

Applicant Handbook



Useful information
to support your
application for

September 2026



Welcome

Thank you for applying to Shrewsbury College. We aim to give you the best possible experience so you can progress from college to higher education, an apprenticeship, or into employment.

Shrewsbury College continues to provide the best facilities, teaching and resources for our students. The key to our success is our commitment to you as an individual student.

You will have a Personal Tutor who will act as an academic guide and mentor, helping solve any day-to-day problems. All subjects offer additional one-to-one and small group support for students who require extra help or who want to push themselves even further.

In addition, our Student Services Team is here to offer advice and guidance on many aspects of student life. The team can help you with practical matters such as finance and transport, but they also can guide you to the wider support services that the college offers, such as our counselling service or our Emotional Health & Wellbeing Practitioner.



Shrewsbury
College


Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

We are incredibly proud to have been judged to be 'Outstanding' by Ofsted when we were inspected in March 2025. Ofsted commented on the exceptional standard of education, support, and care we provide to every student, and our commitment to treating every student as an individual. This 'Outstanding' judgement is a testament to the commitment of our students, the dedication of our brilliant staff, and the strong partnerships we foster with parents and carers, employers, and the wider community.

If you join us at Shrewsbury College you will be able to enjoy this outstanding experience.

We want you to enjoy your time with us and achieve your potential. College life isn't just about studying though, and student life at Shrewsbury College is brilliant. This is a place where you will make new friends and develop new interests. There are many activities taking place inside and outside college, including sports, music, dance, drama, and much more.

This blend of excellent teaching, support and enrichment is why so many students travel to us from across Shropshire, Telford and Wales. The excellent transport links make it easy to get to any of our three campuses.

This booklet has lots of useful information plus important dates to help make sure you have a good start at college in September.

Please ask the Admissions Team at college if you have any questions.



Best wishes,
James Staniforth, Principal

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A guide to starting a course with us

At the interview:

- You will have found out more about the college and discussed your reasons for your course choice. After looking at the predicted grade information or achieved grades, we may have offered you a place on the course or referred you for further information and guidance.
- Hopefully you discussed any support requirements you may have and talked to Student Services about any financial or transport queries. If you didn't do this please contact us.
- **We will email you an offer of a place which you must accept within two weeks of your interview.**

Keeping in touch

We will keep in touch by email, text and WhatsApp. You will be invited to attend a Welcome Event in the summer, where you will meet other students and find out more about your course.

Please keep us informed of any changes to your mobile number or email address.

Ring **01743 653 111** for Admissions.

Enrolment

You will receive an enrolment pack in the post mid-July confirming arrangements for enrolling in August. You will get your student ID card and be told all you need to know about starting at the college.

Start your course

Term starts on Tuesday 1 September 2026.

Your course will begin with a settling in week where your teachers and Student Support Tutor will identify your aims and goals to put on your Individual Learning Plan. If you require support to get settled into college, this will be agreed and reviewed throughout the year.

Join the success story!

We place emphasis on supporting you to achieve your true potential and in helping you progress to your preferred destination, whether that's a job or a place at university. With our support, we'll help make whatever you want to achieve happen.

Key dates for your diary

24 June 2026
(Academic & Vocational
art courses)

1 July 2026
(Vocational courses)

Welcome Event

Come and experience a college day. Meet course teachers and other students, have lunch in our cafés, check out the Learning Resource Centre and get your bearings around the campus. We will send out details nearer the time, so make sure you keep an eye on your emails.

Your future starts here!

**20 August –
29 August 2026**

Enrolment

You will be invited into college to inform us about your results and to enrol on your course. You will receive further information about the next steps and pick up your ID card and any information relevant to your course.

Invites will be sent out in July. Enrolment is important so make sure you keep your appointment details somewhere safe.

20 August 2026 GCSE Results

If you didn't get what you were hoping for please don't panic. You can talk to our staff at your enrolment appointment who will advise you about your options.



Why choose Shrewsbury College

We offer the widest range of choice of both A Level and vocational courses in Shropshire

We can offer any A Level combination, unlike some colleges and sixth forms.

Experienced teachers

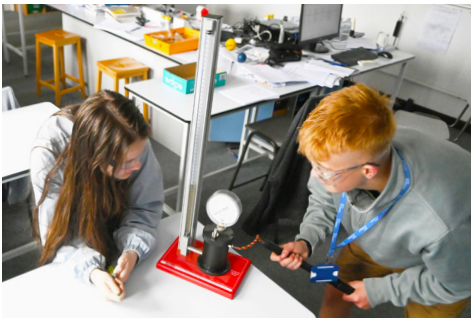
Who work with exam boards and awarding bodies, are external quality assurers and vocational teachers who often still work in their specialist subject, guaranteeing up to date skills. Many of our teachers are taught to Master's or PhD level.

Outstanding progression to university

The college is in the top 20% nationally, with 700 students achieving a university place in 2025.

Links with local employers

as well as international organisations which provides opportunities for work experience, apprenticeships and employment.



Broad range of opportunities

This includes:

- Competitive college team sports in rugby, football, hockey, volleyball, golf and netball with many of the teams achieving success in the Association of Colleges Leagues.
- Recreational activities including basketball, badminton, table tennis, yoga and more.
- Clubs and societies are vast and varied, e.g. Astronomy, Debate Club, Photography Club, Pride Group and Chess club.
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.
- Model United Nations.
- College magazine.
- Music, choir, performance and drama.
- Academic Excellence Programme – a choice of bespoke societies giving our students the opportunity to prepare for competitive entry programmes such as medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, and law.
- Volunteering.



Academic Excellence Programme

Many opportunities exist to help you prepare for competitive entry programmes such as medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry and midwifery.

We also have our Shrewsbury Scholars programme where students are selected based on GCSE results and teacher recommendations; the challenging programme facilitates successful applications to the UK's most competitive universities including Oxford and Cambridge.



Helping your progression

Great preparation for the next step on your pathway to success whether it is university, another form of education, or employment with the help of the following:

- Dedicated Careers and Progression Advisers – a team of staff providing students with a varied programme of activities to help you prepare for your future career. We offer information, advice and guidance, helping students with CVs and interview techniques, UCAS applications, and sponsored degree programmes.
- Career inspiration – provided through scheduled events throughout the year like job fairs, higher education events, National Careers Week, and trips.
- The Work Experience Team – ensuring you meet the work experience requirements of your course, and to help support your aspirations.
- Personalised timetable – your timetable and other key information is available on the MySC app, a platform which is a single place of information during your time as a student at Shrewsbury College. You will have time assigned to study, complete homework, seek study support, and take part in enrichment activities.



Subject-specific campus facilities with all three using a variety of new technologies in the classrooms

Supporting your study

The Student Services Team is here to help with any queries about college life, including:

- Financial support
- 16-19 Bursary Fund
- Travel
- Free college meals
- Uniforms and kits
- Any general enquiries.

You can talk to us about any support needs you may have at interview, at enrolment, or any time during your course by talking to your teacher, Personal Tutor or the Additional Learning Support Team, who all want you to get the most from your student experience. They offer advice, support and guidance with the following:

- Settling into college.
- Emotional health and wellbeing.
- Talking through any issues that are affecting your learning.
- Adjusting your time at college so that a disability does not hold you back.
- Understanding and using assistive technology.
- Essay planning, assignment writing, revision skills and exam techniques.
- Access arrangements.

Safeguarding – We take this role very seriously and are proud that students feel safe at college.

It is important that young people receive the right help at the right time, so we have a dedicated and trained Safeguarding Team at each campus to listen, advise and take prompt action should they feel you or others are at risk of harm. We take this role very seriously.

If you are a young person who is looked after, a young carer or a young parent, please let us know, as you might benefit from extra support that we can put in place for you.

Further details are available on our website: www.shrewsbury.ac.uk



Contact Student Services

bursaryhelp@shrewsbury.ac.uk

Call: **01743 653 200**

Or make an appointment to visit us in person



Scan the QR code to apply for the Bursary

Getting to College

Getting to Shrewsbury College is easy, as all three of our campuses have great transport links across the region, including Wales and the West Midlands.

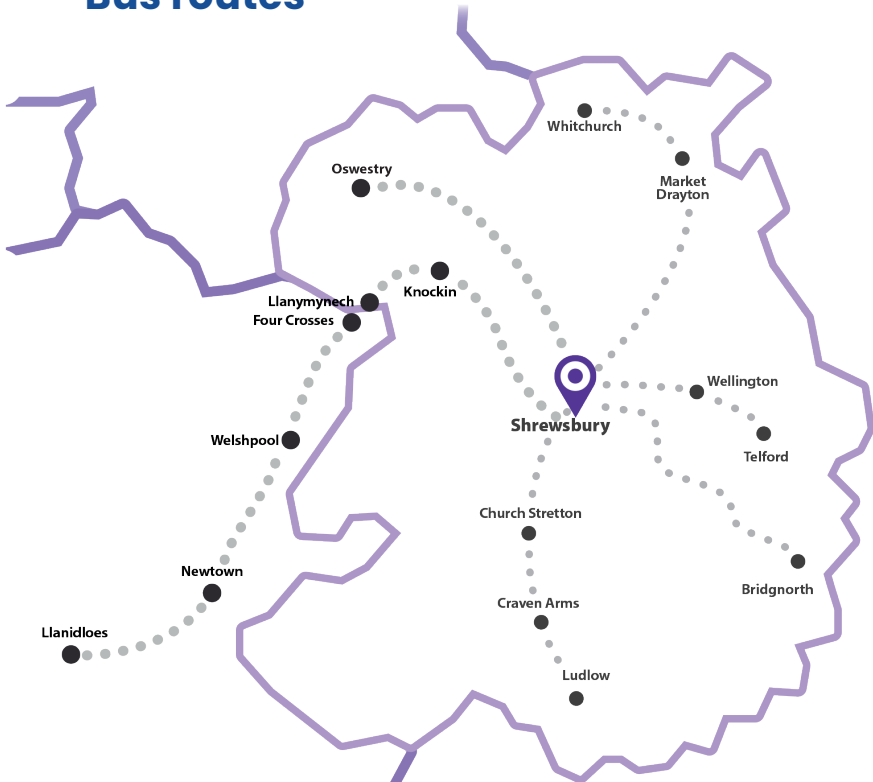
The easiest way to find out how to travel to college from where you live is to use our online route checker at:

www.shrewsbury.ac.uk/travel.

The webpage also includes up-to-date timetables and discounted travel options.

This leaflet gives an overview of a number of different transport options available depending on where you live.

Bus routes



Online Route Planner

All subsidised college bus routes are reviewed annually.

To check that routes have not changed for 2026/2026, please contact Student Services.

The College Bus cost £245 per term (for the 2025/2026 college year).



Welsh Bridge Campus

Priory Road, Shrewsbury
Shropshire, SY1 1RX

English Bridge Campus

Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury
Shropshire, SY2 6AA

London Road Campus

London Road, Shrewsbury
Shropshire, SY2 6PR

**If you want further information
on any of our courses, please look on our
website or contact our admissions team on
01743 653 111.**

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