



### RUGBY AT SHREWSBURY

Rugby is a popular sport at Shrewsbury and is played during the Michaelmas (1st XV only) and Lent Terms (all squads). The School produces competitive teams and boys are able to play and train at a high level. There is an excellent touring programme with recent trips to Ireland, Spain and Italy. Rugby Sevens is becoming a specialist area at Shrewsbury and teams have acquitted themselves well at national tournaments in recent years. Former pupils who have gone on to play professionally include John Henry Carter (Sale Sharks) and Tom Dillon (Newcastle Falcons).

### ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT

The successful applicant will be required to demonstrate their academic ability as part of the application process. They will be expected to follow the academic programme for the Sixth Form, taking at least three subjects at A level.

### PARTICIPATION

The successful applicant will attend Shrewsbury as a day pupil. He will be expected to play a full role in School life, participating in all aspects of the academic programme, sporting events and other activities. He will also be expected to continue to play for Old Salopian sports teams as often as possible after he has left the School (Saracens Cricket, Arthur Dunn Cup and League Football and OS rugby events).



### SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants must have been educated at a local state school and should be able to meet the School's entry requirement of three 7s and three 6s grades at GCSE.

He should be able to attain first team standard and membership of two sports (preferably from football, rugby and cricket – but also either athletics or tennis) and be likely to achieve representative honours at a county or even a national level.

Suitable applicants should be willing and able to play a full part in House life, contributing in all areas.

They should be supportive of fellow pupils and an ambassador of sport at Shrewsbury, actively promoting the integration of the day and boarding school life.

### APPLICATION

Applications must be completed and returned to the Sixth Form Admissions Tutor. Forms are available from the Admissions Office (Tel: **01743 280552**

Email: [admissions@shrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:admissions@shrewsbury.org.uk) or the School's website [www.shrewsbury.org.uk/admissions](http://www.shrewsbury.org.uk/admissions)

If you wish to speak to someone in the PE Department, please phone **01743 280697**.



SHREWSBURY SCHOOL



## THE ALEX WILSON DAYBOY SCHOLARSHIP FOR SPORTING AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



Up to 100% scholarship for a talented sportsman to join the Sixth Form at Shrewsbury School

# The Alex Wilson DAYBOY SCHOLARSHIP for Sporting Excellence



## BACKGROUND

Shrewsbury School has a long tradition of offering scholarships and bursaries to talented students.

The Alex Wilson Scholarship is a biennial award for a state-educated local boy entering the Sixth Form as a day pupil at Shrewsbury School. Applicants must have a proven track record both academically and on the sports field, with particular emphasis on football, cricket and rugby.

Alex Wilson attended Shrewsbury from 2003 to 2008 and he flourished both in the classroom and on the sports field. He achieved three A grades at A level, captained and made 50 appearances for the 1st XI Football team and was Vice Captain of rugby. He played in the Lord's Taverners' trophy-winning cricket side and also the 1st XI team who won the Silk Trophy. As well as these obvious successes, Alex played a very active role in the School community.

In his final year he was appointed both Head of House in Radbrook and a School Praepostor, roles that he undertook with great pride. He went on to study French and Spanish at St Andrews University. Alex died in a tragic accident in November 2009, aged just 19.

The Alex Wilson Scholarship has been set up by Alex's parents, Chris and Jean, and his brother Henry, in order to offer a local boy the same life-changing opportunities that Alex enjoyed at Shrewsbury, and to ensure that Alex's legacy lives on at the School.

## SPORT AT SHREWSBURY SCHOOL

Shrewsbury School, founded in 1552, stands in an extensive 105-acre site and looks over the River Severn towards the centre of the county town of Shrewsbury. The School has over 750 pupils aged 13-18, who are housed in one of the eleven boarding or two day houses.

Shrewsbury offers an exceptionally wide range of sports, including rowing, cricket, football, rugby, cross-country running, Eton fives, swimming, tennis, basketball and squash.

## FOOTBALL AT SHREWSBURY

Shrewsbury School is a Centre of Excellence for football. Our ten top quality pitches enable our 19 School squads and our extensive House fixture programme to run throughout the Michaelmas Term. Players are strongly encouraged to attend both County and ISFA trials.

Roy Chatterjee, our only footballing Cassidy Scholar to date, broke the School goal-scoring record (83 goals in 65 games) and scored a hat-trick at the MK Dons Stadium, sealing victory for Shrewsbury School in the ISFA Boodles Cup in 2010. He went on to represent the ISFA U18 national team. He attracted attention from Football League clubs during his time at Shrewsbury.

Pre-season tours for our 1st XI and U15 squads take place every two years and alternate with the cricket tours. Destinations vary from Mediterranean countries to Scandinavia to the UK; the aim being to prepare these squads for a busy term of fixtures.

## CRICKET AT SHREWSBURY

Shrewsbury School's excellent cricket facilities are equal to those on offer at many first class grounds. We offer high quality coaching, led by Paul Pridgeon our Cricket Professional, and year-round development is a priority. The Neville Cardus Indoor Cricket Centre provides a specialist environment for the development of cricketers at all levels of ability.

Overseas tours take place every two years and serve to bind together the busy cricket seasons and enrich promising talented cricketers. Recent destinations have been South Africa, Australia and the United Arab Emirates.

In recent seasons the School's 1st XI has included Academy players from Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Northamptonshire and Glamorgan. All have been able to combine their professional development with playing a full role in School cricket.

The School is well placed to guide players into the professional game and support their transition. James Taylor (Leicestershire & England Lions), Edward Barnard (Worcestershire & England U19s), Joe Leach (Worcestershire), Ruaidhri Smith (Glamorgan, below left) and David Lloyd (Glamorgan, below right) are recent players who have benefitted from all that Shrewsbury has to offer.

