



Shrewsbury School Coach Routes

Booking Coaches

- Coach bookings for all published term dates can be made via <https://shrewsbury.i-gtm.com>. Login is by clicking the MySchoolPortal button and entering your parent portal email address and password. Access or booking issues may be addressed to your house secretary or <https://support.i-gtm.com>.
- All bookings require confirmation by clicking a link in an automated email that will be sent to the person making the booking. This is to ensure integrity of the booking.
- All coach bookings close 7 days before travel. Late bookings cannot be guaranteed a place.
- Cancellations must be made on the travel portal with at least 24 hours' notice wherever possible. Late cancellations may be chargeable.

Coach Travel Days

- For journeys from Shrewsbury, a uniformed chaperone will be present to check that all booked pupils safely board the correct coach. If a pupil is missing the chaperone will contact school staff and parents if necessary.
- Pupils travelling on Coach L to Heathrow will be dropped off at the terminal they are flying from. Pupils not flying should alight at Terminal 3. Please see the following web page for information:
<https://gtmatrix.net/information-for-parents/heathrow-airport-guide/>.
- Coach L has a uniformed chaperone travelling onboard at all times.
- Returning pupils travelling on the Heathrow bus should rendezvous in the Terminal 3 Arrivals Hall where they will be met by a uniformed chaperone. Departing pupils will be dropped off at the terminal from which they are flying. On all main school travel days there is a team of "Airport Guardians" chaperones who represent Shrewsbury School and are available to help guide and orientate students across the airport. They can be contacted by calling +4420 3355 2858.
- All pupils on coaches arriving back at Shrewsbury will be met by a uniformed chaperone and accounted for.

Coach Timetable 2023-2024 – All Routes

		Coach Weekends	Half-Term / Exeats	Return to Shrewsbury
N.B. HEATHROW ONLY AT EXEAT MT23, NO REGIONAL COACHES				
Coach B	Shrewsbury	13:45	09:15	20:45
	Newcastle (Golf Club)	14:45	10:15	19:45
	Congleton (Tesco Express)	15:05	10:35	19:25
	Alderley Edge (Gusto)	15:25	10:55	19:05
	Wilmslow (Premier Inn)	15:35	11:05	18:55
	Bowdon (Assembly Rooms)	16:00	11:30	18:30
Coach C	Shrewsbury	13:45	09:15	20:45
	Corley Services	15:00	10:30	19:30
	Kettering A14 BP Services (Outbound/east NN15 1RW; Inbound/west NN14 1RW)	15:50	11:20	18:40
	A1 A14 Junction (BP Garage)	16:20	11:50	18:10
	Cambridge Services (Boxworth)	16:40	12:10	17:50
	Ipswich Copdock Services	17:50	13:20	16:40
Coach D	Shrewsbury	13:45	09:15	20:45
	Shenstone, S Lichfield McDonalds WS14 0QP	14:50	10:20	19:40
	Barton-u-Needwood A38 Travelodge (Outbound/ north DE13 8EG; Inbound/south DE12 8ED)	15:05	10:35	19:25
	Derby (McDonalds - Markeaton Roundabout)	15:20	10:50	19:10
	M1 J25 (Holiday Inn)	15:40	11:10	18:50
	Doncaster North Services(Junction M18/M180)	16:40	12:10	17:50

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Coach E	Shrewsbury	13:45	09:15	20:45
	Chester (Sainsbury's)	14:45	10:15	19:45
	Ellesmere Port (Sainsbury's)	15:00	10:30	19:30
	Liverpool (Mercury Court)	15:30	11:00	19:00
Coach G	Shrewsbury	13:45	09:15	20:45
	Kidderminster (Esso Garage)	15:00	10:30	19:30
	Ombersley (Bus stop on A4133 (School Bank) on outward, The King's Arms on return)	15:15	10:45	19:15
	M5 J9 (Ashchurch Business Centre GL20 8NA)	15:45	11:15	18:45
	M5 J11A-12, Gloucester Services	16:00	11:30	18:30
	Gordano Services	16:45	12:15	17:45
	Taunton Deane Services	17:45	13:15	16:45
Coach K	Shrewsbury	13:45	09:15	20:45
	Whitchurch	14:20	09:50	20:10
	Charnock Richard	15:30	11:00	19:00
	M6 J31 (Tickled Trout Services)	15:45	11:15	18:45
	Lancaster Services	16:30	12:00	18:00

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	M6 J36, Kendal (Parking area behind Crooklands Garage on A65)	17:00	12:30	17:30
	M6 J38, Tebay Services	17:20	12:50	17:10
	M6 J42, Carlisle (BP Garage)	18:00	13:30	16:30
Coach Y	Shrewsbury	13:45	09:15	20:45
	M56 J9 McDonalds	15:00	10:30	19:30
	Birch Services	15:30	11:00	19:00
	Hartshead Moor Services	15:50	11:20	18:40
	Wetherby Services	16:45	12:15	17:45
		Coach IS running to LHR at EXEAT MT23		
Coach L	Shrewsbury	13:45	09:15	20:45
	Warwick Services	15:30	11:00	19:00
	Cherwell Valley Services	16:15	11:45	18:15
	High Wycombe (M40 J4 – Wycombe Sports Centre)	16:45	12:15	17:45
	Heathrow (all terminals outbound, T3 ONLY inbound)	17:35	13:05	17:00

Route L and Direct Heathrow Services to and from Shrewsbury School

Coach Route L serves Heathrow on all travel days. (See timetable above.)

Direct services are available as per timetable below (beginning and ends of terms and half terms). Passengers must arrive at least 30 minutes before London departure time to register and board.

MICHAELMAS 2023	
Beginning of Term Saturday 2 nd September 2023	dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 09:00 (Direct)
Sunday 3 rd September 2023	dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 09:00 (Direct) dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 17:00 (Direct)
Half Term/ Exeat Saturday 21 st October 2023	dep. Shrewsbury 09:15 (calling all stops on Route L)
Sunday 5 th November 2023	dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 09:00 (Direct) dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 17:00 (calling all stops on Route L)
End of Term Saturday 9 th December 2023	dep. Shrewsbury 09:30 (calling all stops on Route L)

LENT 2024	
Beginning of Term Thursday 4 th January 2024	dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 09:00 (Direct) dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 17:00 (Direct)
Half Term/ Exeat Saturday 10 th February 2024	dep. Shrewsbury 09:15 (calling all stops on Route L)
Sunday 18 th February 2024	dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 09:00 (Direct) dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 17:00 (calling all stops on Route L)
End of Term Saturday 23 rd March 2024	dep. Shrewsbury 09:30 (calling all stops on Route L)

SUMMER 2024	
Beginning of Term Sunday 14 th April 2024	dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 09:00 (Direct) dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 17:00 (Direct)
Half Term/ Exeat Saturday 25 th May 2024	dep. Shrewsbury 09:15 (calling all stops on Route L)
Sunday 2 nd June 2024	dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 09:00 (Direct) dep. Heathrow Terminal 3 17:00 (calling all stops on Route L)
End of Term Saturday 29 th June 2024	dep. Shrewsbury 13:00 (calling all stops on Route L)



Heathrow Airport guide

Guidelines for those flying

On inbound flights, proceed to Terminal 3. For outbound flights, the coach will stop at all terminals as needed.

Travel between Terminals 4 and 5 and Terminal 3 is by train and is free, but you will need either a contactless credit/debit card, phone with Apple or Google Pay or a free ticket from a station attendant to operate the ticket barrier. From Terminal 2 you can walk (10-15 mins lower ground walkway). If in doubt, ask a member of staff.

Guidelines for those travelling to or from central London

Travel to and from central London is either via the Heathrow Express direct to Paddington (fares are £25 or less if booked in advance <https://www.heathrowexpress.com/tickets-deals/prices-fares>) or via London Underground (£3.10 off-peak to zone 1). Trains/tube are accessed from the pedestrian subway between terminals 3 and 2. The Heathrow Central Bus Station is also accessed from here.

Guidelines for those travelling by car

There is a large drop-off only area in front of Terminal 3, however it is not permitted to park and pick up from here. Drop-off at all terminals is now charged at £5 which can be paid online at <https://heathrowdropoff.apcoa.com/trip/vrn>. When picking up a student arriving by coach you should park in the short stay car park at the terminal and walk to the arrivals drop-off area.

Meeting students arriving to Heathrow by coach

The coach will drop students off in front of Terminal 3 in the drop-off zone in front of the main plaza.

Procedure when returning to school

See the accompanying map for the location of the **Terminal 3 arrivals area**. A member of the Airport Guardians team will be in or around the terminal to help you - call +44 20 3355 2858. Our usual meeting point is in the **main Arrivals area, near the top of the stairs down to the underpass**. You can recognise us by our red livery.

Important Note Regarding Departure Time.

The coach must wait off-site and will only be called into the coach park once all booked students have arrived. **You MUST therefore try to arrive at least 30 minutes early** to allow time for the coach to travel from the off-site coach part to the Terminal 3 coach park.



Failure to arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time will delay the coach departure.



Heathrow Airport guide

If you can't locate Airport Guardians, you should call +44 20 3355 2858.

We will not leave you stranded if you follow these instructions and **keep in contact**.

Unaccompanied Minors (UM) or additional assistance

For departures, our UM chaperone will accompany minors or those booking additional assistance throughout the check-in process and, in the case of UM's, will wait with them until the flight is called before handing them over to the airline staff. This process usually takes two and a half hours.

On arrival our UM chaperone will accept hand-over from the airline and sign for the child before accompanying them from the arrivals hall to their waiting transport. This process usually takes around one hour. In the case of additional assistance requests, we will meet the student in arrivals and accompany them to Terminal 3 where they will join the other travelling students.

All GTMatrix chaperones are Enhanced DBS checked.

Unaccompanied Minor chaperone and additional assistance services at all major UK airports are charged at £42 per hour. For UM's the charge is £84 outbound and £42 inbound.

Correspondence with airlines relating to UM service takes 10-15 minutes and is charged at an additional £18.



Heathrow Terminal 3

arriving back to the UK

Coach drop-off
Outbound

Meeting Area

Coach Parking
returning to
school

Call Airport Guardians on +44 20 3355 2858

