

ACHIEVING OUR **FULL** POTENTIAL



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PROSPECTUS

WE ARE **ACHIEVING**

Welcome to the Lathallan School prospectus.

Over the next few pages I hope you get a real feel for the vision and values of Lathallan School that make us so unique, and allows pupils to achieve their full potential.

Lathallan is a small school, set in a secluded and stunning coastal location; which enhances the family and community feel for all pupils and staff. This also allows us to offer a varied, flexible and challenging curriculum to allow children to develop previously undiscovered talents. We blend traditional values, a historical castle setting and a modern ethos of helping each pupil to discover and develop themselves, to allow our pupils to leave as accomplished young adults prepared for life after school.

Our focus is on the individual pupil. Our class size average is 12, which means our staff can give each child the very best care. I am proud that at Lathallan School every member of staff knows each child by name and nature, which means we can fully understand and appreciate each child's hopes and aspirations for the future, and equip them with the tools to be successful.

It is now a decade since the Board of Directors decided to extend Lathallan School from its original Preparatory School remit and develop a Senior School. In that period Lathallan School has become one of the fastest growing independent schools in Scotland, and our growing popularity pays testament to the unique nature of Lathallan School.

In that decade there has been rapid development and progress, culminating in our new Science Centre which benefits all Lathallan pupils.

I hope the information that you are about to read about Lathallan School inspires you to visit us and I look forward to welcoming you to our Castle.



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Headmaster



WE ARE **INSPIRING**

Set in a baronial castle, dating from 1867, in over sixty acres of secluded grounds, with the sparkling North Sea at our doorstep; Lathallan is a truly unique place. This distinctiveness helps inspire us to deliver the best possible education for all of our pupils.

The ethos of Lathallan School is based on five key values: opportunity, confidence, respect, endeavour and modesty.

Every child is treated as an individual, with unique strengths and interests, which we nurture to help them achieve their full potential. We aim to provide as many opportunities as possible, to challenge and engage our pupils in new ways. To this end we help all pupils become responsible citizens and successful learners.

Confidence is a major tenet of life at Lathallan School. We believe that children should be encouraged to have the self-belief to try something new, set their own targets and understand that mistakes are all part of the learning process. By these means, our pupils can understand, appreciate and enjoy their own potential.

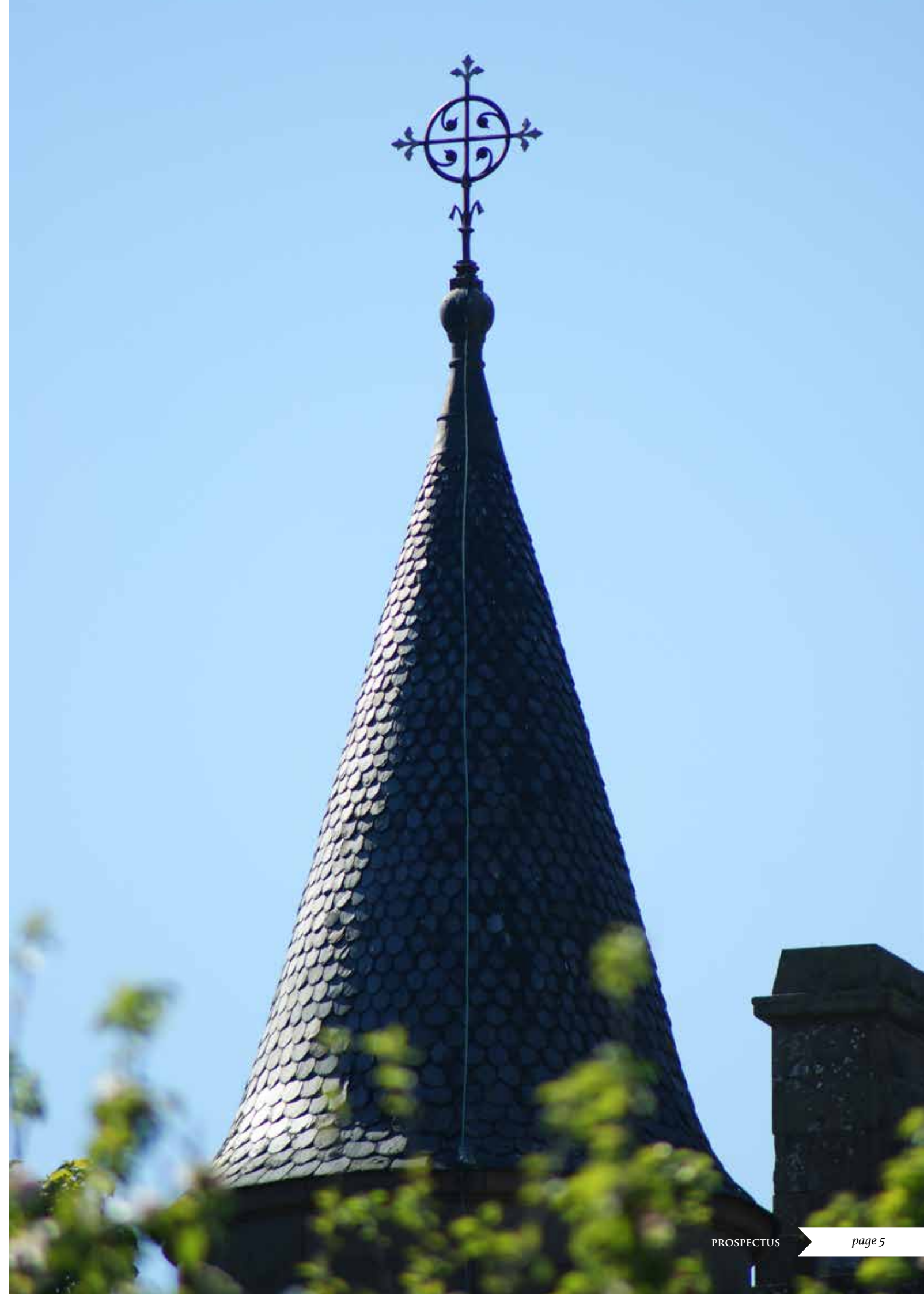
Respect at Lathallan School means respecting the wishes of others, even if we disagree with them, and always having good manners. This might be as simple as opening a door or standing up when a visitor enters a classroom or being engaged or engaging in class as a pupil. It is the glue that holds all values together. It helps Lathallan pupils develop what is unique in themselves, as well as their peers.

Endeavour is an important life lesson for all Lathallan pupils, from Junior to Senior school. Pupils are encouraged to be intrinsically motivated and aim to be successful in all areas of life. This is something that is sometimes easier to see in class based learning but often when these barriers are taken away greater challenges can present themselves. This is particularly prevalent in co-curricular activities such as outdoor education, music

and sport. Lathallan pupils learn to foster resilience in a supportive environment.

The small school environment, combined with the variety of lessons and activities each pupil undertakes while at Lathallan helps them fully engage with each other, learning new skills and gaining confidence in their abilities. Modesty is therefore a central feature of this as pupils are encouraged to celebrate both their own accomplishments, as well as the successes of others.

Lathallan School is a place in which challenge, industriousness and maximising individual potential is pivotal in our pupils' educational development. Every individual is made to feel an integral and special part of the school.



WE ARE LEARNING

Academic achievement is the cornerstone of a Lathallan education, with the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence being followed from nursery through to senior school.



Class sizes average 12 pupils. These small class sizes allow our pupils to have more time dedicated to their individual strengths, and allows the teacher to get to know their pupils very well. This in turn allows the teachers to help each child achieve their full potential.

We actively engage with our vast outdoor space to help pupils learn; from using the burn in Biology to inspiration from the castle in Art.

In the early years there is an emphasis on literacy and numeracy skills. A wide range of subjects is taught to ensure that young minds are stimulated and challenged. Specialist teachers are used to teach the pupils IT, French, Music, Science and PE.

Unique to Lathallan School, in later Junior School (J5-7) the majority of lessons will be taught by specialist teachers; committed and experience in teaching Junior School children. This again exemplifies the dedication to each individual pupil which is the hallmark of a Lathallan education.

Secondary 1 and 2 pupils study a wide breadth of subjects to allow pupils to have a thorough grounding in all areas, which helps them make informed choices about which subjects they wish to continue with throughout the rest of Senior School.

Pupils at Lathallan School chose eight specialisms to study at National 5 level in S3 and S4.

Unlike many schools, we allow pupils to maintain a broader curriculum, and gain more valuable qualifications.

In S5 and S6 pupils can chose from a wide array of Highers and Advanced Highers. In the majority of classes, pupils will be in small tutorial groups which ensures high quality one-to-one teaching preparing pupils for university and further study.

As an independent school, Lathallan School can select the best of the Scottish Curriculum for Excellence, and adapt it to the School's own ethos and aims to provide the best possible learning environment for each and every pupil.



Life at Lathallan School encompasses much more than academic lessons. In both Junior and Senior schools, pupils are encouraged to involve themselves in as many clubs and activities as they like.

As part of enriching each child's experience of school, developing co-curricular interests is a fantastic way for your child to engage beyond the classroom and develop a confident approach to life. Nursery children get to take part in exciting trips, including to a ski centre, and most recently to one of the local universities to learn about Science and making their own ice cream!

In Junior School, the civilianship curriculum is specially tailored to the childrens' ages and abilities. Children are encouraged to get involved with environmental issues, art, cultural activities and debating. This allows children to develop previously undiscovered skills, and aid a growth in self-confidence in their own abilities.

All children in the Junior school receive tailored Personal, Social and Health Education, suitable for their age. This involves having specialists speakers within a bespoke programme that allows them to revisit the school aims and values and thus prepare for the world of senior school and beyond.

In the Senior School, Friday afternoons are dedicated to Personal Development. This is where all pupils can decide which co-curricular activity they would like to try and develop their skill set in. There is a huge range of choices for the pupils from skiing, fly fishing, rock-climbing, catering, photography, rowing, volunteering, running a coffee shop, engineering or getting involved with the school drama production to name but a few. Typically, there are at least fifteen options, so pupils can always be guaranteed a wide range of activities to choose from.

School trips allow pupils to experience life beyond the classroom. Every year there are a variety of trips that allow pupils to explore Scotland to those further afield ranging from Greenland to Australia. Exclusively for S5 and S6 pupils, there is a bi-annual volunteering trip to South Africa to assist with land rehabilitation of a game reserve as well as development work at a local orphanage.



WE ARE INNOVATIVE

In 2016 a brand new, state of the art Science Centre opened for the use of all Lathallan School pupils.



The Centre incorporates a Junior Science laboratory, discrete laboratories for Physics, Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science, complete with a working greenhouse laboratory. The new facility enables our pupils to delve deeper into Science, and benefit from their new surroundings and equipment to maximise their understanding and enjoyment of Science across the disciplines.

Other features of the new Science Centre include an eco-garden and

outside teaching area. S6 pupils have their own preparation area exclusively for Advanced Higher study. Staff and pupils were heavily involved in the design of the building, from bespoke classrooms for each teacher, to computers built by the pupils; the Science Centre was developed to be the best learning facility for Lathallan pupils, and the highest standard of design. With lots of light and glass panelling, it is a light, airy building to inspire young minds of the present and the future.





WE ARE CHALLENGING



Lathallan School is set within sixty acres of secluded grounds. This provides ample space for children to play and learn in the outdoors and develop their sporting prowess.

At Lathallan School we feel that allowing a child to develop skills on the sports field helps them in numerous ways: increased confidence, facing new challenges and helping them work as part of a team, all while having fun and getting fit. The Scottish Curriculum for Excellence promotes healthy habits in youngsters; something we have been doing successfully for many years at Lathallan.

Pupils in Junior and Senior School have Games and PE practically every day; with netball, athletics, rugby, tennis, cross country and hockey all regularly played.

As a small school, we pride ourselves on running, and winning, competitive fixtures for all age groups in a variety of sports.

Our sporting success spills out beyond the school gates, with a number of pupils enjoying international success in a wide range of activities. These currently include rugby, cricket, shooting, equestrianism and triathlon. Alongside this, pupils continue to be selected for regional and district sides in netball, rugby and swimming. With our annual Rugby 7s tournament attracting teams from across Scotland, our pupils

play an active role in the local and national sports scene.

Lathallan Junior and Senior pupils have the opportunity to travel with their team. In recent years pupils have enjoyed a joint Dubai trip for netball and rugby, plus a rugby tour to Barcelona and a netball tour to Malta.

Lathallan School continues to offer every pupil the opportunity to participate in sport and enjoy the prestige and team bonding which comes with representing their school at their chosen sport.

WE ARE **ADVENTUROUS**

Lathallan School is a place where the belief that outdoor learning is a keystone in all childrens’ education.



An excellent way to nurture a lifelong appreciation of the outdoors, all children at the Nursery and School are encouraged to engage with the surroundings in a variety of play and learning scenarios.

Lathallan School’s stunning 60 acres of grounds means it is the perfect place to enhance outdoor learning, with scope for navigation, climbing and abseiling all within our own environs, led by our Head of Outdoor Learning. Lathallan even has its own zipline and climbing wall. Zip-lining is not just for the older pupils; even the Nursery children get involved! This unique experience is just one of the many outdoor based activities that Lathallan Nursery children enjoy.

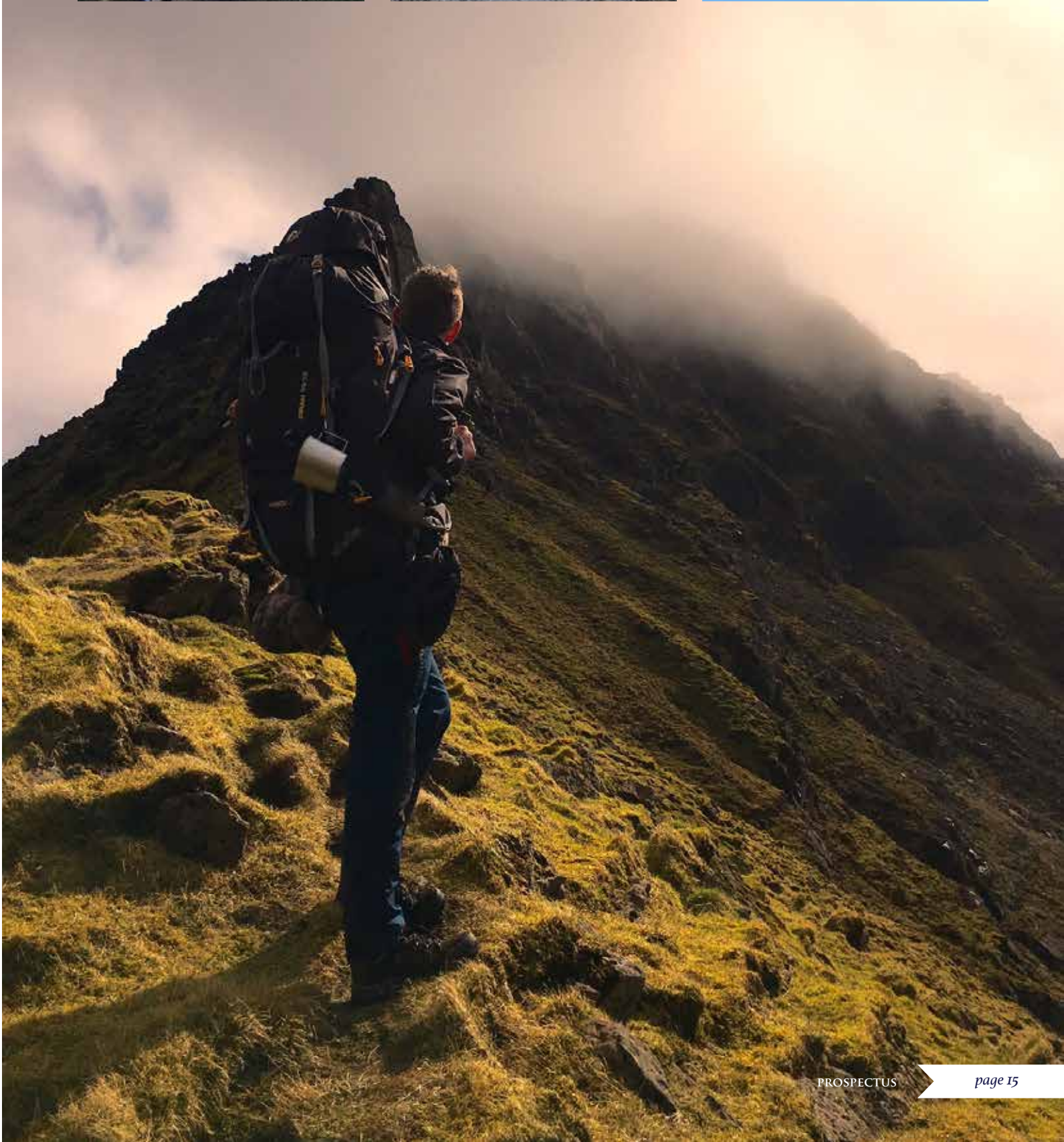
In Junior School the pupils enjoy camping, cycling trips, and bagging munros in the Cairngorms. Outdoor education is also incorporated into the curriculum at the lower end of Senior School, and pupils enjoy the opportunities to take their new skills outwith the School and visit some of the stunning Scottish scenery that surrounds us here at Lathallan School. In S2 pupils can take part in the National Navigation Award Scheme, and in S3 all pupils can gain a John Muir Award.

The school encourages participation and involvement on outdoor education across the curriculum and throughout the years. From local overnight camping expeditions for six and seven year olds, to exploratory unsupported mountaineering

expeditions to Greenland the school believes in developing an adventurous spirit from the start.

Pupils have also taken part in the trip of a lifetime to Greenland, one of the most dramatic and challenging countries in the world. The intrepid group climbed four peaks, scaled a huge glacier, and put their outdoor skills into practice in the stunning and remote scenery.

To this end, Lathallan School has the highest percentage uptake of Duke of Edinburgh award scheme pupils in Scotland. Recently, the entire Senior School successfully completed a day hike up Britain’s highest mountain, Ben Nevis, to celebrate the Diamond Anniversary of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.



Fostering creativity and developing a cultural awareness is all part of the Lathallan education.

We have an active and engaging Music and Drama department, with pupils able to undertake one-to-one music tuition in a wide range of instruments. All pupils are given the opportunity to perform at regular events and concerts, with the end of year Music Show one of the main highlights in the Lathallan calendar.

Pupils can tread the boards in a number of school plays and performances, from a rousing Senior School rendition of We Will Rock You to our youngest pupils' Christmas plays. With opportunities for all pupils to take part on stage or behind the scenes, drama brings our pupils together.

Lathallan School also offers London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art training for aspiring actors, both in Junior and Senior School. These

lessons challenge our pupils artistically to engage with drama on a whole new level.

The Lathallan Pipe Band are nationally recognised, and compete in a wide variety of regional competitions. With world class tuition, our pupils learn from the very best in the field of piping and drumming. The Band has toured in Norway and Belgium with the Tartan Day Parade in New York a current highlight.

Artistic pupils have scope to develop their talents in class and in competition. Dedicated art teachers in Junior and Senior sections teach a variety of mixed media art techniques, currently including painting, digital art, illustration, photography and sculpture.





WE ARE CURIOUS

Learning through play is at the centre of Lathallan Nursery. Children can explore, and parents' minds can be put at ease, with our secure and friendly nursery caring for your child.



The aims of the Lathallan Nursery are clear: to provide a positive, caring and social environment for each child. This in turn stimulates young minds to encourage learning and development through play.

From babies as young as six months, through to pre-school children ready to make the leap to school, Lathallan Nursery caters for all ages and stages in your child's early education. Following the Curriculum for Excellence, our trained and experienced staff are ideally placed to help your child learn and prepare for the next stage in their Lathallan education.

We have a number of specialist teachers who visit the Nursery on a regular basis. Music, French and Drama are to the fore, with the Headmaster's storytelling sessions a highlight for all. As well as this, the pre-school children take part in activities with the Junior 1 pupils and teacher at School.

Meals are freshly prepared by our own cook in the Nursery kitchen, with all dietary requirements catered for.

Lathallan Nursery children take advantage of the transition from Nursery to Junior School with **guaranteed entry** into Junior 1, with teachers that the children are already familiar with.

The advantages of your child continuing at Lathallan School are numerous; already in the familiar surroundings, your child will already have friends and accustomed faces which makes the move to school seamless.



WE ARE LIVING

Lathallan School is unique in the local area by offering full, weekly or flexi boarding.



Boarding is a popular option with both parents and pupils; the ideal solution for busy working families as well as giving children an early taste of independence away from home.

Boarding provides incomparable advantages during a pupil's formative years. The supportive environment allows pupils to fully immerse themselves in their school activities, enjoy the camaraderie of their peers, and learn responsibility. Boarding pupils are therefore well prepared for the academic rigours of university life, and this helps them achieve their full potential beyond school.

The advantages of a boarding environment, with interaction with teachers outside the classroom, means Lathallan School pupils cultivate strong self-discipline and a confidence to socialise and relate to people of different ages, which help prepare them for life in the workplace.

Small boarding dorms are located in the castle; with boys and girls located in separate wings. Boarders enjoy a wide range of evening and weekend activities, and have their own dedicated common room. Boarders can make use of the IT facilities during the evening to keep in touch with family and study.

Our boarding house and care arrangements are inspected by the Care Commission and our most recent inspection reports have praised the warm and friendly atmosphere and the quality of our care.

Pastoral care is offered to all pupils across Lathallan School, not just boarding pupils. Being a small, family centred school we get to know our pupils very well and that helps pupils feel comfortable to discuss any issues or problems they are having with any member of staff.



WE ARE COMING TO VISIT

We welcome parents and families to visit all year round, with visits organised at a time convenient to you.

You will get the opportunity to meet our Headmaster, pupils and teachers on a tour of the School.

We hold Open Events throughout the year; please check the website

for dates and details of the next Event.

As a non-selective school, we actively encourage prospective pupils to spend a Taster Day

with us, to really experience life at Lathallan. You can combine this with an overnight stay if you would like to find out more about boarding.




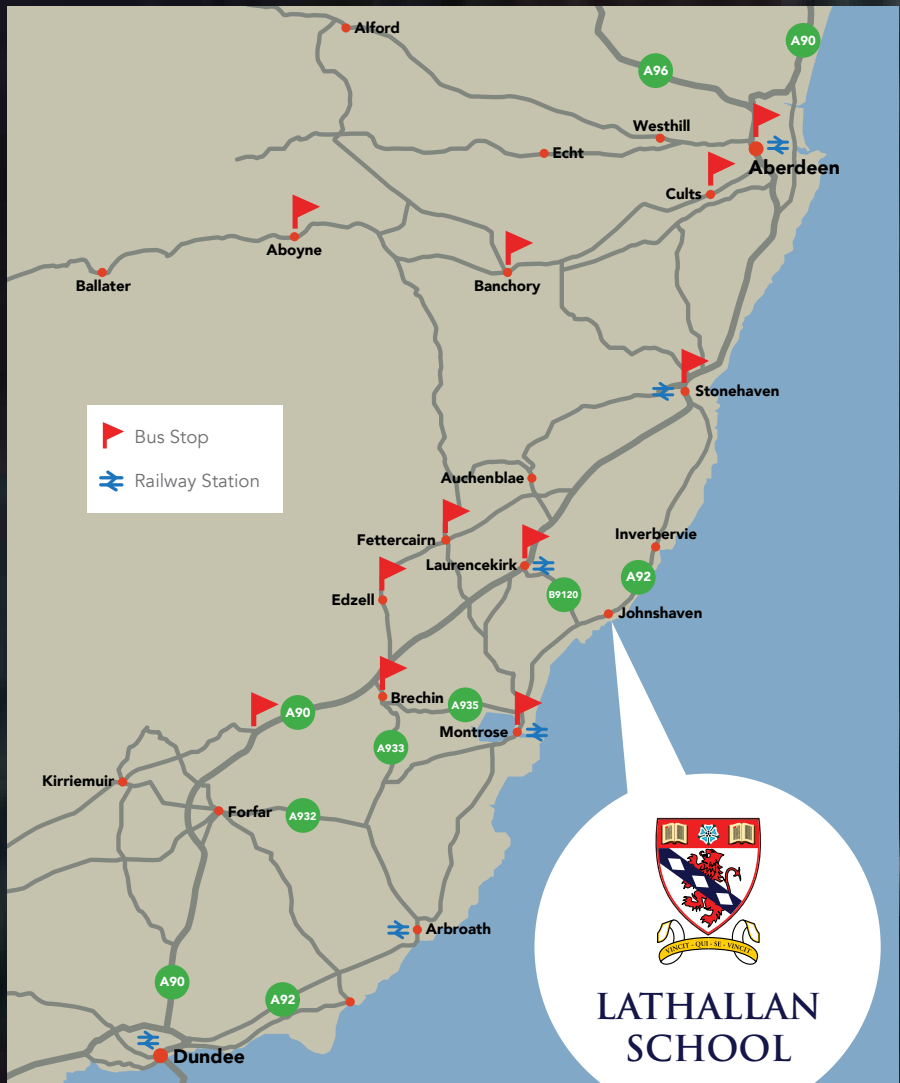
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