



St Andrew's Senior School

Seeking the Highest



Ages 14-18



Welcome to our School

It is a genuine privilege to be Headmaster of St Andrew's Senior School. We are a unique international community, offering a world class British curriculum education in a truly Christian boarding environment. Set in a beautiful 450 acre upcountry estate, our School aims to develop self-disciplined, confident and compassionate individuals who live and lead with integrity.

St Andrew's Senior School is a very special place. We set excellent standards in the classroom, on the sports field, in music, in drama and many other areas. We provide a caring, safe and friendly boarding environment in which young people can thrive.

Our co-curricular programme aims to stretch and challenge our students, encouraging them to learn new skills and develop in confidence and personal resilience. These activities have intrinsic value but have also been shown to enhance students' academic performance through development of transferable skills, such as passion and perseverance. We promote a 'growth mindset', which encourages all students to strive for continual improvement, seeing every setback as an opportunity to learn and grow.

We specialise in developing young leaders of the future, providing them with skills which will be essential at university and in the world of work. Students learn leadership techniques and develop their understanding of true servant leadership. And each year, it is so exciting to see our Sixth Form College students move on to Ivy League and Russell Group Universities in the US and UK, as well as other prestigious universities around the world.

I encourage you to visit us and experience St Andrew's, Turi for yourself. My team and I look forward to welcoming you.

Andrew Boule
Senior School Headmaster

Our history and beautiful upcountry estate

St Andrew's School, Turi is one of the leading independent international schools in East Africa. Founded in 1931, it offers outstanding British Curriculum education to 550 boarding students aged 5 -18 years. The School is comprised of the Preparatory School and Senior Schools, both situated on a beautiful 450 acre estate, on the edge of the Great Rift Valley, 200km north west of Nairobi; it is safe and secure.



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‘Seeking the highest for every individual’

The School’s mission is to ‘develop self-disciplined, confident and compassionate individuals who live and lead with integrity’. This is set within a Christian context, which defines the very essence of the School and is the foundation on which our vision and values are built. Many students will be the leaders of the future and all will play a part in shaping the world in which they live; it is a privilege to be able to guide them in their journey. Our aim is to help and encourage every student to grow into accomplished young people, who live their lives with humility, compassion and resilience.

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The vision we have is of students going out into the world well educated, and equipped in every respect to be an influence for good. We set great store by academic achievement, but we also value highly the development of students’ characters and wider talents and interests, including within sport, the creative and performing arts and a wealth of co-curricular activities. We have the whole person in view.

Our values are distinctively Christian. We have high expectations, not least in work and behaviour, but these are set within an environment characterised by Christian love and care. We foster integrity, respect, compassion and understanding, encouraging them by all that we do and showing them by example.

We aim to be true to our motto,
‘Seeking the Highest’.



Living in a Christian community

Our Christian ethos is at the heart of the School. We aim to glorify God in all that we do. We are blessed to have a strong chaplaincy team and many staff members are also a Christian presence in the everyday lives of the students. We support a number of School charities and students are encouraged to raise money and help those who are less fortunate.

Senior School students take an active part in leading a vibrant, lively and well-attended Christian Union which happens every Friday night. They also lead Youth Alpha, where students are encouraged to explore their faith. Students take the lead in Chapels and often share their thoughts in our weekly Outdoor Chapel. We are so blessed to have gifted student musicians who lead the joyful, heartfelt worship sessions in various contexts. The Chaplaincy Team finds it a great privilege to walk with the students on their journey of faith and to support them when they decide to be baptised or confirmed.



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Academic excellence

At St Andrew's Senior School, the academic programme is extensive. It challenges students to excel as well as to become increasingly independent. Students join the Senior School from St Andrew's Prep School as well as 8-4-4 schools in Kenya and international schools across sub-Saharan Africa.

We welcome all students who we feel will thrive in our intellectually stimulating environment. All students benefit from a broad curriculum based on the British National Curriculum, building towards GCSE/ IGCSE in Year 11 and A Level examinations in Year 13. Core subjects such as Mathematics and English are complimented by over 20 subjects including Spanish, Design Technology



and Psychology. Our non-examined PSHE Programme (Physical, Social and Health Education) gives pupils an opportunity to explore moral and social questions and aims to develop students into measured global citizens of the future.

At St Andrew's Senior School, we are committed to nurturing the many talents of our students. This is especially important for students who are particularly gifted academically, in music, sport or the Arts. Scholarships at Senior School are available in Years 9 (age 14) and 12 (age 17). They are awarded based on assessments and the Headmasters discretion.

St Andrew's Senior School has many exceptional students with the talent and work ethic to succeed at the top universities in the world. Our 20-20 Elite Universities Programme aims to encourage these students and ensure more of them attain places in the best universities, including Ivy League in the USA, and Oxbridge/ Russell Group in the UK. Students receive specialist mentoring when applying for university, preparing for interviews and gaining work experience opportunities.





Co-curricular programme

A well-rounded education is one that includes co-curricular activities and produces students with higher levels of achievement and greater aspirations. All students at St Andrew's Senior School are active participants in our vibrant co-curricular programme, allowing them to gain confidence and experience in a range of activities, from archery to flying lessons. Team work is developed as well as perseverance and zeal. These skills help them succeed when faced with academic challenges and provide them important experiences to enhance their university applications.

Turi is known for its sporting prowess as well as the maturity of our young sports men and women. Commitment, dedication, team skills and hard work are all important skills honed on our sports pitches and in our state-of-the-art Sports Centre. Students benefit from a wide range of sporting options including basketball, netball, hockey, tennis, rugby, football, athletics, rounders, swimming and horse riding.

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Our Art and Drama Departments encourage students to be creative and experiment in areas such as fine art, photography, design technology and sculpture. They spearhead exciting theatre productions each year, with students developing their acting, singing and dancing abilities. LAMDA (The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) exams are available for students who would like to develop their speech, drama, communication and performance skills.

In Music, many students take private orchestral music lessons and achieve excellent ABRSM



(Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) qualifications. The School encourages students to demonstrate their talents during orchestral events, School productions and chapel services. Our annual Orchestral Weekend is a testament to the quality of our Music Department and diligence of our students.

Turi's beautiful and diverse 450 acre estate allows us to engage in a plethora of adventurous outdoor pursuits including mountain biking, archery, canoeing and paddle boarding on our reservoir and an extensive obstacle course in our forest areas. Our PAS (President's Award) Programme also challenges students to develop personal resilience and team work during expeditions around Kenya.

Finally, our teachers run an exciting range of clubs and societies including World Scholar's Cup, Engineering Society, Investment Club, Debating Society, Environmental Club and EAMUN (East African Model United Nations). These activities develop confident individuals who value the talents and accomplishments of others, as well as their own. It creates independent thinkers who express their ideas and opinions, using their strong academic foundation for problem solving and critical thinking.



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Pastoral care and academic success go hand-in-hand to ensure that every child reaches their potential.

Pastoral care and boarding life

Pastoral care and boarding are central elements of life at St Andrew's Senior School. The students enjoy spectacular grounds and high levels of security in an up-country location, making Turi a unique place to attend school. Students live in age-appropriate, single-gender boarding houses that are located close to School buildings and classrooms. Tsavo, the Year 13 boarding house has a slightly different arrangement, specifically designed to prepare students for university life.

All boarding houses are specifically designed for purpose with excellent facilities including gardens and common rooms. Each boarding house has dedicated houseparents and assistant houseparents, graduate assistants and matrons; these professionals are always on call for the students and available to parents by telephone and email. Each student is also allocated a tutor who meets them regularly, providing guidance and encouragement as they transition through their teens and become independent young people.

The Medical Centre at Senior School provides excellent medical care for students at all times of day and night. Our resident School Doctor, a Consultant Paediatrician, is full time and is supported by a team of well qualified nurses.



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Leadership at Senior School

At St Andrew's Senior School, we believe that in order for our pupils to thrive in whatever sphere of life they choose, they need to not only have qualifications but also the faith, character and personal resilience to make a difference.

Developing leaders starts early, through the learning of Christian values and living these out through service opportunities in the local community. Students regularly visit schools and charities to assist those less fortunate than themselves and to learn about the needs and experiences of their peers in the local community.

Leadership skills are honed through involvement in various areas of School life. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 are able to become vice-captains of their Academic Houses, PSHE (Personal Social Health Education) Ambassadors, Choir Prefects, Orchestra Prefects and sporting Team Captains. Sixth Form College students also benefit from a structured two year leadership programme (Turi Leadership Award), which teaches professional leadership skills and culminates in an accredited qualification. It is designed to build and mould the next generation of leaders, who have integrity and a vision for Africa and beyond.



What is Round Square?

Round Square is a world-wide association of schools on five continents sharing unique and ambitious goals. The key vision is a strong commitment to personal development and responsibility as well as academic excellence. St Andrew's Senior School has been a Round Square school for many years and as a result, promotes the six IDEALS of learning, through its curriculum and co-curricular activities. Students benefit from taking part in activities inspired by these IDEALS and conferences run by partner schools around the world.

Why Round Square?

Members of Round Square care passionately about what happens to our world and the fascinating variety of cultures and communities it supports. As educators we have an opportunity and responsibility to positively influence the next generation by developing strong moral values. As Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world". Round Square was inspired by the educational philosophy of Kurt Hahn and John Dewey. They encouraged educators to focus on a holistic, experiential style of learning and see schools as place to prepare for life, not just focus on academic results.

Round Square schools strongly encourage students to interact with the real world, through environmental and charity projects. The aim is for students face real challenges, develop compassion for those less fortunate than themselves and a commitment to improving the world for all.



School is a place
to prepare for life





Students face real challenges and develop compassion.



IDEALS

- **Internationalism** – students see themselves as global citizens, looking beyond gender, race and nationality
- **Democracy** – freedom of thought and speech is encouraged and facilitated
- **Environmentalism** – students learn about the delicate interdependence between humans and the planet
- **Adventure** – schools offer activities to challenge students so they gain confidence and problem solving skills
- **Leadership** – students learn that leadership is about serving others and requires kindness, wisdom and justice
- **Service** – by practically helping others less fortunate, students learn how they can make a positive difference

Living the IDEALS

- **I** – through international trips, themed nights and meeting students from other Round Square schools
- **D** – through involvement in democratic groups including EAMUN (East African Model United Nations) and the School Student Council
- **E** – through our Environmental Club who champion environmental awareness and initiatives
- **A** – through adventurous activities such as President's Award, which develop team skills and personality traits such as resilience
- **L** – through our general leadership training culminating in a two year Turi Leadership Award for all sixth form college students
- **S** – through a variety of service projects in the community, developing facilities and interacting with local children



Senior School
ages 13- 16



GCSEs and IGCSEs

It is preferable to join St Andrew's Senior School at the beginning of Year 9, 10 or 12. Our Year 9 students study a very broad range of subjects based on the British National Curriculum. Core subjects such as English, Mathematics and Science form the basis of study and are complemented by a superb range of additional options.

GCSE/ IGCSE subjects:

- Mathematics and IT
- English Language and Literature
- Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics and PE
- Modern Foreign Languages: French, German, Spanish
- Humanities: Geography, History, Religious Studies
- Creative Subjects: Art, Design Technology, Drama and Music
- Social Sciences: Business Studies, Economics, Psychology and Sociology

Our class sizes are small with an average of 20 students. Classes are taught by specialist subject teachers who are passionate about their area of expertise and dedicated to the learning needs of their students. Special events and trips take place each year, which add to the breadth of academic experiences at St Andrew's Senior School for example, Music trips to Japan or Modern Foreign Language trips to Paris.

Each year our GCSE results are impressive reflecting the high calibre of our teachers and their commitment to achieving academic excellence. A detailed breakdown of our results is available on our website and upon request.

GCSE Results



Lesson style is often based around problem solving rather than simply learning facts.



**Sixth Form College
ages 17 - 18**





AS and A Levels

After Year 11, students graduate to St Andrew's Sixth Form College for the final two years of their school education. Year 12s study four AS Levels and continue with three subjects to A Level in Year 13. Some of the most academically able students will continue to study all four subjects to A Level.

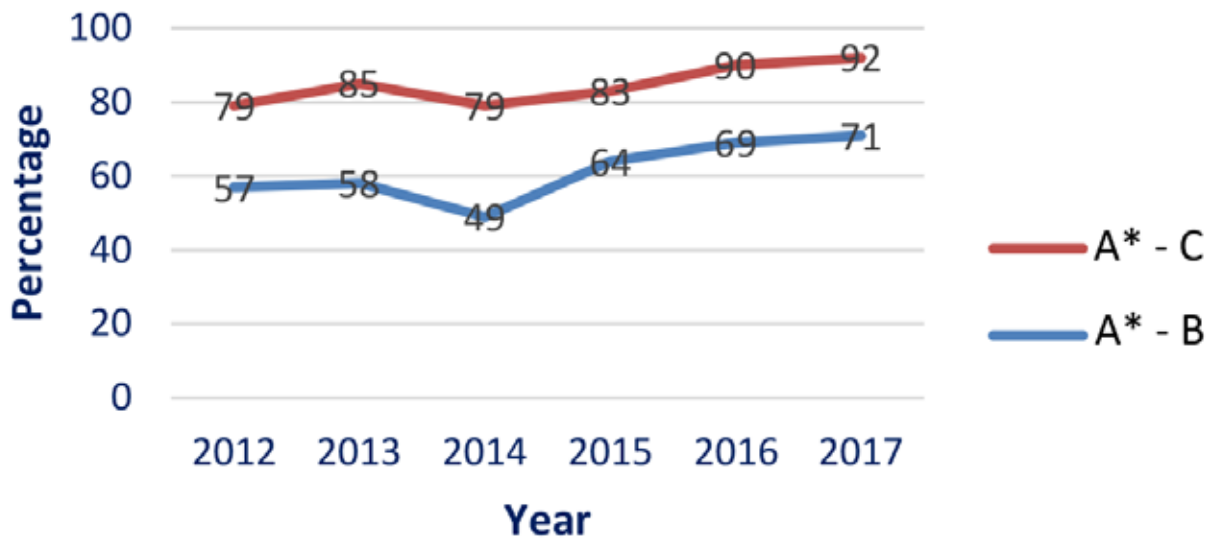
A Levels are internationally recognised qualifications and the pinnacle of British Curriculum Education. Students can specialise in the subjects they most enjoy in almost any combination. They complement their academic studies through our extensive co-curricular programme, as well as serving in a range of charity projects. These activities have intrinsic benefit but also aid academic performance as students learn to overcome challenges and develop perseverance.

A Level subjects:

- Further Mathematics and IT
- English Literature
- Science: Biology, Chemistry and Physics and PE
- Modern Foreign Languages: French, German, Spanish
- Humanities: Geography, History, Religious Studies
- Creative Subjects: Art, Design Technology, Drama and Music
- Social Sciences: Business Studies, Economics, Psychology and Sociology

Our excellent AS and A Level results are testament to the hard work and diligence of our students, as well as the dedication and skill of our teachers. Our results improve with every passing year, inline with the best international and UK based British schools. A detailed breakdown of our results is published on our website annually and is available on request.

A Level Results



Our excellent results are a testament to the diligence of our students and dedication of our teachers.



Preparing for university

St Andrew's Sixth Form College gives every student a fresh start with many new challenges and opportunities. Sixth Form College students play a very important role at the top of the Senior School, whether in specific leadership roles, such as Prefects, or simply being a good example for younger students.

There is a great degree of freedom within the Sixth Form College, but much greater levels of personal responsibility are expected. We want every student to develop the independence, resilience and resourcefulness needed to be successful at university and beyond.

Tsavo Boarding House is specifically for Sixth Form College students and has a more adult feel. All students have individual rooms, with six sharing a kitchen, a balcony and access to a washing machine. Boys and girls have separate living areas but share a common room for house meetings, group study and social events. The dedicated boarding house team and tutors give Sixth Form College students individual mentoring in their studies and university applications.



We aim to give pupils the skills and maturity to navigate the world.



Developing leaders

Life in the Sixth Form College provides a wide variety of opportunities, not just in academic terms, but also through clubs, societies, roles of responsibility and social life. In particular, we place a high priority on the development of leadership skills.

The TLA (Turi Leadership Award) is designed to build and mould the next generation of leaders with integrity and vision for East Africa. It is a rigorous two-year diploma, undertaken by students in Years 12 and 13. The course is built upon the premise that great leaders are by nature self-reflective and so includes a number of self-evaluation challenges.

Students develop their leadership skills through workshops, seminars, lectures, clubs and societies, on the sports field, in the boarding houses and by taking on roles of responsibility around the School. A unique feature of our Leadership Programme is that every student in Year 12 and 13 is expected to be involved in local community service projects. The level of personal development attained by students taking part is remarkable.



As they mature, pupils gain opportunities to practise leading others.





Our students go on to study at the top universities around the world.



Careers and university entry

Students from St Andrew's Sixth Form College go on to study at top universities around the world, including Ivy League (USA) and Russell Group (UK). In recent years, over 90% of students at Turi have gone to their first choice university.

Year 12 students undertake a period of work experience and all students have access to a Careers Advisor, develop their CV and improve their interview skills through presentations and workshops.

The Head of Sixth Form College, the Careers Advisor, tutors and subject teachers work with students in Year 13 to fine tune their university applications. Students receive the advice and information they need, as they consider future careers.

Our Careers Department is world class, with established links with educational institutions across the globe. The School welcomes delegates

from international universities who talk to students about their options and the admissions process. Students also benefit from an international visit to the UK to experience university life first hand.

Admissions Information

Thank you for your interest in St Andrew's Senior School. The Admissions Team are keen to assist you with any questions you have about the School and the exciting opportunities we can offer your child. Sometimes places are limited so we encourage you to contact us as soon as possible.

Start dates

Students benefit from joining at either September (at the start of the academic year). For Year 9 students, there is a second entry in January (at the start of the Easter Term). We aim to meet the individual needs of all families and therefore, applications are considered outside of these dates.

Arranging a visit

Please visit the School as you consider making an application. A visit will not only allow you the opportunity to discuss all aspects of School life but also to experience the serene setting and vibrant community here at St Andrew's, Turi. Please let us know when you would like to come, so we can ensure your visit is as smooth and productive as possible. During your personal tour of the School, you will have the opportunity to meet with the Headmaster or Deputy Head, as well as other key members of staff. We recommend you visit us on weekdays during term-time so you can see the School 'in action'. (Visits during the School holidays are also possible by prior arrangement).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to welcoming you.

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