



16 September 2025

Shrewsbury College

Class of 2025-26

Welcome to Parents/Carers

James Staniforth

Principal



Matt Laws

Vice Principal



Steve McAlinden

Vice Principal



Stacey Dickson

**Head of Safeguarding & Student
Conduct**



Vocational Curriculum Directors

	Vocational	T Level	
Micky Riddell	Business; Early Years; IT; Music Technology; Performing Arts	Business Management Digital Design Early Years	
Andy Lee	Engineering Media Motor Vehicle	Mechanical Engineering Electrical and Electronic Engineering	
Stuart Raine	Construction Trades	Surveying and Design	
Jackie Swan	Beauty; Catering; Hair; Health & Social Care; Hospitality; Public Services; Sport; Travel & Tourism	Supporting Adult Nursing Midwifery	

Preparation Routes

Laura Kiiza

**Curriculum Manager
Preparation Routes**



Our Student Centred Ethos

We believe that all our students are special, unique individuals

We value all our students as individuals

We want to work with each individual student to ensure they are successful



To ensure this we set each student meaningful individual targets

Why are students successful on their college course?

- They **attend all lessons**, turn up on time ready to work and with the right equipment
- They **organise their week** so they know when they needed to study, when they can socialise and when they can be employed in part-time work
- They **limit their part-time work** to 8-10 hours a week ... more than this impacts directly on achievement of qualifications
- They **know** what **their targets** are and make sure all work is at least of this standard
- They **ask for help** when they need it and do not run away from their problems

- They know that what matters is **hard work** and not being a genius

- In return, their teachers provide feedback on their work that shows them how to improve, and their teachers, personal tutor and progression specialist provide extra sessions, 1-1 support and help them solve their problems

Progress Grades and Individual Learning Plans

- We have provided your son/daughter with the **Minimum Target Grades (MTG)** for their course(s)
- Please encourage them to review all their work in the light of their feedback and in comparison to their MTG and make sure they are clear what they need to do to improve and have made a note of these key actions
- **3-7 November** teachers will provide a **PROGRESS GRADE** – the grade they believe your son/daughter will achieve if they carry on working as they are doing ... **they should know this already!**
- Their teachers will discuss how they can improve their performance
- They will meet with their Personal Tutor and agree how to improve and then set targets for the next few weeks
- We will repeat this in **February 2026** and **June 2026**



Student Support at London Road Campus

Steve McAlinden



College Expectations

Class requirements



- Attend all lessons
- Mobile phones at teachers discretion
- Arrive on time

- Only bottled water
- Don't distract others
- Be ready for a challenge



Are you respectful?



- Keep the college clean
- Arrive with all required equipment

- Eat and drink in designated areas only



- Keep one ear free from headphones



- Smoking and vaping is NOT allowed on campus

- Avoid offensive language

Are you safe?



- Report inappropriate behaviour
- Know where to go for help

- Be safe online



- Wear your ID badge at all times



- Follow guidelines
- Be safe online

- ZERO tolerance to drugs and alcohol

Are you employable?



- Wear appropriate clothing
- Have a positive attitude

- Respond positively to instructions



- Communicate clearly and respect others

- Be responsible and take ownership



The Study Programme at Shrewsbury College



Strong attendance is the bedrock of success

The higher your attendance, **the more likely you will enjoy your course and improve**

The higher your attendance the more likely you are to be there when assignments are set, so you will **understand what is required**, the more likely you are to **submit your work on time**, and the more likely you are to be in class when **feedback** is delivered.

Those with excellent attendance **experience the developmental build-up of skills and understanding** as it has been designed by the teacher.

And if you are always there, the teacher is more likely to pick up if you are struggling, and you are **more likely to be able to access any additional support** that is on offer.

Attendance gives **momentum, purpose and flow to learning.**

1. Attendance 95%+ = a full grade higher achievement compared to attendance below 85%!
2. Missing one lesson a week takes you from 95%+ to below 85%
3. This includes GCSE/Functional Skills English and Maths



Parent portal

Available via Parent section of website in the Progress Monitoring area

Submit an account request

Any queries to **proportalqueries@shrewsbury.ac.uk**

Gives access to attendance information, progress review grades, targets, UCAS reference/ predicted grades and exam results



The Role of the Personal Tutor

First point of contact and advice for students and parents

Pastoral role

Attendance and progress monitoring

Delivery of the taught Tutorial Programme

1:1 target setting and action planning linked to Progress Grades

Support, advice and references for University, Employment and Apprenticeship applications

Contacting the Personal Tutor

Your son or daughter's Tutor Group can be found on their timetable

Every week they have a session denoted as Tutorial delivered by their personal tutor

You will have received an email with details of an opportunity to meet your son or daughter's personal tutor on **Tuesday 23rd September.**

MySC App

The college app for college communication, links and information

Use on phone, tablet or desktop

Access your timetable and attendance information

Important messages
Links to key apps





Student Services are based at all 3 campuses.

We offer advice, guidance and signposting around all aspects of support

These include Welfare, Transport and Financial Assistance

London Road Campus

Mon-Thurs 8.30am – 4.30pm
Fridays 8.30am – 4pm

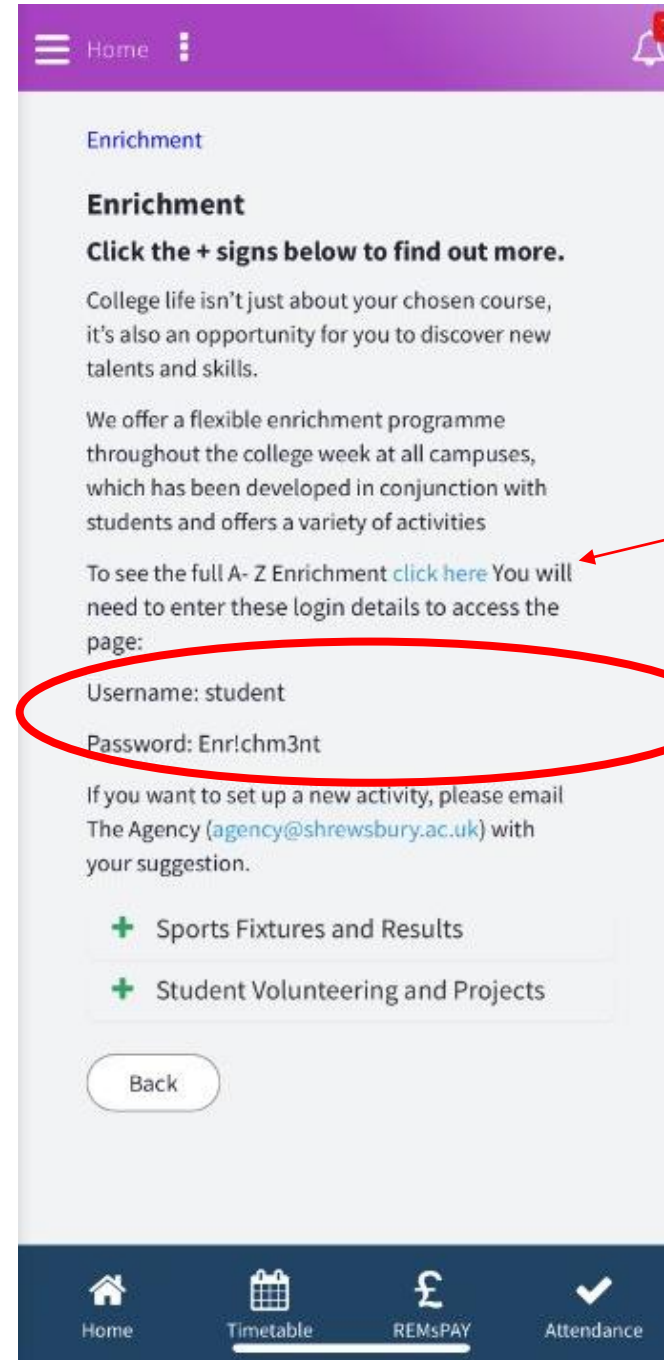
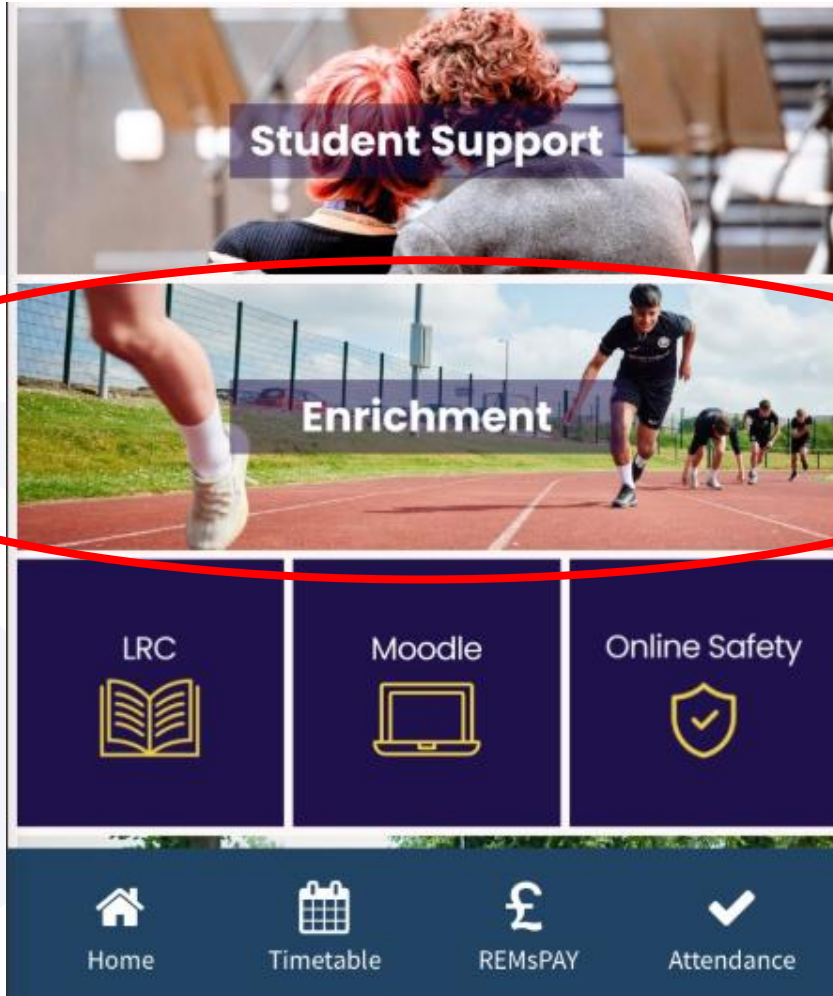
Welsh Bridge Campus

Mon – Thurs 8.30am – 4.30pm
Fridays 8.30am – 4pm

English Bridge

Mon – Fri 8.30am – 4pm

Enrichment A-Z



Click through to access the 'A-Z of enrichment.'

You will need to use this username and password to log in and see all of the activities.

Safeguarding Team – London Road



Sophie Charles

**Safeguarding &
Wellbeing Team
Leader**



Louise Baker

**Safeguarding
Mentor**



Catherine Plant

**Safeguarding
Mentor**

We support students with:

- Abuse
- Suicidal ideation
- Self-harm
- Exploitation
- County Lines
- Substance abuse
- E-Safety
- Radicalisation



Email: PleaseHelp@shrewsbury.ac.uk

01743 653000

Emotional Health and Wellbeing

Charley Haynes works as our Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioner

If you would like to contact Charley please email charleyh@shrewsbury.ac.uk

Emergency support or self-referral for Emotional, Health and Wellbeing assessment and support.

Access to interventions including in person and video counselling, peer support, regular check ins, group sessions and self-help resources





Student Assistance Programme

A 24 hour helpline from Health Assured to support you through any of life's issues or problems.

Free 24 Hour Confidential Helpline:

0800 028 3766



Stress & anxiety



Exam worries



Family issues



Bereavement



Financial wellbeing



Childcare support



Relationship advice



Legal information



Medical information



Tenancy & housing concerns



Alcohol & drug issues



Student issues

Wisdom
Learn, grow, thrive
Brought to you by Health Assured

Wellbeing tools
Track your health
How are you feeling today?
Your personalised feed

Exciting features available on
The Brand New Wisdom App

Wellbeing Trackers
Breathing Techniques
Four Week Health Plans
Mini Health Checks

Download and register today
Wisdom | health assured

Unique code:
Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play

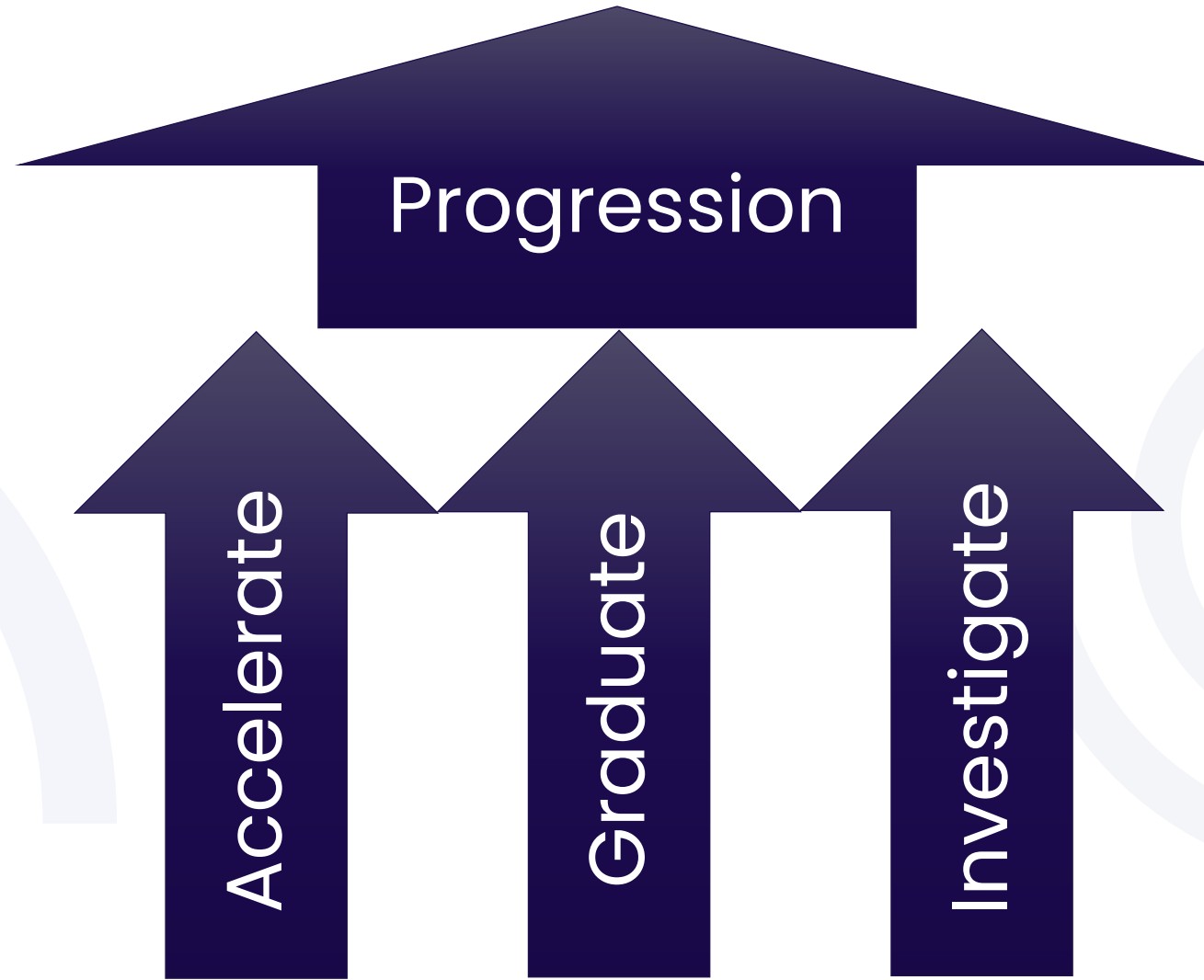
This is an extra resource that the college invests in for our students

It provides an easy way to access the Student Assistance Programme counsellors

Also wellbeing assessments, health plans to follow on issues like healthy eating, sleep, stopping smoking etc

Please download it now – our code is MHA249996

SC Careers Pathways



Careers and Progression Advice

Whether you're thinking about university, apprenticeships or employment – we can help!

Careers appointments

Work experience

Application support

Interview preparation and much more

Contact Karen Hayward on karenh@shrewsbury.ac.uk

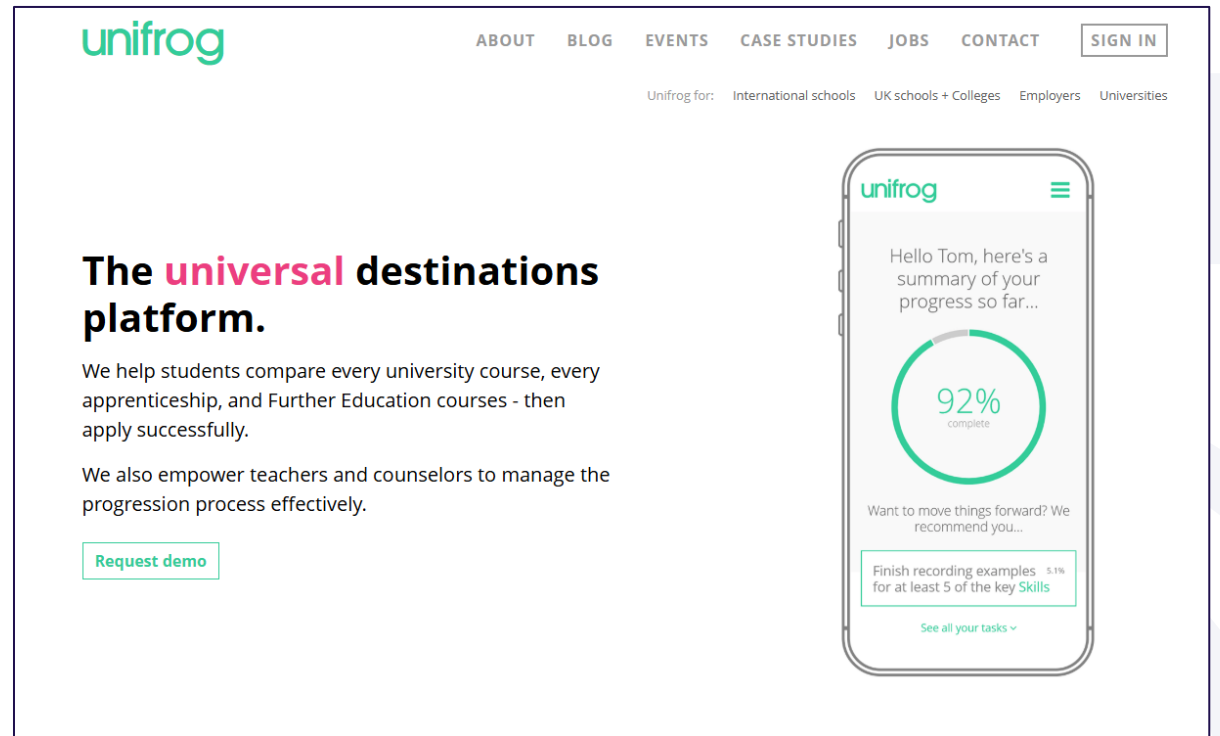


Unifrog is the college's online Careers platform

All staff and students have access to the platform

Parents can sign up too! Simply sign up using the code provided.

<https://www.unifrog.org/sign-in>





Any Questions?