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Shrewsbury School

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Dear Parent,

I am delighted that your son will be here next term and we are looking forward very much to welcoming him to Shrewsbury. This is a vibrant and friendly community and we will do all we can to ensure that he feels a valued part of it as quickly as possible.

By now your son's Housemaster will have written to you to explain various elements of routine, so that you can begin to 'tune in' to House life, which is so central to the Salopian experience.

Since the Housemaster, supported by the House Matron and a team of tutors, has over-all responsibility for the welfare of the members of his House, it is with him that you will be most closely in contact, and he is your first port of call when questions arise. There may, however, be occasions when you have concerns or issues that you would like to discuss directly with the Headmaster, in which case please do not hesitate to contact my PA to arrange a meeting.

The **Fasti**, our school calendar, is published on the school website (www.shrewsbury.org.uk) and will be sent to you at the start of each term. In it you will find the dates of concerts, plays, sporting fixtures, lectures and Chapel Services. Do please understand that you are most welcome to attend any of these occasions. We greatly value the opportunity to meet parents and hope you will enjoy excellent contact with the school. **Dates Ahead**, including Exeats and the extended weekends, are enclosed so that you are able to plan your year in advance.

The **Yellow Card** covers issues to do with Welfare. It sets out on paper a framework of encouragement, expectations and rules, which we will go through with your son shortly after arrival, ensuring that he feels secure in his knowledge of how we operate. If there is any aspect of the card which you wish to discuss, then your son's Housemaster will be only too happy to talk to you. We realise that no single document can hope to cover everything and we are well aware that the greater part of our life at Shrewsbury depends on mutual trust, honesty and common sense.

I would also refer you to the Statement of the School Ethos.

The school has a wide range of documentation available on its website, including the following:

- The School Admissions Policy
- Policies on the Welfare, Health and Safety of Pupils, consisting of
 - Anti-bullying Policy
 - Child Protection Policy
 - Health and Safety of Pupils on Educational Visits Policy
 - Pupil Behaviour Policy
- Curriculum Policy
- Policies on Learning Support and English as an Additional Language
- The School Complaints Procedure (together with a note of the number of complaints registered under the formal procedure during the past academic year)

The school website also includes details of last year's public examination results, and a list of the teaching staff with their qualifications.

You should know, too, that any correspondence you may wish to direct to the Chairman of the Governing Body (Mr Tim Haynes) may be sent to him at the school address.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the important information from the Deputy Head (Academic), which I would urge you to read carefully. At this point, there is just one curriculum choice to be taken by you and your son: if he wishes to study Greek, you will need to return the proforma.

In future years other academic subject choices will be taken at various stages in your son's career – concerning GCSE options and Sixth Form subjects, for example. Full information will be sent to you at the appropriate time in preparation for those decisions. (With regard to passage into the Sixth Form, you may wish to know that we will expect pupils to achieve at least 5 GCSE passes at grade 5 or above). I also enclose a statement about our Learning Support Department and our policy for pupils for whom English is an Additional Language.

My colleagues and I very much look forward to future opportunities to meet you, as your son progresses through what we hope and expect to be an enjoyable, challenging and successful time at Shrewsbury School.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leo Wilkey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.