

Shrewsbury

CO-EDUCATIONAL BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL



Information for Candidates

Gas Engineer / Plumber

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Headmaster's Welcome

Having moved to Shropshire with my wife and young family in 2018, I can speak with first-hand experience of the warmth of welcome offered by the School community and indeed within the town of Shrewsbury. It really is a friendly, gentle yet invigorating place to live and work.

The School's 110 acres have the feel of a village gathered around a green. Stunning architecture complements the natural beauty of ancient trees and open spaces that are meticulously maintained. We wholeheartedly believe that children and staff alike respond to the inspiration of their surroundings. There can surely be fewer more uplifting places in which to live and learn. Staff morale is high and there is a shared sense of purpose which is energising. The pupils are a diverse crowd who are united by a willingness to participate and enjoy all that the school has to offer. We have an excellent staff development programme ensuring that colleagues are stimulated to keep growing as professionals.

Above all, it is a community where the individual is celebrated and encouraged to become the fullest and best version of her or himself: this goes as much for the staff as it does the children in our care.

Thank you for your interest in Shrewsbury School. I hope that this document will encourage you to go ahead with an application that may lead to your joining this unique and vibrant school community.



Welcome to Shrewsbury School

Shrewsbury School, Independent School of the Year 2020, has a world-class reputation for all-round excellence. Fully co-educational, with a seven-day boarding heartbeat and an integral day community, the school delivers a dynamic education that develops the abilities and enthusiasms of each and every pupil.

Founded by Royal Charter in 1552, Shrewsbury School is one of the 'great' nine schools in England identified by the Clarendon Commission of 1861. The School moved to its current location in 1882. Over the centuries it has grown in size and reputation. The School is now ranked amongst the leading co-educational boarding schools in the world, educating around 840 pupils aged 13-18 years.

Shrewsbury delivers a programme of academic learning that is exciting, challenging, responsive and versatile. On the School's breath-taking 110-acre site on the banks of the River Severn, pupils also have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of sporting, music, drama and co-curricular activities, as well as being encouraged to engage in adventure and charitable endeavour.

Shrewsbury School is committed to a seven-day full boarding model that benefits from a local day element. The School offers only one kind of boarding: full boarding, with nearly 80% of the school roll being full boarders and around 20% holding non-UK passports.

Packwood Haugh Prep School (co-educational, boarding and day school for pupils aged 3-13) became part of the Shrewsbury family of Schools in 2019.

Shrewsbury is a registered charity with a number of wholly owned trading companies, an annual income of over £35m and a staff of 400. It is overseen by a Governing Body which has up to 19 members. The Governing Body and its Committees meet once a term.

Recent years have seen an ambitious programme of new buildings and refurbishment projects. The fully refurbished Barnes Theatre, recently opened by Sir Michael Palin, Old Salopian, with additional new teaching facilities for Drama and Dance. A full refurbishment of Rigg's Hall, one of our boys' Houses, completed in 2022, with refurbishment projects of Churchill's and Ingram's Hall finished in December 2023. The building of a fifth girls' House (Queen Elizabeth Hall) was completed and opened in September 2023, along with two new all-weather sports pitches.

Job Description

MAIN PURPOSE OF ROLE

To work with the Estates Team to carry out all elements of planned and response maintenance and small project works pertaining to the role. To deliver works to a high standard and in compliance with current regulations.

LEVEL OF POSITION

The Head of Estates has overall line management of the Estates Department.

The postholder will report to the Foreman Plumber who will provide day-to-day line management including appraisal, training and development.

In the absence of the Foreman Plumber the post holder shall report to the Maintenance Manager

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties and responsibilities below are illustrative. The position holder will be expected to become involved in a range of work on occasions that may not be shown below:

Main Responsibilities

Duties will vary dependent of the needs of the Shrewsbury Family of School, and the type of work ongoing at any particular time. The typical range of duties will include (but not be limited to) the following:

- The servicing, maintenance and repair of gas fired equipment. Boilers ranging in size from small domestic to large commercial, gas fired water heaters, domestic gas fires, and commercial catering equipment. Commercial gas training will be offered to the right candidate. Expect to qualify within 18 months of starting employment.
- Responding to responsive maintenance requests. These will range from blocked drainage, minor leaks and heating adjustments through to emergency replacement of boiler sections or water heaters.
- Undertaking planned maintenance / refurbishments. This will typically involve the plumbing Estates associated with washroom refurbishments, kitchen replacements, room / heating reconfigurations. It will also involve the planned

replacement of small and large boiler plant, and associated pipework, pumps and controls.

- Working at height to undertake repairs, or to install new rainwater goods and other above ground drainage.
- Assist the foreman in the maintenance of adequate spares and materials. Undertake stock takes when requested.
- To ensure that any works they are instructed to undertake are done to a suitable standard and in a professional and timely manner.
- To undertake any additional training as may be required by the School and to keep existing qualifications valid and updated. The school will generally pay for all training that is necessary for the post holder to undertake their role, in accordance with the schools training agreement.
- To respond to occasional 'out of hours' call outs.
- To report to the Foreman Plumber to keep him informed of all works in progress, any problems or other issues.
- To be competent to manage all aspects of the mechanical section of the Estates Department in an efficient manner in the absence of the Foreman Plumber.

Suitability To Work With Children

- Shrewsbury School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
- The postholder must comply with the School's Safeguarding & Child Protection policy at all times.
- The postholder must undergo Safeguarding & Child Protection training as directed by their Line Manager.
- Full safer recruitment checks will be completed on successful candidates which will include an Enhanced Disclosure & Barring (DBS) check.

Contact

- In all contacts the successful applicant will be required to be a good ambassador for Shrewsbury School as well as maintain constructive relationships.

Person Specification

It is anticipated that the successful candidate will demonstrate the following:

Essential Desirable

Qualifications:

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| Good standard of general education, including recognised qualifications in English and Mathematics. | ✓ |
| To hold a current domestic "Gas Safe" accreditation and relevant additional associated modules | ✓ |
| To hold a full driving licence. | ✓ |

Work experience:

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| Experience of working in a similar environment previously. | ✓ |
| Must have a proven track record of working on a variety of boiler plant and controls, including servicing plant, fault diagnosis and rectification of breakdowns. | ✓ |
| Able to recognise hazardous situations/ materials and to respond accordingly | ✓ |
| Must be confident to order parts via suppliers as appropriate. | ✓ |
| To have extensive experience with a variety of domestic & gas and plumbing installations. | ✓ |
| To have the ability to understand detailed construction plans, working drawings and specification documents. | ✓ |
| To have a good working knowledge of construction techniques. | ✓ |
| To have a good, working knowledge of heating systems, their installation and maintenance. | ✓ |
| To be able to work at height. | ✓ |

Essential Desirable

Work experience continued

Organised and responsible attitude to the administration of the section, completion of all necessary statutory forms and to support the smooth running of the department by processing all necessary documentation as required. ✓

To be familiar with the requirements of budgetary control. ✓

Specialist knowledge

A a good, working knowledge of Health & Safety related issues. ✓

To be computer literate and familiar with Word, Excel and use of e mail and other school IT services. ✓

To be familiar with the principles of CoSHH & risk assessment and able to carry out and record the same. ✓

Personal attributes

Problem solve and to think innovatively when necessary. ✓

Eye for detail and high expectation of standards of behaviour. ✓

Ability to prioritize work and to balance competing needs. ✓

Ability to work unsupervised and on own initiative. ✓

Must be reliable and a good timekeeper. ✓

Flexible approach to working hours. ✓

Excellent verbal and written communication skills. ✓

To be able to build positive relations with all stakeholders ✓

Other/Special Working conditions

From time to time some additional hours may be required to be worked in term time and out of term time. The successful candidate must be willing to work additional hours to suit the business needs of the school which on occasion will involve emergency callouts for which a call out fee and overtime payment will apply. ✓

Our Ethos

Shrewsbury School has a strong vision, derived from our position as a major co-educational boarding and day school of international reputation.

A Shrewsbury education will educate and empower each individual pupil to flourish in life and contribute positively to the world around them.

Shrewsbury offers a unique whole person education – Floreat – that fosters learning and personal development in four vital and mutually reinforcing fields: the intellectual; the active; the expressive and the reflective. Through this distinctive model of education Shrewsbury promotes the Six Salopian Virtues: wisdom; kindness; courage; integrity; self-mastery and spirit.

As a learning community, the school pursues academic knowledge, wisdom and truth with the aim of developing the 'cultural capital' of each child and instilling character strengths, aptitudes and vital life skills, such as resilience and resourcefulness. The individual is able to flourish whilst also pursuing communal values, social responsibility and a willingness to contribute positively to the wider world.

More information about Shrewsbury's Ethos and Educational Philosophy can be found [here](#).



Academic Life at Shrewsbury

Academic life focuses on developing intellectually curious young adults who are able to think critically and creatively, have the confidence to question and to challenge and are equipped with the skills that they will need to thrive at all stages of life.

In recent years, around 10% of our leavers have gone on to Oxford and Cambridge and virtually all have won places at the university of their first choice. We expect about 80% of A Levels each year to be passed at A*, A or B grade. But there is as much joy for pupils who surpass his or her expectations as there is for the pupil whose progress to top grades always seemed more certain.

Support Staff at Shrewsbury

Support staff provide management and operational support, in various careers, which enables teachers to focus on the teaching and learning of our pupils. We believe that having motivated and enthusiastic staff who want to support teaching and learning is critical to our academic provision.

We will always strive to achieve the highest possible standards in the breadth and quality of our curriculum, the provision of our facilities and resources and achievements, whether academic, sporting, musical, theatrical or artistic, of our pupils and our staff.

Shrewsbury delights in the uniqueness of its education; a blend of values, traditions, and inspiring people. Our staff are our greatest asset with both teaching and support staff inspiring our pupils through their dedicated professional support.

Pastoral Life at Shrewsbury

The unique, friendly yet respectful atmosphere between staff and students plays a crucial part in establishing the character of Salopians and the School. Together we are a highly supportive community. The House system (7 boys' Houses and 5 girls' Houses) is at the heart of Shrewsbury School.

The House is a Salopian's centre of gravity, a real home from home, somewhere to relax and make friends, as well as work. In addition to their Housemaster or Housemistress, each pupil has a personal tutor who also has strong links to a house and will be involved in a duty evening plus helping out with house events and trips.



International Links

Shrewsbury School delight's in playing its part in developing outstanding schools around the world. Our first international school opened in Bangkok in 2003 and has become the benchmark for quality education in the city and the wider region.

We opened a second campus in Bangkok in 2018 to keep up with demand, while at the same time opening a new school in Hong Kong. In 2021, Shrewsbury signed an agreement for a new international school to be launched in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Plans are afoot to open further international schools in the coming years, including Shrewsbury School India in 2025.

The Shrewsbury family of schools share commitment to encouraging intellectual curiosity and respecting diversity and have formed a close and effective partnership over the years. We exchange best practice and perspectives from our own operating contexts via regular staff visits and via Governors who sit on the Boards of the schools. Over the years Shrewsbury UK alumni have visited Bangkok to enjoy gap year opportunities there.



The Application Process

Please complete the Shrewsbury School application form together with a covering letter.

Please email your documents, ideally as 'pdfs' to: [**recruitment@shrewsbury.org.uk**](mailto:recruitment@shrewsbury.org.uk) by the closing date and time.

Alternatively, you may prefer to send a printed copy, addressed to: The Human Resources Department, The Bursary, Kingsland House, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 7BB.

Closing Date: 12pm, Tuesday, 3 February.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 10 February 2026.

Start date: As soon as possible, subject to notice period and safer recruitment checks.

Early applications are encouraged. We reserve the right to close this vacancy early, should a suitable candidate be appointed before the closing date.

Short-listed candidates will be contacted by telephone.

Offers will be given verbally and in writing as soon as possible following the interview.

Queries regarding applications should be addressed to:
recruitment@shrewsbury.org.uk or telephone 01743 250834.

Please also see the Recruitment Guidance Notes on page 17.



Contractual Terms

Contractual staff benefits

Salary

We offer a competitive salary which is based on skills, experience and qualifications.

Hours

This is a full-time position working 39 hours per week, Monday to Thursday (08:00 to 16:30) and Friday (08:00 to 15:30), with a 30-minute unpaid lunch break, working during term-time and school holidays. In addition, a 15-minute tea break each day, to be taken at post.

Sick pay

The postholder will automatically join the contractual sickness scheme after the first six months of employment. In the event of sickness, you will receive 6 weeks at full pay and 6 weeks at half pay and thereafter Statutory Sick Pay.

Holiday

Shrewsbury School's annual leave year runs from 1 April to 31 March: a full year's entitlement is 28 days per annum, plus statutory bank holidays. New members of staff will receive a pro-rata entitlement in this leave year if employment commences part way through the year.

Pension

All support employees are eligible to join Shrewsbury School's Pension Scheme (employee 5%, employer 7.5%).

Life Insurance:

The post holder will be able to join the death-in-service insurance scheme. In the event of your death whilst in Shrewsbury School's employment your estate will receive two times your basic salary.

Staff Benefits

Training & Development

All Shrewsbury School staff have the opportunity to access generous professional training; we seek to develop individuals in all areas of their school life.

Provision of Meals

While the kitchens are operational, lunch is provided in our dining room, Kingsland Hall.

Parking

Parking is provided free of charge on and around site in designated areas and with a school permit.

Sports Facilities

Our swimming pool has both staff and staff family swim times. We have tennis courts, squash courts and a gymnasium which are available for staff use.

Discount Gym membership

There is a discounted gym membership that staff can access at a local club.

Cycle to Work Scheme

The scheme gives employees access to significant savings on cycles and accessories used for commuting purposes.

Counselling

Staff can access free counselling sessions through our assigned local counselling service.

Recruitment Guidance Notes:

Terms of Appointment

Under the Department of Education's Keeping Children Safe in Education Regulations we have a legal duty to follow safer recruitment checks. Therefore, any appointment will be subject to the following employment checks:

Probationary Period

All appointments are subject to a twelve months' probationary period.

Application Form

All candidates must complete our application form to be considered for a job. You must list your employment history from the date you left full-time education and give details of any employment gaps. This should be accompanied by a covering letter.

Note: CVs are not accepted.

Your letter and application form should be sent as a pdf to:

recruitment@shrewsbury.org.uk

References

In order to assess candidates' suitability, we shall request at least three references. Please note that in accordance with safer recruitment regulations, Shrewsbury School will follow up written references with a telephone call to the referee. The School will also follow up recent employment within an educational setting.

Right to work in the UK

If you are invited to attend an interview you will be asked to bring identification with you to confirm your right to work in the UK. We ask that you bring **three** forms of identification with you, to include:

- ✿ Current passport, share code or eligible immigration document
- ✿ Current driving licence
- ✿ Birth or adoption certificate for the UK or Channel Islands - issued within 12 months of birth (*including those issued by UK authorities overseas, e.g. Embassies, High Commission and HM Forces*)

Evidence of qualifications

If you are invited to attend an interview you will be asked to bring original evidence of your qualifications.

Medical Fitness

If successfully appointed, you will be asked to complete an occupational health statement and if necessary, complete a pre-employment health screening.

Safer recruitment checks

Please read through the school's Safer Recruitment Policy which will give full details of the safer recruitment checks undertaken as part of the on-boarding procedure. If you have any questions on any of these checks please contact us. In summary, below are details of some of the checks carried out.

Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Disclosure:

If you have ever been convicted of a criminal offence, bound over or cautioned, you must read carefully the section of the application form headed 'Criminal Convictions'. The appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) Certificate.

Overseas Police check

If you have spent time abroad for three months or more in the last five years you will be required to obtain an overseas check from that country. The school will support the successful candidate through this process.

Prohibition check

Some pupil facing job roles require the School to carry out a prohibition check. This is carried out online via the Department for Education website.

Online check

Under the Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance, the school is required to carry out online searches of publicly available information for shortlisted candidates.



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