



Also reflecting Loretto's commitment to help bring out the best in all, are the high standards of teaching and a diverse yet rigorous curriculum of GCSEs and A levels.

The enormous range of activities the School offers away from the classroom ensures that each pupil can grow and develop wherever their interests and talents may lie. The School's achievements in music, art and drama and our outstanding reputation in sporting endeavours – rugby, hockey, cricket, lacrosse and golf to name just a few – are both testament to that. Loretto's Golf Academy is world-renowned, and a state-of-the-art Indoor Golf Centre opened recently.

## LORETTO SENIOR SCHOOL

Loretto Senior School (12-18 years) remains primarily a full boarding school, with a number of day and flexi boarding pupils. Our boarding school ethos, facilities and atmosphere allow the development of the whole person to be pursued fully. In the Senior School there are currently around 400 pupils living in six Houses (three boys' Houses and three girls' Houses for boarders). There is one co-educational House for day pupils.

Loretto is ranked in the top seven per cent of schools nationally for 'value added' at A Level and 97 per cent of Loretto's pupils achieve places at their chosen university, with a high proportion securing places at elite Russell Group institutions.





# LORETTO JUNIOR SCHOOL - 'The Nippers'

Loretto Junior School, affectionately known as 'The Nippers', is East Lothian's leading independent Junior School for children aged 5–12 years – with around 200 boys and girls in attendance. The Nippers is predominantly a day school but every year we welcome a number of boarders who join us aged 11.

The Early Years (5–7 years) are based at Eskbank, while the Nippers (8–12 years) are at North Esk Lodge. The latter is the school's busy hub for both day pupils and boarders, situated on a site close enough to the Senior School to share its facilities, but separate enough to allow its pupils to feel secure and happy in their own independent environment. The Loretto Nursery (0–5 years) is also located close by.



## LORETTO PUPILS

Lorettonians come from a wide range of backgrounds. Some are first generation, some are fifth. 20% of pupils are on reduced fees - 105% bursaries in some cases. Some live in the local area but many live in other parts of the UK as well as abroad. Two thirds of the school are boarders.



## STAFF AT LORETTO

Loretto has a very friendly and supportive Common Room with a wide range of interests and life stories. Staff are expected to contribute fully to the School's extensive academic, pastoral, and extra-curricular programmes. The academic, pastoral, and extra-curricular timetable includes teaching on Saturday mornings and weekend and evening duties. All staff act as academic tutors to about ten tutees.

The demographic of the staff is varied from newly qualified teachers to those who know the School and its history inside out. Some teachers have joined straight from university; others after taking a PGCE/PGDE and some have taught in the Independent Sector before. In addition several members of staff have also taught internationally. Naturally with such a wide range of backgrounds and experience the staff at Loretto are professional and encouraging of each other.

The School operates its own salary scheme, based on the Scottish Scale but with recognition of the extra duties and responsibilities with which staff are involved in a boarding school.



The children of members of staff can be educated at Loretto as day pupils at substantially reduced fees.

All members of staff, except those who opt out in writing, must join the Scottish Public Pensions Authority Superannuation Scheme, which is identical to the equivalent schemes in the rest of the UK. Previous contributions and rights under such schemes are transferable. Staff contribution levels can be accessed through the SPPA website ([www.sppa.gov.uk](http://www.sppa.gov.uk))

## MUSSELBURGH - the Honest Toun

Musselburgh lies just five miles east of Edinburgh and is a strong contender for the title of Scotland's oldest town. It was first settled by the Romans in the years following their invasion of Scotland in AD80. They built a fort a little inland from the mouth of the River Esk and bridged the river here. In doing so they established the line of the main eastern approach to Scotland's capital for most of the next

two thousand years. Musselburgh is an attractive town with many interesting buildings, Scotland's oldest golf course, a racecourse, a harbour, and spectacular views across the River Forth and along it towards Edinburgh: plus its own stately home, Newhailes, and the attractive Inveresk Lodge Garden.

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