



## **EDUCATION AND WELFARE PROVISION FOR PUPILS FOR WHOM ENGLISH IS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE**

### **EDUCATION PROVISION**

A number of pupils at Shrewsbury have a principal language other than English. Among these pupils there is a considerable range of abilities in the English language, from those who are effectively fluent (even though English is not their first language) to those who need some assistance.

All pupils who are admitted to Shrewsbury are required to pass an entrance examination, and pupils for whom English is an Additional Language will be expected to demonstrate a level of linguistic competence appropriate to their proposed course of study. This is to ensure that pupils who arrive at Shrewsbury all have sufficient competence in the English language to thrive in the community from the outset and to follow the Shrewsbury School curriculum which leads to GCSE and A Levels. It is anticipated that, in the first instance, all pupils will follow the full school curriculum; however, the curriculum for pupils for whom English is an Additional Language may be reviewed on an individual basis, and this will occasionally result in boys dropping one subject (usually a Modern Foreign Language).

Pupils for whom English is an Additional Language may receive extra English language tuition. This normally takes the form of a weekly lesson; in some cases this is on an individual basis, whilst in other cases pupils attend in small groups. This is in addition to support delivered by set teachers through curriculum English.

The cost of EAL tuition is presented to parents on the termly bill.

### **WELFARE PROVISION**

All pupils are attached to a House and this forms the focus of welfare provision. The Housemaster has primary responsibility for a pupil's welfare at Shrewsbury, but all pupils will also have a member of staff as their personal Tutor. The identity of their Tutor will be confirmed shortly after the pupil's arrival at Shrewsbury, and will meet regularly with the pupil, offering advice and support both academically and in a wider school context. New pupils will also have a current pupil from the same house to be their Mentor, and they can ask their Mentor for advice on even the smallest matters.

All pupils from overseas must have a Guardian in England, who speaks English well and whom the school can contact easily if necessary. A pupil will stay with his/her Guardian during any school holidays when they do not return to their home. Pupils will be able to seek advice and help from their Guardian.

Although the food presented in our central dining hall (Kingsland Hall) reflects English tastes and styles in cooking, we always offer a choice of dishes (including vegetarian and Halal options) and regularly include menus from other countries. From time to time we celebrate the various nations represented among Shrewsbury pupils by offering menus that are special to them.

At Shrewsbury a wide range of sports is on offer and we expect pupils to involve themselves with enthusiasm. Whilst our programme includes sports which one naturally associates with an English independent school (soccer, rugby, cricket, rowing...), we also offer many other sporting options (such as badminton, squash, fencing, basketball, swimming, ...)

In terms of the wider extra-curricular life of the school, we want pupils from overseas to have the best of both worlds – to immerse themselves fully and happily in the life of this busy, successful English boarding school; and also to enjoy the comfort and reassurance of being here with friends from their own country, with whom they can relax and share the experiences of school life.