

Join us for a **BLISS**ful summer at Strathallan School

30TH JUNE TO 28TH JULY 2024



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Who are **BLISS**?

Brownlee Language International
Summer School.

We at **BLISS** aim to provide students from all over the world with the unmissable opportunity to spend their summer broadening their minds, expanding their skill set and creating incredible memories to last a lifetime.

It's important to us that every student has a **BLISSful** experience, so we always aim to strike the right balance between leisure and learning. We know that with this approach we can encourage students to speak English in a natural, authentic way.

Join us on a summer adventure that will enhance, enrich and encourage.

Our students will tell you that themselves... in English.



STRATHALLAN SCHOOL IS SET IN 153 ACRES OF RURAL PERTHSHIRE, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE GATEWAY TO THE HIGHLANDS OF SCOTLAND.

50 MINUTES TO EDINBURGH AND JUST OVER ONE HOUR TO GLASGOW, STRATHALLAN'S PERTHSHIRE IS THE PERFECT POSITION FOR AN ALL ENCOMPASSING SUMMER SCHOOL FULL OF ADVENTURE, FRIENDSHIPS AND MEMORIES WAITING TO BE MADE...

BLISS AT STRATHALLAN WILL BRING YOU A SUMMER SCHOOL FULL OF VIBRANT OPTIONS, SIGHTS, SOUNDS AS WELL AS OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE AND SPEAK THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

English learning at **BLISS**

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Our course is based on the Theory of Natural Acquisition, pioneered by Stephen Krashen. We want the language to stick in the minds of our students and we want them to see learning the language as a pleasure. In this way, we have designed our course to have formal elements, as well as informal ones. When you learn your first language, you do so through listening, repetition and then understanding; this is Natural Acquisition. That is our aim for our learners.

While they might come to us not familiar with certain vocabulary, grammar or accent, they will certainly leave with a more familiar connection with English, as they will have full-immersion English when they are with us. Through working with the daily routine, following instruction and interacting with others, they will start to absorb and use language, which they didn't have before.

During the mornings, they will have their lessons in the classroom setting, where they will benefit from an interactive style of teaching and learning. They will work towards a weekly project at their own level and they will be able to ask their teacher and peers for support. We are accredited by the British Council.



Out of the classroom, they will be communicating in the common language with students from the UK as well as from many different nations. Staff only speak English and so, in order to be understood, they have to speak to us in English. So, whether they are in the common rooms, the onsite equestrian centre or in the sports halls, students have to communicate in English to ensure they can connect with others.

All the teachers follow the same syllabus, which means that all students are learning the same topics, but in different age groups and at different levels. In this way, all students can converse about their lessons in the morning, no matter what class they are in. Classes have a maximum of 16 students and have as diverse a range of nationalities as possible.

The process of learning is a holistic one, where the students are able to benefit from a completely safe learning and living environment. Here they can advance, hone, or perhaps start their journey with English.

English Language is at the centre of everything we do – it is fundamental to the program.



100% of 2022 surveyed participants scored **BLISS English lessons as “Extremely” and “very” well organised**



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Why choose BLISS at STRATHALLAN?

Personal growth and discovery
Lifelong friendships with kindred spirits from around the globe
Team-building skills
Confidence in speaking English
Outstanding memories made for life!








Our programme is flexible, action packed and full of fun, while still being educational, interactive and full-immersion.

BLISS programmes have evolved from feedback given to us from schools, parents, partners and students - along with years of experience.

We **recommend a minimum stay of two weeks**, but you can stay up to four weeks with us, as our syllabus ensures no lessons are repeated along with weekend adventures that are different every time.

At BLISS you will have English lessons in the morning and then you can choose options in the afternoon to suit your personal interests.

All of our teachers are experienced and qualified to teach you, no matter what level your English is at. All of our afternoon instructors are experts in their field and there is every possibility that their enthusiasm might just make you an expert in the future!

Week days		Weekends
8.30 Breakfast and registration		8.30 Breakfast
9.00 – 12.30 English		9.00 – 9.30 Leave for Edinburgh Castle
12.30 – 13.30 Lunch		12.30 – 13.30 Packed lunch
13.30/14.00 – 16.00 Choice of Afternoon Activities		13.30/14.00 – 16.00 Art gallery and shopping
16.30 – 17.30 Swimming (Optional)		16.30 – 17.30 Return to school
18.00 Dinner		18.00 Dinner
19.00 Assembly and Evening activities		19.00 Evening activities
22.30 / 23.00 Lights out		22.30 / 23.00 Lights out

What does the week look like at BLISS?

Monday to Friday mornings allow time for the students to dedicate time in the classroom, with experienced and qualified teachers, following our unique, specially developed BLISS syllabus, accredited by the British Council.

Our **academic staff** are committed to inspiring our students with a broad range of exciting lessons and activities. We ensure that students feel thoroughly engaged and ready to try something new.

Everyone attends classes based on **age and level**. We use the CEFR to help us grade students.

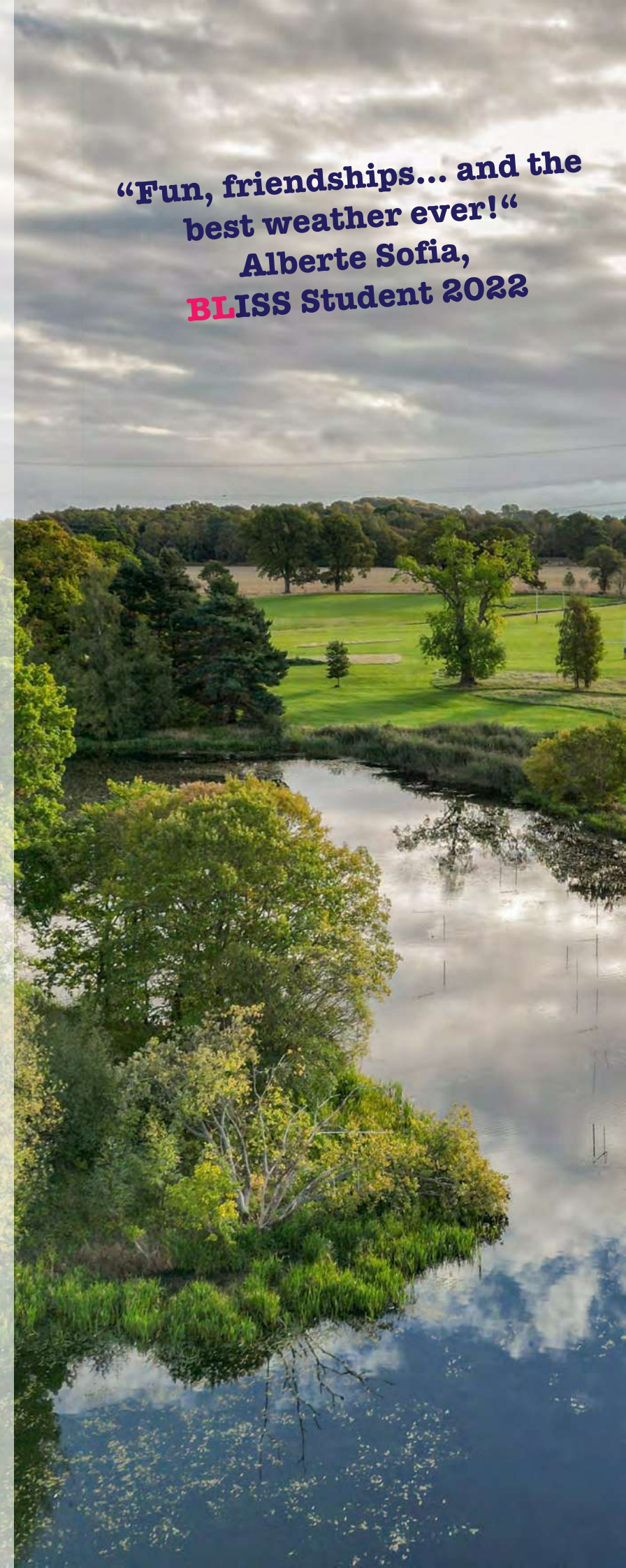
Our **Director of Studies** has been teaching English as a Foreign Language since 2001 and has run four different language schools across the UK and abroad. With a diploma in TESOL, and a BA (Hons) she is fully qualified to ensure that high-quality lessons are being delivered at all times.

Due to the nature of our syllabus, students are assured that across all levels they will study the same subjects on the same day, ensuring **interactive opportunities** outside, as well as inside, the classrooms.

Students also have an **elective subject** for ten hours per week. **Every evening**, there is a choice of leisure activities: sports, arts and crafts, team games, discos, cinema night, karaoke and many more besides. Every weekend, students have **full-day excursions** to local places of interest.



“Fun, friendships... and the best weather ever!”
Alberte Sofia,
BLISS Student 2022



Afternoon Electives

After English in the mornings, students can choose from:

- Tennis
- Art
- Rock School
- Mixed Summer Sports
- 121 Extra English
- Outdoor Adventure
- Football
- Golf

Mixed Summer Sports

This option is for students who can't quite decide what sports they want to do! Don't worry; that's no problem for us! Mixed Summer Sports is a little bit of everything – including volleyball, swimming, athletics, touch rugby, rounders, tennis and badminton too if you like! If there is something special you want to do that's not on the sports menu, just let us know and we will do our best to organize it for you!. This course is also open to local UK students, so gives maximum opportunity for interaction and English communication.



Outdoor Adventure

Partnered with our local provider, over 3 days we do aqua zorbing, kayaking, archery and paddleboarding on the River Tay– each day is different, and exhilarating. On the other two days, we investigate the campus, explore bushcraft, survival skills and den making.

Art

We have our own Art Leaders, who will show you how to make crafts from mood-boards, clay models, or something you just dream up! You will have time and space to paint, draw, sketch from your own imagination or from the instructions of our Art Leader.



Rock School

This **NEW** afternoon option is for those who want to unleash their inner rockstar! Working with other students, you will have the opportunity to sing as well as to play guitars, bass, drums, electric piano and other instruments to see what fits you best. If you already play, then great, you're in the band!



Golf

Working with our specially selected Golf Pro, students will be able to tee off in the home of Golf; Scotland. Perthshire is famous for its many well-kept courses, which will inspire our students to improve their game, no matter their existing level.



STRATHALLAN SCHOOL HAS ITS OWN ONSITE GOLF COURSE

There are few places as captivating as Scotland, especially in summer. A land of magical castles, highlands and glens – it even has its own type of cow! Strathallan offers a **BLISSful** combination, right in the heart of Scotland.

What's your overall impression of **BLISS**?

"Attention to student needs, staff excellence in preparation and overview, variety of activities, facilities, extremely human environment and the impact that has on students"
Agent, 2019



St Andrews Beach, Scotland



Tennis

Using our indoor and outdoor tennis courts, this racquet sport is one of skill and understanding. Our instructors will ensure you are developing in the best way to maximize your tennis experience.

1-2-1 Extra English

If you really want to power up your English over summer, opt for this in the afternoons. Depending on your level and what you want to improve, your teacher will work with you on an individual level to ensure that you get out of these afternoons exactly what you hope for. This could be extra practice in conversation, or it could be exam prep for something specific. Whatever your needs, we will make and produce a tailored plan for you, with extensions and homework tasks to be done during your time with us

Football

Everyone loves football! This option is for footballers of every level who want to improve their game and learn new skills and techniques on one of our many pitches at Strathallan.



WEEKENDS!

STIRLING PERTH ST ANDREWS EDINBURGH

GLASGOW LOCH NESS DUNDEE LOCH LEVEN

Scotland is simply stunning. Any visitor who comes here will be captivated by the castles, the glens and the dramatic scenery all around. It is the land of the world's shortest commercial flight (47 seconds on a good day!), the home of **golf** and the Loch Ness Monster, of Sean Connery and Ewan McGregor, of scientists and politicians, artists and musicians, and of castles that were home to kings and queens of old.

BLISS at Strathallan, is situated just outside the historic town of Perth, often called the **Gateway to the Highlands**. Stirling is not far, where William Wallace fought and where the National Wallace Monument now dominates the skyline. This dramatic landmark can only be outdone by Stirling Castle itself, only a few kilometres away.

Weekend Trips

Every Saturday and Sunday we all go together on a coach to a city, town or other attraction that is of **cultural interest** to our students. We know that many of our students come back year after year, so we make these **trips varied**, different every weekend and every year.

We leave the school at 9.30am, with a packed lunch. We spend the full day out, led by our group leaders and activities staff and then we get back to school in time for dinner.

We also have a full schedule of evening activities at the weekend.



Catering, Campus and Accommodation

Catering

Strathallan's Catering Team have a lot to be proud of! They will provide three meals a day, with hot and cold options, salad, soups and local cheeses and breads. They will also provide packed lunches for our full-day trips.

Campus

The campus is 153 acres of parkland, a few miles from Perth. It takes around 45-50 minutes from Edinburgh airport and about one hour from Glasgow.

Onsite we have a golf course, science lab, swimming pool, art department, many indoor and outdoor tennis courts and many other facilities to explore and discover, including a BBQ cave!

SPECIAL BLISS TWIN CENTRE OPTION

In order to get the very best experience when you come to Scotland we have 2 twin stays available, where you will stay one week at Strathallan and one week at our sister campus, Kilgraston.

Your transfer between campuses is on Sunday, so pack in the morning and come back to a different school, we will move everything for you.

Available dates are:

30 JUNE - 28 JULY 2024

This is a superb and truly unique opportunity to experience two of Scotland's best and most prestigious boarding schools in one single trip!

MEET DOUBLE THE FRIENDS AND HAVE TWICE THE FUN!

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Summer in Scotland is



Accommodation

Boys and girls are accommodated in different areas and we will be using Freeland House. The rooms are single, double as well as some dorms. The facilities are shared and on the floor next to the rooms.

Staff stay onsite 24/7

We are ten minutes from Perth Royal Infirmary, in the case of an accident or emergency



Essential Info

Minimum 15 hours of General English or Young Leadership a week

Afternoon and Evening activities included

10 hours of elective activities

24 hour pastoral care from **BLISS** staff

2 weekend trips a week

Pick-ups from any **Scottish airport**

UM service covered

Mobile Phone Policy

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Booking Process

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