SHREWSBURY HOUSE SCHOOL
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Co-curricular Programme

Co-curricular Activities - Important Information

Club Details

A variety of clubs and activities are offered each term, please note that these do vary and not every club will be available every term. The clubs run as follows:

Reception - Y2 Clubs: 15:15 - 16:00
Y3 - 8 Clubs: 16:10 - 17:10
(**Exception for Senior Fencing**: 17:10 - 18:10)
Remote Online: 17:15 (access online from home, students will not be able to attend a club beforehand).

Activities are voluntary, although it is expected that if a boy signs up for a club, that he will complete the full term. All activities run throughout the term, with exceptions in the Summer Term (exam week, trips week and the final week of term; although this does not apply to the Younger Years).

Booking Process

Please note, all SHS-led and externally-led clubs, can ONLY be booked via your myEVOLVE account. If you are not yet registered on EVOLVE, please ensure this is done prior to bookings. Contact the School office: shsoffice@shstrust.net if you need any assistance.

Collection

Collection of pupils by car from school should be at 16:05, 17:15 & 18:15 respectively.

If you are unable to collect your son at the usual time, either after school or after a club, we will always ensure his safe supervision. This supervision will be provided by the school wraparound care, Après School, for which there is a charge.
The schedule below shows the specific times your son will transition into 'Après School' following a late collection (this service runs to 18:00):

Parents must be aware that boys may not be able to attend a club on their main games afternoon if there is an external sports match. Primary match days being:

- **Year 3 - Fridays**
- **Year 4 - Mondays and occasional Fridays**
- **Year 5 - Thursdays and occasional Tuesdays**
- **Year 6 - Tuesdays**
- **Year 7 - Wednesdays**
- **Year 8 - Wednesdays**

Please note there may be occasional sporting fixtures on other days, (e.g. external tournaments/cup matches).

Terms & Conditions

If for any reason a boy is unable to attend a club on any given evening, it is critical that you email the school office (shsoffice@shstrust.net) in good time that morning so that we are fully aware of his whereabouts.

The school office should be informed if there are any changes to your son's collection arrangements as we need prior authorisation to release your son to a different collector. If your son travels on the bus, please ensure your son is travelling on the correct bus by using the **Vectare** system.

Payment Details

For SHS-led clubs, where there is a charge, payment must be made on EVOLVE to secure your son's place. For externally-led clubs, your contact details will be shared with the relevant provider, and you will be invoiced directly, please pay before clubs commence.
Please note that we reserve the right to offer your place to another pupil on a waitlist if payment is not confirmed prior to the beginning of the term. Once your son starts a club, you will be charged for the whole term.

Age Group	Dismissal	Grace Period	To Après School
Younger Years	15:15 - 15:30	N/A	**15:30**
All Year groups	16:00 - 16:15	16:15 - 16:30	**16:30**
Year 3-8 after clubs	17:15 - 17:30	17:30 - 17:45	**17:45**

All clubs are limited with regard to the number of participants and these are detailed on EVOLVE. Places will be allocated primarily on a first come first served basis. Participation in some clubs is subject to additional criteria, including year group and relative experience. Some clubs are 'by invitation', you will receive an invitation for your son to participate if he is eligible, but it is not compulsory for him to attend, (see FAQs for more information).

Bus Information

Boys who travel home by bus will need to be put on the correct bus. Please use **Vectare - shrewsburyhouse.vectare.co.uk** to make changes to your sons' bus travel, i.e. if he is signed up to a club, he will need to be booked onto the late bus.

It is important to note that there are no buses running after 17:30. If you book your son for the late club, please ensure arrangements are made for your son to be collected from school by 18:15.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What happens on match afternoons if my son normally travels on the bus?

A: The arrival time back at school, as given on the match list, will indicate whether your son will be back in time for either the early bus (16:15), the late bus (17:30), or if he will return later and will therefore need to be collected in person. Please note that buses cannot wait if the return from matches is delayed past the time indicated on the match list.

Q: What happens if a club is cancelled?

A: If a club has to be cancelled at short notice, your son will automatically be placed in Prep on Mon/Tue/Thu or Supervised Reading on a Wed and depart on their usual late bus or be collected at their usual time. If your son is in Younger Years you will be contacted to make arrangements.

Q: Can my son swap clubs?

A: Once you sign up for a club, this commits your son for the whole term. If there is a charge for a club, even if you cancel attendance during the term, the full term's fees will still apply.

Q: How do the 'by invitation' clubs work?

A: If the leading member of staff feels that the club would benefit your son, you will receive an email inviting him to sign up. This also applies to the after-school music groups and ensembles run by our Visiting Music Teachers (VMTs). If you would like your son to be considered for a 'by invitation' based club, you are warmly welcomed to email the leading member of staff directly or contact them via the school office. All music group inquiries should be directed to Mr Batten at mbatten@shstrust.net

Data Protection

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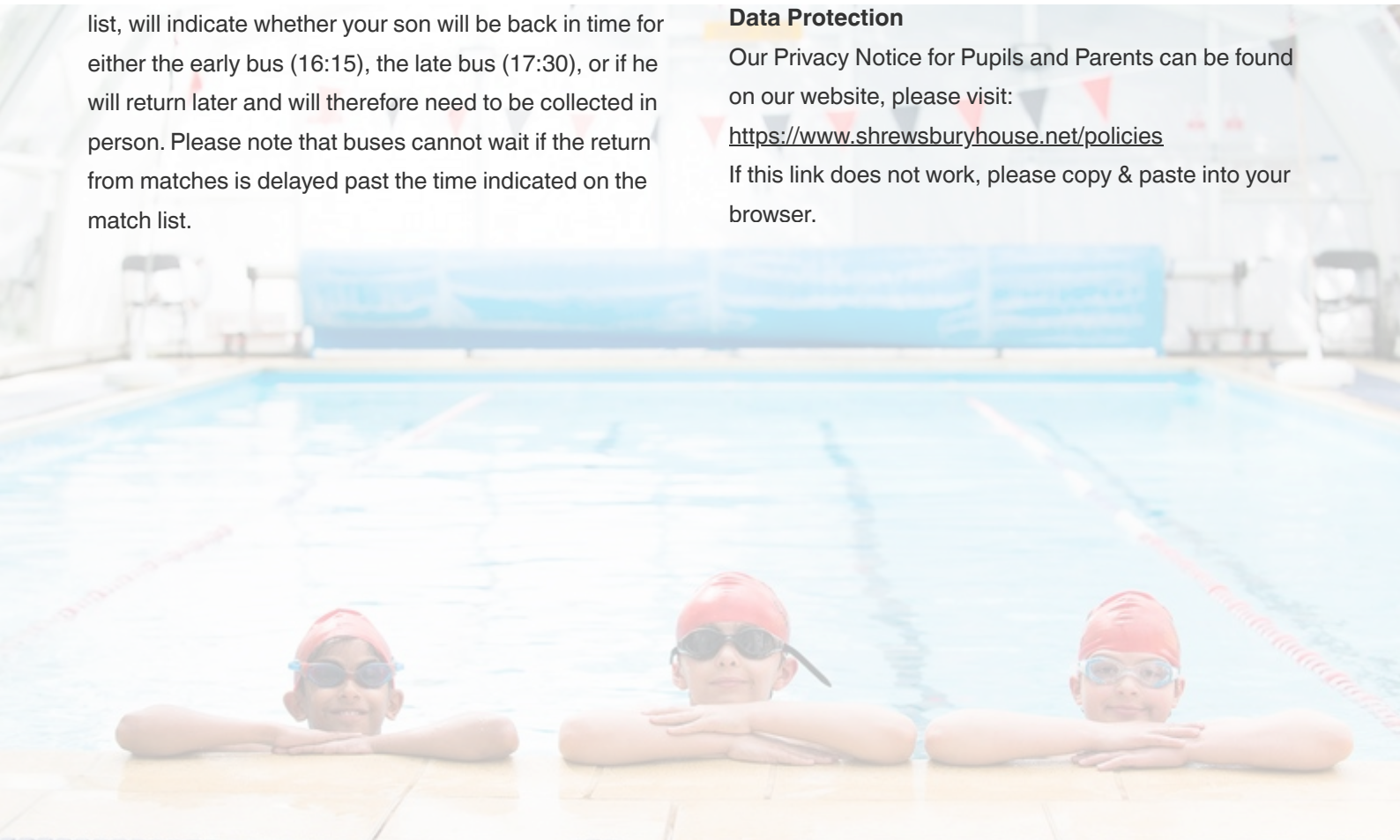
https://www.shrewsburyhouse.net/policies
If this link does not work, please copy & paste into your browser.



Description of Co-curricular Activities

Please see below for more details of the co-curricular clubs & activities on offer here at Shrewsbury House School.

Red - activities are SHS-led
Black - activities are External-led

Club	Description	Open to	Cost
NEW **AI Adventure**	A hands-on club for curious minds who love drawing, story telling, and exploring how technology works. Through creative projects and guided play, students discover what artificial intelligence really is and just as importantly, what it is not.	**Years 6-8** Max 8 per group	Yes
Airfix	For keen modellers or those who are interested in building. Boys should supply models of their choice, the school will provide additional modelling materials.	**Years 5-8** Max 16 per group	Yes
American NFL Flag Football (Summer Term)	Aims to introduce young people to the NFL, American Football and inspire the next generation of players. It teaches the NFL values and the importance of leading healthy and active lifestyles.	**Years 4-6** Max 30 per group	No
Art: Advanced	Aimed at boys for whom art is a passion. Senior boys for whom an Art Scholarship is a possibility should consider signing up for this club.	**Years 5-8** Max 12 per group	Yes
Art: Drawing Skills	An opportunity to draw your own comics, become a fine artist, or just doodle! Sessions will provide structured learning on technical skills and tailored projects to put your new skills into practice. Suitable for beginners, sketchbook provided.	**Years 3-8** Max 18 per group	Yes
Art: Pre Prep (Younger Years)	Art Club is aimed at inspiring children to be creative. The boys will use a variety of media including painting, sketching, and clay modelling.	**Years R-2** Max 12 per group	Yes
Athlete Development Programme	Dedicated physical skill development for those boys aspiring for elite performance and scholarship.	**Year 8 by invitation**	No

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Athletics (Summer Term)	Run, jump and throw to your heart's content! A brilliant chance to develop physical and technical skills.	**Years 3-8** Max 40 per group	No
Building Blocks (Younger Years)	A playful introduction to architecture, design, systems and structural-thinking for key stage 1. We use a variety of teaching tools (and building blocks) to explore technologies in fun and innovative ways.	**Years R-2** Max 12 per group	Yes
Chess (Younger Years)	An introduction to the pieces and to chess mini games where boys can strategise towards a goal. The aim is to build boys up to a position where they can play a full game of chess with a solid grounding of the basic rules.	**Years 1-2** Max 16 per group	Yes
Chess	For players of all abilities to learn new skills, tactics and strategies. Boys will get the chance to develop skills and participate in match play.	**Years 3-8** Max 20 per group	Yes
Cookery	We have found that if children cook for themselves they are more likely to try different foods. Each term we explore a different theme and cook both sweet and savoury dishes. We teach the importance of good nutrition and being healthy.	**Years 4-5** Max 12 per group	Yes
Cricket Junior/Middle (Spring Term)	An important opportunity to develop cricketing skills and be ready for the summer cricket season. Boys hoping to represent the top SHS teams should consider attending.	**Years 3-4** **Years 5-6** Max 25	No
Cricket Academy Senior (Spring Term)	This club is by invitation only for boys in years 7 & 8 and is a chance for the elite senior cricketers to hone their skills in preparation for the forthcoming season.	**Years 7-8** **by invitation**	No
Debating Society	This society aims to enhance students' critical thinking, public speaking and persuasive skills. Members will engage in stimulating debates, fostering intellectual growth and confidence in a supportive environment.	**Year 7-8** **by invitation**	No
Design & Technology	The development of practical skills is so important. This club will give boys a chance to practice these skills and make fantastic projects.	**Years 4-5** Max 15 per group	Yes

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Fencing (Junior/Senior)	Fencing allows children to experience a highly competitive sport in a way which will boost their confidence and enable them to apply their intelligence and problem-solving abilities. Fencing kit (normally +£300) will be provided.	**Years 3-4** **Years 5-8** Max 14 per group	Yes
Filmmaking	Where boys can master storytelling alongside teamwork, critical thinking, and technical prowess, all vital for thriving in creative or corporate domains. An opportunity to learn new skills and enjoy the process of producing short movies.	**Years 3-8** Max 14 per group	Yes
Football (Younger Years)	For boys in Year 1 and 2, to improve their footballing ability in a safe, fun and competitive environment.	**Years 1-2** Max 14 per group	Yes
Languages: Greek	Delve into the history, culture and language of ancient Greek. Those senior boys studying Greek should attend.	**Years 7-8** Max 12 per group	No
Languages: Spanish	For boys who already have some knowledge of Spanish (such as greetings, introducing themselves or members of their family, saying how old they are, if they have a pet, where they are from). Intermediate to advanced level.	**Years 6-8** Max 10 per group	No
Investor Club	A chance to brush up on those all-important investment skills and knowledge. Compete to be the smartest investor in the room!	**Years 7-8** Max 20 per group	No
Lacrosse (Autumn Term)	A chance to play the fastest game on two feet where you will learn the skills required for this team sport. All equipment will be provided.	**Years 3-6** Max 30 per group	No
LAMDA (Younger Years) NEW	Explore poetry, public speaking, acting games and scripts in a fun and engaging way. Through imaginative activities and performance, pupils build confidence, communication skills, creativity and stage presence.	**Years 1-2** Max 14 per group	Yes
LAMDA	Develop confidence, communication and performance skills through acting, verse speaking, prose reading and public speaking. Pupils will work towards a LAMDA examination in Acting or Verse & Prose.	**Years 3-8** Max 15 per group	Yes

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Lexia	For boys who have a Lexia Core 5 licence in order to develop their reading and spelling skills. The boys have dedicated access and opportunities to follow up on any misconceptions or have one to one lessons when appropriate.	**Years 3-8 by invitation**	No
Maths: 4s (Junior/Senior During School)	A dynamic and challenging club where boys train for and compete in maths competitions. Focused on teamwork, problem solving, and speed, sharpening their mental maths, logic & reasoning skills through fun and competitive activities.	**Years 3-5 Years 6-8 by invitation**	No
Maths: Junior Support	Turn maths into an adventure, where our youngest problem-solvers conquer numbers one puzzle or game at a time - because who knew maths could be this much fun?	**Years 4-6 by invitation**	No
Music: Choirs / Ensembles (During School)	A number of music ensembles take place during the school day, including: Brass Ensemble, Year 3 Choir, Training Voices and our senior choir SHS Voices. Membership of these groups is usually by invitation.	**Years 3-8 by invitation**	No
Music: Drumming Ensemble	Directed by Mr Williams - Drumming Ensemble is open to boys in Years 3-8 who would like to develop their percussion skills. Pupils will learn to perform on a range of percussion instruments, working together as part of a lively ensemble.	**Years 3-8** Max 8 per group	No
Music: Jazz One	Directed by Mr Rae - Jazz One for boys in Years 5-8 who have reached at least Grade 3 standard on a jazz instrument, including woodwind, brass and electric or bass guitar.	**Years 5-8 by invitation**	No
Music: String Orchestra	Directed by Miss Percy - String Orchestra is for boys in Years 3-8 who have reached around Grade 1 standard on a bowed string instrument, such as violin, viola, cello or double bass.	**Years 3-8 by invitation**	No
Music: Wind Orchestra	Directed by Mrs Betts - Wind Orchestra is for boys in Years 3-8 who have reached around Grade 1 standard on a woodwind or brass instrument. We also have opportunities in this group for percussionists.	**Years 3-8 by invitation**	No

For further information on any of our Music Clubs, please contact the Director of Music:
mbatten@shstrust.net

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Parkour	Introducing this exciting sport to boys will include learning safe jumping, vaulting, climbing, and rolling techniques in a high-energy environment with a fully insured and qualified coach.	**Years 5-6** Max 15 per group	Yes
Philosophy (Younger Years)	We will explore 'big questions', play games and develop the art of conversation which will help the boys improve their communication with others.	**Years 1-2** Max 16 per group	No
Pottery (Younger Years)	Clay play helps develop creativity, fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. The boys will be making a variety of fun projects from pinch pots, dragons, egg cups to coil snake pots; hand building one week and glazing the next.	**Years R-2** Max 12 per group	Yes
Pottery	A fun and creative outlet to sculpt and bring ideas to life in 3D. Boys will improve fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, while enjoying a calming and mindful activity. Explore shapes, depth, and form, whilst developing spatial awareness.	**Years 3-8** Max 18 per group	Yes
Prep Club	An opportunity for the boys to complete their preps for the day under supervision.	**Years 3-8**	No
Reasoning (ONLINE Club)	A chance for Year 5 or 6 boys to refine their reasoning skills at home (online). No booking required - just log on. The link will be provided. (Only open to boys not doing a club at 16:10).	**Year 5** or **Year 6**	No
Robotics (Younger Years)	Explore robotics and learn coding in practical, fun and innovative ways. It is a dynamic programme that includes a variety of supplied robots and some of the newest technology.	**Years R-1** Max 8 per group	Yes
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Rugby (Autumn Term)	Enhance the crucial core individual skills required for top performance and get a head start for the season.	**Years 3-8** Max 40 per group	No

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Science Club (Junior/Senior)	Junior: will allow boys to enjoy science outside of the classroom environment and have the chance to perform different investigations. Senior: Year 8 Science Club is the perfect place to further build on the boys science foundation.	**Years 4-5** **Year 8**	Yes
Sport (Younger Years)	This multi-sports club will engage boys in a range of games over the term with a mix of more traditional sports and exciting newer games.	**Years R-2** Max 14 per group	Yes
Supervised Reading	A chance to slow down, and enjoy the unrivalled pleasure of immersion in a good book in a peaceful, monitored environment.	**Years 3-8** Max 18 per group	No
Swimming (Beginners /Advanced)	**Beginners:** suitable for those boys at the early foundation phase of swimming development. **Advanced:** technical training and event readiness - suitable for existing confident and aspiring swimmers.	**Years 3-8** Max 15 per group	Yes
Table Tennis	This is an opportunity for your son to develop skills and play matches, it is a great fun club for boys of all abilities. The tutor, Joseph Langham-Ferreira, is ranked in the top 25 players in the UK, and has been coaching table tennis for over 10 years.	**Years 3-8** Max 20 per group	Yes
Target Shooting	Learn and develop target shooting with air rifles and air pistols. Shooting is a traditional and wonderful sport. It doesn't require speed or strength and helps develop concentration and focus.	**Years 3-8** Max 15 per group	Yes
Theatre Club	Explore the theatre in much more depth, looking at different aspects of its daily running such as lighting, sound, props, stage management, directing and marketing. There is also the option to support shows within school.	**Years 7-8** Max 14 per group	Yes
Touch Typing	Learning this important life skill will significantly enhance productivity, accuracy & overall digital literacy. It allows boys to work faster & more efficiently and reduces cognitive load.	**Years 3-8** Max 12 per group	No

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