



Shrewsbury School

THE CURRICULUM

This is a brief outline of the curriculum that boys will follow during their first three years at Shrewsbury, and which both boys and girls will follow in the Sixth Form. Pupils' progress is monitored not only by the Director of Studies and the subject teachers but also by Housemasters and Tutors, and parents are invited to raise academic matters with appropriate staff whenever they wish to do so. In addition, in each of the five years there is a Parents' Meeting at which parents can discuss their children's progress and future plans.

YEAR 9: The Third Form

Without detracting from intellectual focus or the need for progress at the right rate, we have made the curriculum as broad as possible.

All boys do a full year's course in English, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Latin (except those for whom Classical Civilization would be a better choice), French, Maths and the three sciences. All boys also take half-year courses in Design & Technology and Art, and Spanish and German. It is also possible for a boy to take a whole year of Greek in place of Spanish and German, or only half a year sharing the other half with one of the modern languages. Music, Drama, ICT, PE and games are also given significant time in the curriculum and there is an appropriate space for PSHE.

Learning Support is offered to boys who would benefit from it. Tuition is offered outside the teaching timetable by a team of six staff with specialist qualifications.

YEAR 10: The Fourth Form

The work follows on from that in the Third Form. All boys take English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and French to GCSE. These "core" subjects are supplemented by groups of optional subjects which include Latin or Ancient History, Greek, German, Spanish, History, Geography, Art, Design, Religious Studies, Music and Astronomy.

The courses embarked upon at the beginning of the Fourth Form year are continued through the two years to the GCSE examination. As well as the subjects studied to GCSE, boys will also follow courses in Religious Studies, PSHE, and ICT.

YEAR 11: The Fifth Form

Boys will continue with the two-year course started in the Fourth Form. During the year, all boys receive preliminary careers guidance, so that the subjects they choose for their AS and A level courses suitably reflect their interests, their capabilities and their future. Documents about the subjects

themselves and about careers guidance at School are sent to all parents during the Lent Term in order that they may initiate discussions with their sons and identify problem areas to be discussed with Staff.

YEARS 12 & 13: The Sixth Form

At the conclusion of the Fifth Form year, boys move on to the Sixth Form and will be joined by girls entering the School at this stage, when they begin the first year of the two-year courses they have chosen to pursue to A or AS Level. Pupils can choose from 26 subjects: English, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, French, German, Spanish, Latin, Greek, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Computing, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Classical Civilisation, History of Art, Economics, Business Studies, Theatre Studies, Physical Education, Art, Photography, Ceramics, Music, and Design.

In the Lower Sixth most pupils take four AS subjects, though some take five, and most continue with three in the Upper Sixth, though some continue with four or five.

Beyond the Classroom

There is much more to an academic education than just what happens in the classroom. Academic societies exist in all subject areas, with an extensive programme of lectures throughout the year, and pupils participate with success in national competitions.

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