



SHREWSBURY
SCHOOL

ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME 2014-2015





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Activities are an important part of life at Shrewsbury. We do the full range of activities that you would expect from a good school – such as cooking, hill walking, sub aqua, Combined Cadet Force and community service. However we also offer a huge range beyond this: mountain biking club, sub aqua, gliding, self defence, sports leadership, satirical publishing and ‘special projects’ - where pupils can devise their own activity programme, just so long as it is in the spirit of what we are trying to achieve.

What we are trying to achieve? A number of things really: finding enjoyable interests, developing personal skills, providing a service to the community and hopefully some enjoyment too; all are good reasons to try something new. In the Fifth and Lower Sixth forms we offer options that lead to useable qualifications or skills – whether that be through life guarding, yacht navigation, cadet leadership development, or medical work experience. For pupils in the Sixth Form, leaving school with a useable accreditation opens up employment and gap year opportunities that are the first steps into the world of work.

Activities take place on a Thursday afternoon and all pupils take part. Involvement is not mandatory for the Upper Sixth but we encourage participation for the first two terms. Options are either YEAR LONG (Young Enterprise or mountain biking for example) whilst some are MODULAR taking place in blocks of 6 or 12 weeks, and these modular courses allow you to build your own varied programme. Sixth Formers opting for a modular option must include a service element via our Community Action programme.

It may be a cliché, but there really is something for everyone in the Shrewsbury activity programme. We hope pupils may discover life-long interests – even passions!

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THURSDAY ACTIVITIES FOR FOURTH FORM 2014 – 2015

all YEAR-LONG options

SPORTS LEADERSHIP This course aims to develop leadership in sport by giving you the skills to develop and lead sports events. The course follows the Sports Leaders UK award and leads to a nationally recognised qualification. You will learn to plan and implement sports events for different age groups – and the fun part will be putting these into practice. Do not expect to play much sport on this course – that is not the intent. There is a small charge for a log book and final certificate.

OUTDOOR SKILLS This course is about developing your skills and interest in outdoor pursuits and activities. Each of the two courses available are split into four 7-week modules each focusing on a skill: biking (road and off road), climbing, conservation work, advanced navigation and canoeing (canoe and kayak). Courses are certificated, for example you should expect to obtain the National Navigation Award, British Canoe Union 2 star Award, a GO trail bike award and National Indoor Climbing Award. There is a small charge for final certificates.

COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF) The cadet force uses military training to teach self reliance, leadership and other skills. The focus is very much on skills development and fun. After learning the basics such as weapon safety and military knowledge, you will join the section of your choice (we have Royal Marines, Army and Royal Air Force sections at Shrewsbury which have been described in official CCF inspections as ‘outstanding’). There is a one-off £70 joining charge for CCF.

THURSDAY ACTIVITIES FOR FIFTH and SIXTH FORM 2014 – 2015

MODULAR options (6 or 12 weeks) are in RED

All others are YEAR LONG options

- **ART HISTORY** The History of Art activity aims to provide an overview of Western European Art from Ancient Greece to contemporary art. The activity includes a series of lectures and discussions on Western European Art based in school, as well as a number of trips to art galleries and buildings in towns and cities within striking distance. The two Field Days are dedicated to trips to Liverpool and London. This is a fairly academic activity aimed at pupils who have a genuine interest in the arts.
- **ART (Drawing/Painting and Ceramics)** for all those involved in A Level Art. (A Level Art at Shrewsbury is taught mainly outside the timetable.)
- **Combined Cadet Force (CCF)** Shrewsbury has a renowned CCF and opportunities exist in our Royal Marine, Army and Royal Air Force sections. The CCF exists to ‘develop powers of leadership by means of training to promote the qualities of responsibility, self reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance and a sense of service to the community.’ Through fun military and adventure training, cadets develop these and other important life skills, with a particular focus on leadership. The CCF runs good value expeditions and camps during school holidays and a wealth of options (expeditions and courses in particular) are available via MOD sources. Lower Sixth entrants can join if they have previous experience.
- **CANOEING AND KAYAKING** Learn to canoe! We can take novice or experienced paddlers with the focus on developing the necessary skills to improve. Pupils should become competent in both Open Canoes and Closed Cockpit Kayaks, and be taught boat handling skills, rescues and trip planning. There will be an opportunity to be assessed for the British Canoe Union Star Awards.

- **CLIMBING** For beginners or more experienced climbers who will be given the opportunity to learn to climb at local indoor and outdoor sites.
- **COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN AND MODELLING** Interested in design and manufacture? CAD systems have become an essential part of design and visualising processes for Design Consultants, Architects, Engineers, Computer Artists and Animators. This course offers an exciting opportunity for students to experience and develop their skills employing Solidworks software, which is seen as the cutting-edge industrial market leader. It is a must for anyone considering a career in a creative or engineering discipline.
- **WORKSHOP DESIGN AND CREATE** This option, called Design & Create Wood Sculpture, incorporates other materials, such as metal, stone, glass or textiles. Work in groups, or individually. Make items as presents, for public display in your house, or in the landscape. Intense practical work, but rewarding! (Both CAD and this option are available as 12-week or whole year options as well.)
- **COOKING** *“There is no love more sincere than the love of food” (George Bernard Shaw).* This short course aims to offer an introduction to the essentials of life after Shrewsbury. ‘Budget’ or ‘Gastronomy’ levels are available here – either focus on basic skills such as student cooking, pizzas, cakes, and how to develop hearty but budget-friendly meals, or take the posh option with a dinner party focus. From Bordeaux to Burgundy, Champagne to Chablis, we look at such things as food and wine pairing, gourmet chocolate making and general dinner party etiquette and bonhomie.
- **CRICKET** for selected premier cricketers only. The Thursday afternoon cricket programme is aimed at developing our potential 1st team cricketers of the future, as well as giving the current 1st XI players the opportunity to develop their skills throughout the winter. It is a comprehensive programme covering all aspects of the game.
- **COMMUNITY ACTION** An opportunity to help others in the community – a large range of options are available for engaging with external organisations via our extensive programme of volunteering. This is great experience for anyone, useful for future job interviews and vital for would-be medics or Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award volunteering. This can be modular or whole year and here is just a flavour of what is on offer:
 - Via our partnership with local wildlife groups gain useful conservation/ecology experience, assist with habitat surveys and support environmental projects. Projects are available in the Meres and Mosses Nature Improvement Area and in the lovely Shropshire Hills.
 - Community Drama - do you wish to develop skills in performance, music and stage management, and then apply these by giving performances to community groups such as childrens homes, the elderly and other organisations? This may be focussed on reminiscence theatre - however, in your first term you would develop skills and forge links with these groups and in the second term you would apply these skills via performances.
 - Visiting the elderly and others in need, or hosting social gatherings in school for the elderly
 - Assisting with community projects; maintenance work on canals, community facilities.
 - Teach music to others via our ‘In Harmony’ project – an outreach music service aimed at children without regular access to music facilities.
 - Teaching basic IT skills to those in need.
 - Assisting with local history projects via voluntary groups.
 - Plus many more via our partnership with Shropshire RCC (Rural Community Council).
- **ETSOS: EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES IN SCIENCE FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS** (strongly recommended for Sixth Form entrants doing AS Chemistry). This 12-week module activity starts off with introducing basic laboratory apparatus and skills, then proceeding to familiar GCSE

chemical reactions and finally introducing skills required to complete the AS Chemistry coursework. Students will have the opportunity to learn how to read and process instructions meticulously and perform experiments individually.

- **GOLF** For those of you who already play golf but can't fit it in around your other sports, and are just itching to enjoy Arscot when the weather is good or the driving range when it isn't. Visit some of Shropshire's finest courses on Field Days. You don't need a handicap, but do need to have clubs, golf clothing, golf shoes, and an understanding of golf club etiquette.
- **HORSE RIDING** Students are taken to Prescott Riding School, the area's largest and best-known riding school and livery stables for two-hour sessions on Thursday afternoons throughout the year. They follow a six week course, during which they have the opportunity to engage in all aspects of riding and stable management. Courses are taught in groups of up to six and are suitable both for beginners and those who wish to improve their equestrian abilities.
- **INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS** If you have a project or pastime of your own and would like to propose it as a Thursday Activity – we will consider this as long as you are able to prove you have the motivation and commitment to see it through. Start a band, do public art, build stage sets – or anything you are passionate about. Once your idea is accepted (you will need to write a short proposal) it will be up to you ensure it happens.
- **KIT KAT Club** The Kit Kat Club was an early 18th century club with strong political and literary associations. The Shrewsbury version will devote its meetings to the search for perfection and will embrace films, paintings, pies, wine, landscape, architecture, music and much else besides, in school and out. A must for all aesthetes. Sixth Form only.
- **MOUNTAIN BIKING** Shropshire and North Wales are blessed with some of the best mountain biking terrain in the UK. Each week, in all weather, we ride these (downhill) trails. The riding is technical, challenging and great fun! This activity is aimed at the keen and committed mountain biker who already owns their own bike and equipment, although we do take some less experienced riders. If you do not have your own equipment and are interested please contact Mr Kaye (email: pak@shrewsbury.org.uk).
- **MUSIC** For committed musicians and only with the approval of the Director of Music, Mr John Moore. Note that help with the department will be expected – this is not just extra practice time.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY** If you are interested in developing your photographic skills, learning to look more closely at the world about you or just want the chance to experiment with the digital image. You will be able to use our cameras and equipment. We also have studios and computer software to help enhance your creativity.
- **SHREWSBURY SCHOOL TV** Not so much an activity, but a serious venture in conjunction with the Marketing Department, providing short films and videos about events that have happened in school. Recent subjects have been a CCF re-enactment to replicate an old pre-World War I photo, the Sidney Darwin Dash, and various musical concerts. The majority of filming takes place outside the Thursday Activity slot, as and when events take place, so you need to be enthusiastic and committed. The personnel this year have been of an extremely high calibre, so you do need to have a serious passion for film-making!
- **SAT EXAM PREP** The Standard Assessment Test is one of two standardized examinations used for entry into university programs in the United States. Students interested in attending a U.S. university should enroll in the course at the beginning of the term in which they plan to sit the exam for 12 weeks of preparatory work and practice utilizing test-taking strategies. This is serious academic study with our Harvard Fellow – in Blocks of 12 weeks only. Sixth Form only.

- **SCHOOL NEWSPAPER** Every week a group of Lower Sixth students meet to write, design and edit the school newspaper, the 'Public Nose'. Articles cover both the School and the local area, and anyone who enjoys writing, design or photography would be able to find a role for themselves on the newspaper team. Lower Sixth preferred but open to keen Fifth Formers too.
- **SCUBA DIVING** This is a whole year course aimed at novices with no diving experience or those with junior diving qualifications. The course starts with the introductory BSAC Ocean Diver qualification and then moves on to the more advanced BSAC Sports Diver. A full First Aid qualification is included during the year. Diving skills for those who fully qualify include decompression diving, use of Nitrox, dry-suit skills and oxygen therapy. There is no charge for participation if you don't take a qualification, but there is a charge for those who wish to take the qualifications. Please contact Mr Burke (jrb@shrewsbury.org.uk) for more details. Priority will be given to Sixth Form.
- **SCUBA DIVING MODULE** The course is aimed at novices or those with junior qualifications and covers the introductory BSAC Ocean Diver qualification. There is no charge for participation if you don't take a qualification, but there is a charge for those who wish to take the qualifications. Please contact Mr Burke (jrb@) for details. Aimed mainly at Fifth Form.
- **SELF DEFENCE** Martial arts course based in Jiu-Jitsu and Kickboxing, providing an opportunity to learn effective and useful self-defence techniques. Whilst the physicality of combat is examined, the programme also looks at mentality and situational control, creating the ideal course for those looking to improve confidence and awareness.
- **SPORTS COACHING & INSTRUCTION** Gain some useful accredited skills and take the RFU Level 1 Coaching Award (rugby), FA football Coaching Award and the National Pool Life-guarding Qualification. Both coaching awards are six weeks long, NPLQ is 12 weeks (the latter requires pupils to be 16 years old on 1st January 2015). If all courses are attended the cost is approx. £250, though separate modules can be arranged.
- **YOUNG ENTERPRISE** Young Enterprise is a national entrepreneurship programme that connects young people with the world of business and enables you to gain useful business and firm building experience. Teams form their own company, sell shares to raise finance, sell products and keep the profit – all with the help of experienced external advisors.
- **RYA DAY SKIPPER AND YACHTMASTER** © This shore-based course covers all elements of the internationally recognised navigational skills, which are an integral part of any subsequent practical RYA exams. The course completion certificate is also a valuable addition to any CV or UCAS statement. Chartwork, meteorology and anti-collision regulations are covered in depth and each is examined and there are many other aspects as well. One Field Day is spent at undergoing very practical tuition at a local Lifeboat station and there is also the prospect of a weekend afloat putting skills to the test.

MAKING YOUR THURSDAY ACTIVITY CHOICE – SOME GUIDELINES

Please bear in mind the following:

- a) There are 24 activity days (two of which are full 'Field Days') on which activities take place. Most run from approximately 2.00pm to 4.30pm but some last longer than this for practical reasons. Examples of activities that sometimes last longer include mountain biking, CCF and some Community Action activities.
- b) You will make activity choices twice a year. In effect those opting for modular options choose their first TWO before the start of the academic year and the second TWO towards the end of the Michaelmas Term.
- c) Pupils opting for full year choices are expected to honour their commitment to its conclusion and would be expected to stay with that activity for the full 24 weeks.
- d) Sixth Formers choosing MODULAR options must include at least one COMMUNITY ACTION module choice (note this cannot be community drama).
- e) Naturally, pupils are expected to approach their activity programme in the same professional and courteous manner as all areas of school life and in particular where there is contact with members of the public or where external organizations are concerned.
- f) Our activity programme is constantly developing and comments or suggestions are welcome. We also welcome parent involvement to assist with Community Action.
- g) Please complete and post the enclosed form (to Nick David, Director of Activities, Shrewsbury School, The Schools, SY3 7BA) or scan/email it to npd@shrewsbury.org.uk

SAMPLE CHOICES FOR A SIXTH FORMER

Tom	1 self defence	2 cook	3 comm action	4 canoe
Dick	← mountain biking →			
Harriet	1 SAT's	2 SAT's	3 Kit Kat Club	4 comm action
Jane	← Young Enterprise →			



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SOCIETIES AT SHREWSBURY

As you can see from this list we have a comprehensive range of societies on offer. These range from the academic to the more hobby-based options but all are designed to interest, challenge and engage pupils. The vast majority of these meet weekly and a schedule of times is made available to boys and girls at the outset of any term. In addition a Societies Fair is held on the first teaching day of each new year to allow societies to showcase themselves and to assist in choices.

Pupils in the Third and Fourth Forms are expected to sign up for at least ONE activity – though of course they can do more. Tutors will monitor involvement via the Burney Diary (our calendar and pupil planner) and will play a role in encouraging the continued membership of societies by all year groups. For younger pupils wishing to transfer to a different society there will be an expectation that they will remain with that society for at least one term and transfers to another must be by mutual agreement between the staff concerned.

BEEKEEPING

The Beekeeping Society is in its 40th year at Shrewsbury School. Meetings of the society have been open to all year groups, with training on offer each year for beginners. Many pupils have chosen beekeeping as their skill for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The meetings have traditionally been held outdoors from April to October and in the biology labs during the rest of the year. The Society has an apiary near Ridgemount and rooms next to the School laundry for storing equipment and extracting honey. Protective clothing is provided. Members share some of the honey produced by the society's hives but much is also sold to raise funds for school charities.

BUILDING SOCIETY

The Building Society meets fortnightly, when one of the members or an outside speaker gives a short paper on some aspect of architecture. From time to time the Society also visits houses and other sites of architectural interest. Membership is for Sixth Formers and is by invitation only, but students who are considering the study of Architecture at university are strongly encouraged to join.

CANOE CLUB

The Canoe (and kayak) Club meets every Monday after lessons in the pool for some indoor training allowing us to continue throughout the year. The aim is to teach pupils to roll and carry out basic safety and rescue skills in both a canoe and a kayak. Once rolling has been mastered pupils can then learn the art of cart-wheeling and other impressive acrobatic skills in a boat. When a very keen group of pupils come together, there is the option to undertake a few river trips on Wednesday afternoons for those not involved in playing sport.

CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club has traditionally met in the Library in Societies Hour. This gives keen players a chance to play against pupils from other Houses.

CHINESE SOCIETY

The Chinese Society meets weekly in E7/E6 during Societies Hour, open to all non-native as well as native Chinese pupils. Activities for non-native Chinese pupils typically include Chinese conversation at beginners' level led by both GA and native Chinese pupils and cultural exploration by means of multimedia, artefacts and literature. For our native Chinese pupils, the Society provides an excellent opportunity to keep up with the four language skills in their mother tongue with a particular emphasis on reading.

CRAFT AND TEXTILES CLUB

This weekly club aims to dip into a miscellany of craft activities, to accommodate the interests of those attending regularly. Textile activities could include stitching, fabric painting, knitting, crochet, spinning and weaving. Paper-craft activities could include origami, card-making, scrap-booking, constructions with card and calligraphy. Other activities may include making items such as lip balm, bath bombs, soap and candles. Come along and let us know what crafts you are interested in trying!

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DANCE CLUB

The Dance Club meets every Monday evening to dance and experience different dance genres. The aim is to teach pupils a greater understanding of dance as well as building confidence, co-ordination and social skills. Dance allows you to express emotion in so many different ways. The workshop will allow the pupils to be able to create their own dance pieces. As well as all this the weekly workshops will work towards a short performance where they can perform the pieces which they have been working on throughout the term.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society meets weekly, running parallel sessions for junior and senior pupils. Each week, pupils will have an opportunity to participate in debates and gain advice on improving their debating skills. Those interested might also have the opportunity to participate in national debating competitions as well as friendly contests with other schools.

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

This Club is available to all students. Design & Technology studios are open to those looking to practise and explore all things design and technological here at Shrewsbury and beyond. The sessions are designed to support those in examination groups challenging themselves with more complex projects, or for those simply wishing to practise and develop specific skills; including sketching and visualising, CAD modelling or support their practical workshop manufacturing skills. Equally, it would be very useful for those wishing to move into design related higher education and employment; it is a fabulous opportunity to hone graphic design skills and discuss and create portfolios of work in readiness for interview.

DRAMA SOCIETY

The Drama Society meets weekly and is open to all pupils in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Forms. It offers the opportunity for students to hone their performance skills through improvisation and script work and provides an introduction to mask, stage combat, clowning and mime. Depending on interest and ability, we could have regular termly showcases of whatever the pupils produce – maybe a short selection of monologues or duologues or a short devised piece. We would welcome some talented and responsible Sixth Formers to help out and run workshops.

ECONOMICS SOCIETY

The Economics Society meets in the Economics Faculty where one of the members gives a short presentation on an area of Economics that they find particularly interesting. There then follows a discussion or debate on issues raised by the presentation. Membership is restricted to Sixth Form students who study Economics or by invitation.

FILM SOCIETY

The Film Society meets fortnightly in the Moser Library and is open to all pupils and staff. Every fortnight we will watch a film (selected by members of the group) together in the Library. Students will be encouraged to find out more about the stars, directors and techniques involved in the films and discuss and review them. The group may have the opportunity to meet representatives from the film industry and attend film screenings with other schools and colleges.

FRENCH SOCIETY

The French Society meets on an ad hoc basis, when the President or one of the members of the council is keen on organizing a Wine and Cheese tasting or a meal. From time to time the Society also goes to the cinema to watch a French movie or to the Theatre to watch a play by a French writer. We also organise Movie Nights in Quod from time to time with refreshments offered. We are planning to launch a French magazine as well. Membership is for all Sixth Formers doing French and we will open it to Lower School pupils interested in taking part in some of our activities especially if they want to carry on with French in the Sixth Form. If interested, get in touch with the President of French Society or members of councils whose names are in the Blue Book.

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HESELTINE SOCIETY

The Heseltine Society meets in Quod on Tuesday evenings at 8.00pm. We discuss current affairs and political issues most weeks. Occasionally we also discuss wider philosophical and aesthetic issues, depending on the interests of the students present. The Society also acts as a forum for Oxbridge applicants to make presentations in their chosen field. We occasionally host visiting speakers. The Society welcomes any pupils in the school and is mainly attended by Sixth Formers. Students from local schools and Old Salopians also sometimes attend.

JUNIOR FRENCH SOCIETY

The junior section of the French Society meets every week in L4. We aim to have a lot of fun, with tastings, films etc. Certain Sixth Form events will be open to Lower School pupils interested in taking part, especially if they want to carry on with French in the Sixth Form.

JUNIOR HISTORY SOCIETY

The Junior History Society will meet every Monday at 5.00pm, and is open to anyone in the Third, Fourth and Fifth Forms interested in expanding their understanding of topics that would not necessarily appear on a normal curriculum. Students will experience a wide range of subjects from a number of different time periods, whilst being provided with the opportunity for discussion, stimulating lectures, interactive activities and the development of presentation skills. There is also the opportunity for Sixth Formers to take a leadership role within the Society.

JUNIOR SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Junior Science Society meets every Monday at 5.00pm. There will be a variety of scientific activities and events including lectures and discussions about cutting edge scientific ideas, topical science videos, science and science fiction, science in the news and projects and competitions.

LANGUAGES CONVERSATION

Do you want to speak foreign languages fluently? Boost your exam grades? Use the language for fun? You can practise your French, German and Spanish once a week with the Bordeaux Fellow, Frau Wordie or the Hispanic Fellow. Please state which language you want when you sign up each term.

LANGUAGES NEWSPAPER (Editorial Committee)

Any pupil is welcome to join this activity, taking a leading role if wished. Mr Portier and Miss Wetherstone meet with the Committee weekly (at least) to prepare and publish an international newspaper with articles in any language, or your native foreign language, plus cultural items in English on international themes, and crosswords, poems, cartoons, etc.

MATHS CLUB

The Maths Club allows pupils who enjoy mathematics to develop their logical reasoning and problem-solving skills. Members have the chance to discuss and tackle a variety of mathematical puzzles, helping them to prepare for national and school competitions which run throughout the year.

MIDDLE EASTERN SOCIETY

If you are interested in learning Arabic, learning about the Middle East and gaining a clearer understanding world affairs involving this region, come along! The Club is hosted by Mr Sheppe, with native speakers welcome to help run this activity.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS (MUN) CLUB

The MUN Club meets every Wednesday from 5.45pm-6.30pm in Mr Peach's classroom, L3. It is open to everyone, who is interested in public speaking, politics, the UN and the international world and 'a bit of banter'. Every week delegates adopt the roles of the different countries of the UN and we debate a resolution on all sorts of current issues from these perspectives. Those who are up for a challenge opt to go to conferences, mainly in Manchester and London, but also in UNESCO in Paris.

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PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY

Aimed at Third, Fourth and Fifth Form. Usually in the areas of Philosophy and Ethics, there will be a presentation of a topical/controversial/challenging statement, insight or problem by a speaker, with a discussion to follow. There are opportunities for Sixth Formers to take a leadership role within the activity.

MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

The Model Railway Society meets fortnightly in the basement of Moser's Hall where we are building a new model railway. Each year we have a trip either to the model railway national exhibition in Birmingham or to a preserved railway such as the Severn Valley Railway. No particular modelling skills are required and membership is open to all year groups.

READING GROUP

This Group provides the opportunity and space for students to read independently. Pupils can use this time to catch up on academic reading; to explore areas in support of their studies; or simply to read for pleasure and relaxation. All are welcome: simply bring along your books!

ROBOTIC SOCIETY

The Robotic Society meets at 5.00pm on Mondays in the Design Faculty. Robotics discusses and explores technological advancements in robotics and control. Anyone in the Fifth Form and Lower Sixth Form with an interest in cutting edge technologies employed in a range of applications in society would find this of interest. Continuing this theme into Thursday afternoon activities will see the design build of a range of robotics projects that will enthuse the avid techno-bot!

RUSSIAN SOCIETY

The Russian Society meets weekly and is open to keen linguists of any age who wish to study Russian from scratch to GCSE level. We follow the Penguin Russian Course, which entails a certain amount of independent study between sessions. Some of our Russian native speakers are invited to make 'guest appearances' from time to time to help with listening and pronunciation skills, and talk about life in Russian-speaking countries.

ROYAL SHREWSBURY SCHOOL SHOOTING CLUB

The Royal Shrewsbury School Shooting Club meets every Wednesday for beginners or those interested in recreational shooting and again on a Monday and Tuesday for those more talented and in the team. We have a visiting GB coach, Tom Rylands, to assist with the team on Mondays and Tuesdays. The aim of the club is to advance the abilities of those beginners and to ensure the enjoyment of those shooting and for those wishing to take the sport further we compete in a schools postal league and meet other schools for some matches during the year. During the summer, we also visit our local full bore range, in Minsterley, to fire a higher calibre .308 on a longer range and take a small team to Bisley to compete in the coveted Ashburton Trophy.

SHREWSBURY TV

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QUIZZING SOCIETY

The Quizzing Society has two sessions in the week (Monday at 5.00pm for Third and Fourth Form, Wednesday at 5.00pm for squad). This Society aims to help pupils foster an interest in retention and recollection of facts from a spectrum of academic (and some non-academic) disciplines. The focus of the Michaelmas Term is the Schools' Challenge in November. In the Lent and Summer Terms, intramural encounters culminate in the House Quiz Finals in May.

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OCCASIONAL SOCIETIES

CHARITIES COMMITTEE

These are open meetings for all those who wish to get involved. Volunteers help with new fund-raising ideas, decide which charities to support and rehearse Assembly presentations. The elected Chair, Secretary, Graphic Designer and the all-important 'House Reps' are key players, and House-run Charity Committees are developing on the same model. The most successful events are those run entirely by students, including Fashion Shows, a Variety Show and Washing Teachers' Cars. Meetings are in the Peterson Room, KH, once every half term.

DARWIN SOCIETY

The Darwin Society is the School's Scientific Society. Meetings are held several times per term during the Michaelmas and Lent Terms, usually on Friday evenings. Lectures are given either by external speakers or current staff on a variety of scientific topics. Most lectures are aimed at a Sixth Form audience but are open to all. After the lecture some Sixth Formers will join teachers and the lecturer for a dinner and a continuing discussion of ideas.

NEWMAN SOCIETY

The Newman Society is a Sixth Form group which meets periodically when stimulating speakers are available to speak on topics drawn from contemporary ethics and philosophical enquiry. It is designed to serve those doing Philosophy and Theology at AS and A2 but is open to all those interested in the bigger questions such as 'Do we have a soul?' and 'Is euthanasia socially and morally acceptable?'

MEDICAL SOCIETY

Prospective medics, dentists and vets are welcome to join - though the emphasis tends to be on human medicine. Talks by visiting speakers are arranged once or twice a term while weekly seminars are held for the Upper Sixth during the Michaelmas Term. The focus is on understanding what the training and careers in medicine are really like, and how to make a successful application. Meetings are held in Biology Lab A as announced by Dr Torin Morgan.

THE READERS

This Society is open to pupils from all year groups. Every vacation, group members are sent away with a book to read, which we then meet to discuss early in the new term. Discussions are informal and good-natured. Recent examples of books we have read: *Candide* by Voltaire, *Burmese Days* by George Orwell and *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway. Open to all, and may be of particular interest to those considering making applications to read arts/humanities subjects at university.

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Thursday Activity Dates 2014/2015

4th September 2014

11th September 2014

18th September 2014

25th September 2014

2nd October 2014

Field Day One: 9th October 2014 (End Block 1)

16th October 2014

6th November 2014

13th November 2014

20th November 2014

27th November 2014

4th December 2014 (End Block 2)

8th January 2015 (GCSE mocks)

15th January 2015

22nd January 2015

29th January 2015

5th February 2015

Field Day Two 12th February 2015 (End Block 3)

26th February 2015

5th March 2015

12th March 2015

19th March 2015

16th April 2015

23rd April 2015

30th April 2015

**(End Block 4 Activities - for Fifth and Sixth Form)
Fourth Form continue for 7th, 14th and 21st May 2015**

