



STRATHALLAN  
SCHOOL

Opportunities for *all* to excel



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Strathallan Shooting Academy

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“As captain it’s amazing to see how much the academy has developed over the eight years I’ve been at Strathallan. The academy has developed hugely with a very strong A team as well as ladies and prep school teams.”

Ali Turnbull — Clay Shooting Captain

## 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.

# 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.





# Molly's game

After less than a year of taking up the sport, Strathallan student Molly H has helped the Scottish Junior Team win the British Open Junior DLT Clays Championships in Banbridge, Ireland.

The 16-year-old from Moray, who was recently named Ladies Non-International, Scottish Ladies High Gun and Scottish Ladies Champion at the Scottish DLT Championships, helped the junior Scottish side win their first British Open Junior DLT Championships since 1989.

Strathallan School pupil Molly H has become the first Scottish Woman to win the Welsh Open Championship Junior High Gun.

Molly said her win in Wales is a moment she won't forget, "It feels amazing, to know that I'm the first girl to win it and the first Scottish person, is an incredible achievement. I have a tradition of not looking at the scores whilst I shoot so I didn't know right until the prize-giving that I'd won. It was a memorable weekend."

“As Girl's captain it's really great to see members of the Academy grow a love for clays and build on their shooting ability throughout the academic year. I have become a more versatile and confident shooter with the help of Strathallan's Academy programme”

Molly Hall, Girls Captain  
Strathallan Shooting Academy

# 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), Colts World Champion, 3rd at the European championships (U21), Captaining Team GB and Team Scotland (U21) & Selected for the Commonwealth and Olympic Development Squad

Molly Hall — British open Junior team champion, Welsh junior champion & Selected for the Commonwealth and Olympic Development Squad



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Hi, my name is Claude Newton and I am captain of the SPS Clay Team. I have been at this great school since the start of the year and I was honoured to be invited to join the Senior Clay Academy. The 1-2-1 coaching I get is excellent and my shooting has really come on.

Claude Newton — 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

Get in touch today

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