



STRATHALLAN
SCHOOL

Opportunities for *all* to excel



Strathallan Shooting Academy



“As Girls Captain it’s been great to see the number of girls who shoot increase and continue to grow. In the academy we all share a passion for the sport and whether you shoot regularly or have never shot before, it is a fantastic sport to get involved with.”

Louisa Acton — Girls Captain,
British Independent Schools’
Competition

Aim for the sky

Clay target shooting is one of Scotland’s fastest growing sports and here at Strathallan we have a proud shooting tradition going back many years. We are also the only school in Scotland to have its own purpose-built Compact Sporting clay pigeon shooting facility boasting nine fully automated radio-controlled traps.

Several of our alumni have gone on to represent Scotland at the World Championships and amongst our current pupils we have some of the best young shots in the country representing both Scotland and the school at the World Championships last summer, including a current Colts World Champion; Ali Turnbull.

Over the past twelve years we have been consistently placed in the top four 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. And since its inception three years ago, we have won the renowned Holland & Holland British Independent Schools Competition once and been runners up twice.

We hope over the next few pages you get an insight into the Shooting Academy at Strathallan and see first-hand how clay shooting is a sport close to the hearts of many in our school community.

Paul Vallot, Head of Strathallan Shooting Academy

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Shooting Academy Benefits

Members of the Strathallan Clay Shooting Academy benefit from a specially designed programme of coaching which focuses on the practical element of shooting, as well as competition preparation. Our top coaches also offer expert tuition and guidance in technique, fitness, nutrition, strength and conditioning and sports psychology.

Our aim is to support shooters at every stage of their development and build on their aspirations. Each individual is unique and there is no single pathway to success. Our high-quality learning environment has been created to support athletes on their development journey, offering advice and expert tuition along the way to help them achieve their goals and excel. We also explore other clay shooting disciplines, including Skeet and Down-The-Line (DTL) and training takes place at other grounds for these specialisms.

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Young Guns/Colts Pathway

Foundation

SHOOTING CLUB MEMBER

Open to all who want to learn and develop the basic skills and acquire the knowledge and understanding required to use the shotgun safely, confidently and skilfully.



Talent Identification

TALENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAMME

The next step for aspiring shooters who show the potential to go further. Honing technical & tactical skills and preparing for competition. Developing strength & resilience. A place where talent can thrive.



STRATHALLAN SHOOTING ACADEMY

A programme designed to support elite athletes in the development of the skills and behaviours required for their long-term development and entry into competing at the highest level.





Brothers-in-Arms

Strathallan pupils Angus Turnbull, 17 and Ali Turnbull 14 are already making a name for themselves in the shooting world.

In 2021, Angus represented Scotland at the Sporting Home International in Dundee, helping the Scottish junior team secure third place and both him and his brother Ali have represented Scotland and the school at the World Championship Junior (U21) competition.

Angus has also been recently named High Gun at the Holland and Holland Independent Schools' Clay Pigeon Championships after scoring an impressive 75/80 as well as winning the Individual under-18 category and the Continuation Shoot at the Amulree & Trochry Clay Shoot.

Ali, who was named Colts World Champion in 2021, also won Bronze in the Colts World Sports Trap and came top in the 'C Class' Overall World Title against guns of all ages. An amazing achievement for a 14-year-old shooting against adults in the same class.

“The shooting academy and the coaches at Strathallan have helped me from day one and three years later I got my first cap for Scotland. This is all down to the specialist one-on-one coaching I received.”

Angus Turnbull, Strathallan Shooting Academy
& Scotland Junior Team member
(World Championships & Home Internationals)

Shooting for the Stars

Scottish Schools' Clay Pigeon Championships

Winning 13 times out of 15 years (between 2004 and 2019)

Scottish Prep Schools' Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition

Champions 2020-22

Holland & Holland Independent Schools Clay Pigeon Shooting Championships

Winners 2020, Runners Up 2021 & 2022

Representative Honours

Jack Turnbull — Scotland Junior Team (Home Internationals)

Lewis Turnbull — Scotland Junior Team (Home Internationals)

Ali Lightbody — Scotland Junior Team (Home Internationals)

Polly Lightbody — Scotland Ladies Team (Home Internationals)

Angus Turnbull — Scotland Junior Team (World Championships & Home Internationals)

Ali Turnbull — Scotland Junior Team (World Championships & Home Internationals)



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“I think the reason I enjoy shooting so much is because I love the outdoors and just being outside. Ever since I can remember I’ve loved shooting.
I have really enjoyed being the Captain of Strathallan’s Prep School Shooting team. The seniors have always been great role models for me and and I can’t wait to join the senior team next year and continue to improve my shooting.”

Hunter Stevens — Captain, Strathallan Prep School Shooting team



Do you have what it takes to be a Shooting Academy athlete?

-  Balance
-  Quick reflexes
-  Core strength
-  Accuracy
-  Faces challenges
-  Resilience
-  Discipline
-  Consistency

-  Excellent hand eye co-ordination
-  Character, leadership & teamwork
-  Focused & determined

Take the next step

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