



Glenstal Abbey
SCHOOL

SCHOLARSHIPS AT GLENSTAL ABBEY SCHOOL

NURTURING EXCEPTIONAL TALENT

2021/22 PROGRAMME



It is a joy and a privilege to play a role in nurturing unique talent. We look forward to embarking on a shared journey towards realising your son's true potential.

FR MARTIN BROWNE OSB
HEADMASTER

INTRODUCTION

At Glenstal Abbey School, we provide an environment where each boy is given the opportunity to grow and discover his truest self. Our purpose is to help reveal and nurture the talents and gifts of each boy who attends our school while supporting and upholding an excellent level of academic performance.

We possess a deep understanding of the education of boys, underpinned and informed by the values of a fifteen-hundred-year-old Benedictine tradition and through our unwavering commitment to individual care and attention.

As a demonstration of this commitment, we are delighted to announce our 2021/22 Scholarships Programme. This programme grants **awards based on merit and need** each year to boys possessing exceptional musical, academic, or athletic talent. We provide the platform, support and encouragement to help them achieve their full potential. The aim of the awards is to provide specialist development programmes and to offer financial assistance to those who might not otherwise be in a position to attend the school.

Full-scholarship awards are available to cover full fees for seven-day boarding for candidates who would otherwise not be able to attend. Other expenses may also be included (at the discretion of the Scholarships Committee). For those who can afford to pay a portion of the fees, we offer **partial scholarships** providing fee remission ranging from 25% to 75%. This programme is jointly funded by the monastic community of Glenstal Abbey and through the generous support of donors.



ABOUT GLENSTAL ABBEY

Founded in 1927 by Belgian monks from Maredsous, Glenstal Abbey is a house of God and home to a community of over thirty Benedictine monks. It is an environment that is culturally and academically vibrant, a place which enriches both resident and visitor alike. Dedication to learning has been central to the Benedictine way of life for over fifteen-hundred years. In Glenstal, this is expressed through the Abbey School and the Monastery's *Studium*; a centre of Benedictine monastic learning. Our tradition is built on the four cornerstones of prayer, education, work, and welcome. It is uniquely situated in a historic estate of 500 acres of parkland, lakes, and woodland and is comprised of a monastery, school, guesthouse and dairy farm.

ABOUT GLENSTAL ABBEY SCHOOL

Glenstal Abbey School is an independent secondary seven-day boarding school for boys. The school has approximately 220-230 students with small class sizes of 12-16 per class, highlighting the importance we place on individual care and attention and the human relational aspect of learning.

We believe that our community offers students the freedom to grow spiritually and creatively and to develop a love for learning. While the school's ethos is Benedictine, Christian and Catholic, Glenstal welcomes students of all faiths and none. As a community, we take justifiable pride in the academic excellence of the School and outstanding pastoral care provided to all our students.

Our academic programme offers a wide range of subjects, and we encourage each boy to achieve his true potential. Our teaching team is a unique combination of monks and lay staff, providing diverse and eclectic perspectives in their respective fields.

Outside of the classroom, Glenstal really comes to life. Whether competing for the Munster rugby cup, singing in our renowned choir, or pausing to reflect during a stroll through the spectacular grounds of the Glenstal estate, there is much to do and enjoy.

We want Glenstal to be a place of flourishing for your son, where he will be guided to become the best version of himself and supported in a nurturing community, and emerge prepared for a meaningful and fulfilling life.

CARMEL HONAN
PRINCIPAL



THE SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME

NURTURING THOSE WITH OUTSTANDING MUSICAL, ACADEMIC OR SPORTS TALENT

The School's Scholarships Programme grants awards each year based on merit and need. We welcome applications from students who are exceptionally talented musically, academically or athletically. The awards aim to provide financial support to those who could not otherwise attend the school due to financial barriers.



MUSIC AWARDS

Our selection focus is on Musicality. We are seeking applicants at any level who are naturally musical and can demonstrate their talent through vocal or instrumental performance. Music scholars will experience a dedicated, immersive musical education programme at Glenstal with a significant amount of their daily and weekly routine – up to two hours per day - committed to the study of both theoretical and practical vocal and instrumental work.

KEY COMPONENTS:

- Singing lessons
- Piano lessons
- Membership of the School Choir and Schola
- Singing in the Choir at Sunday Mass during term time
- Continued academic achievement
- Full access to co-curricular opportunities

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

For scholars who have the interest and aptitude:

- Organ lessons
- Composition, moving beyond the rudiments required for Junior and Leaving Certificate Music
- Keyboard Improvisation
- An additional instrument

ACADEMIC AWARDS

For academic scholars, we provide a diverse and engaging curriculum to expose curious and creative minds to a wide variety of subjects and activities. In addition to the core requirements of the Junior and Leaving Certificates, students can avail of opportunities to study: Latin, Greek, additional modern European languages, and participate in team-based competitions in Mathematics, Science, and Debating, developing their talents as effectively as possible.

KEY COMPONENTS:

- Small class sizes and individualised learning plans
- Regular mentoring meetings with a designated tutor
- Support and assistance to compete in co-curricular competitions such as Maths and Science Olympiads and the Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition
- Continued academic achievement
- Full access to co-curricular opportunities

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- Study two modern European languages
- Study Latin and/or Classical Greek
- Participate in Effective Communication at junior cycle and Debating at senior level
- Audition for the School Choir





SPORTS AWARDS

Scholarships are available for students who have a proven track record over the course of their time in junior cycle and/or with their sports clubs. Awards are available in **athletics, rugby or tennis**. Other sporting disciplines will be considered where we believe we can assist and develop the athlete's potential and will be examined on a case-by-case basis.

Awards will be made to successful candidates applying for entry to Transition Year (4th) and will be reviewed and awarded annually for the duration of senior cycle while at Glenstal Abbey School.

KEY COMPONENTS:

- Regular mentoring with a designated sports coach
- Strength and conditioning development
- Train, compete and represent the School in the relevant discipline(s) at regional and national level
- Continued academic achievement
- Full access to curricular and co-curricular school opportunities



We can only grow and fulfil our destiny as human beings by developing the interconnectedness between mind, body and spirit. Balance, proportion and harmony are central; learning must be integrated into our whole person.

- Abbot Brendan

FULL OR PART FUNDING AVAILABLE

Full Scholarships cover 100% of tuition and seven-day boarding fees. An additional allowance may be awarded for miscellaneous expenses at the discretion of the Committee. **Partial Scholarships** provide fee remission of up to 75% of tuition and seven-day boarding fees with the balance being paid by the applicant's parents/guardians or extended family.

Awards are considered and granted based on **Merit and Need**.

All Scholarships are subject to review at the end of each academic year. These terms will be set out on an individual basis and fully understood and agreed on by all parties before the acceptance of an award offer. Full Scholarships are independently funded by donors and the Monastic Community. Partial Scholarships are co-funded between the monastery and the applicant's family.

CURRENT FEES

AWARD TYPE	AWARD VALUE	STUDENT FEE
Full - 100%	€19,300	
Partial - 75%	€14,475	€4,825
Partial - 50%	€9,650	€9,650
Partial - 25%	€4,825	€14,475

Note: Awards are only available for seven-day boarding. An additional subsistence allowance may be awarded to scholarship recipients and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis each year.



CRITERIA

Applications for **academic and music** scholarships are open to all new applicants for **1st through 5th Year**. **Sports** scholarships are open to new applicants wishing to join in **Transition Year (4th)**. We are now accepting applications for **September 2021** only. We encourage applicants for future years (2022+) to register their interest at <http://glenstal.openapply.com>

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE AWARD A CANDIDATE MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Would otherwise be unable to attend the school without assistance
- Willing to embrace the ethos of the school
- Agrees to the requirements of full seven-day boarding, with minimal exeats
- Participation in relevant music, academic, or sports obligations
- Parents or guardians of the boy must be fully supportive of his application
- Open to the social and co-curricular activities in the school
- Has completed a minimum of three years, and is currently enrolled, in the Irish Education System

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR TEAM:

Contact: scholarships@glenstal.com

Call: Anne Marie Ryan, Admissions Administrator on 061 621044

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q I've already accepted a place for my son at another school for 2021. Can I still apply to the programme at Glenstal?

Yes. Our application process is open to all those who feel that they meet the talent requirements.

- Q What type of education will my son be getting?

It is our fundamental belief that all boys should be encouraged to discover and develop their God-given potential and so develop into confident, happy, successful members of society with a strong moral compass to guide them through life. We focus on providing this opportunity through our commitment to individual care and attention, small class sizes (typically 12-16), regular dialogue with the boy's parents, and access to a diverse, challenging and wide-ranging curriculum. They will also have a network of housemasters, tutors, teachers, nurses, chaplain, support staff and monks. We are all fully committed to encouraging and guiding each boy as he navigates his educational journey here.

- Q What opportunities will my son be given?

Music Scholars will be offered a unique programme to support their vocal and instrumental development. This will include access to music tutors, use of practice facilities, and regular opportunities to perform at school events. They will be expected to become key members of the school Choir and Schola and become highly proficient in their chosen instrument(s).

Academic Scholars will experience an education tailored to suit their individual talents. They will be encouraged and mentored to compete in their fields of interest, such as the Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition, and Maths Olympiad.

Sports Scholars will have access to our strength and conditioning team, coaching staff in Athletics, Tennis or Rugby. Glenstal Abbey School has enjoyed great success in these sports in recent years and has well-developed facilities and support teams to assist in these areas.

Q When will I see my son, and what access will I have to him?

Scholarship are only offered to those willing to commit to seven-day boarding for the duration of their time at the school. Boys return home once a month for a long weekend – Friday to Monday – and we welcome and encourage parents to attend Sunday Mass any weekend. Some parents and/or extended family members often take their sons out on Sunday afternoon for lunch or walks. Details of our term schedule is available on our school website in the Resources section.

Q How will the school communicate with me regarding his progress?

As a boarding school, we are well versed in ensuring that parents are kept in the loop regarding all aspects of their child's health, wellbeing, and education. When it comes to our scholars, we will work with parents to agree how best to collaborate and communicate regarding their boy's progress.

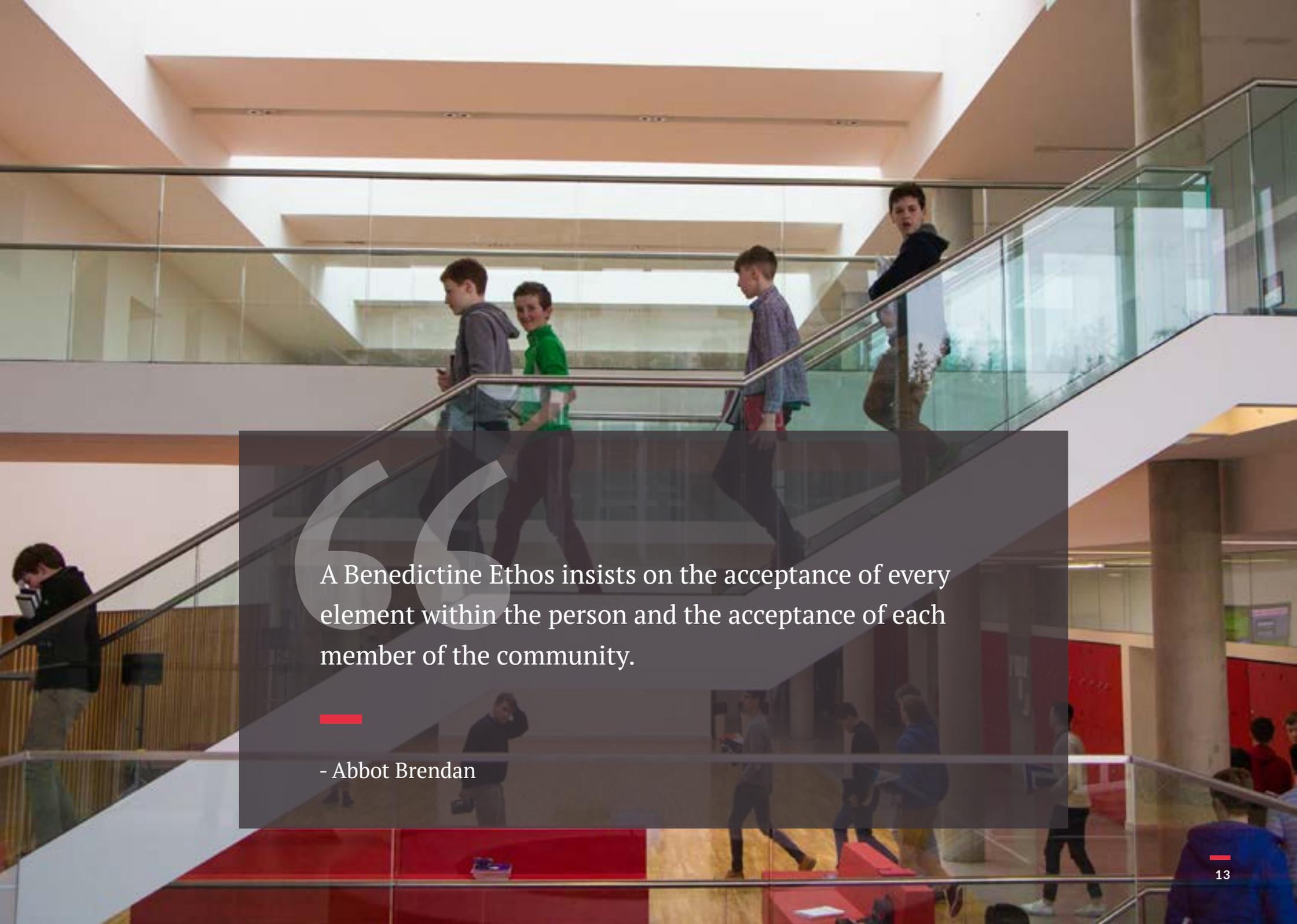
Q How long is the scholarship available for and under what terms?

The scholarship is available for the duration of the student's time at Glenstal. Each award is granted with a set of criteria that must be fulfilled regarding commitment, application,

achievement, and involvement in the relevant award category. We understand that circumstances and interests can change so, we hold a review with the student and parents/guardians at the end of each academic year to assess if the school and scholar are working well towards the agreed goals.

Q What level of funding is available to me?

That will depend on the financial circumstances of each family. All awards offered are **Merit and Need-Based**. Any applicant family who progresses past stage one (merit interview) will then be required to complete a financial needs statement. This information will be treated with the strictest confidence and reviewed by the Bursar's office. Fee remission in the form of Full Scholarships (100%) or Partial Scholarships (25% - 75%) will be offered on a case-by-case basis to successful candidates.



“A Benedictine Ethos insists on the acceptance of every element within the person and the acceptance of each member of the community.

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- Abbot Brendan

APPLICATION PROCESS

Outlined below are the stages that you can expect to go through during our application process. Further detail and guidance are available on request:

1 WRITTEN APPLICATION

Using our online application form, please register your interest. You will then be contacted and required to submit a letter of application, school reports, letter(s) of recommendation, and certificates and proof of accomplishment where applicable

2 REVIEW AND SCREENING

Our Scholarships Committee will review all applications

3 INTERVIEWS

Selected applicants will be invited to Glenstal for a panel interview and a music, academic, or athletic assessment

4 MEANS ASSESSMENT

In the event of a successful interview and evaluation, the parents/guardians will be required to complete a means assessment and provide supporting documentation to the Bursar's office

5 OFFER LETTERS

Successful applicants will be sent an offer in writing outlining the level of support being offered and any specific conditions attached to the award

6 FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATIONS

Parents/Guardians may contact the school to clarify any element of the offer

7 ACCEPTANCE

Offers must be accepted in writing. Successful candidates will join the normal enrolment process facilitated by the Admissions Department

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2021/22

Final applications for the 2021/22 programme must be submitted by **25th November 2020**

APPLY NOW

To begin the process, please register your interest via our online admissions portal:

<https://glenstal.openapply.com>



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