# Your Journey to Shrewsbury House School

## A Guide for International Families



"Time has not stood still at Shrewsbury House: the best traditions have been maintained but this is very much a school looking forward, not back. The boys have a genuine sense of pride and are articulate, polite and confident."

- Good Schools Guide

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# Welcome to Shrewsbury House School



Thank you for considering Shrewsbury House School as the next step in your family's journey. Whether you are joining us from nearby or from across the world, it is my great privilege to welcome you into our dynamic, nurturing and inclusive community.

Here at Shrewsbury House School, we believe in the transformative power of education - not just in shaping bright futures, but in nurturing young hearts and minds. For over 150 years, we have celebrated the unique potential of every boy, inspiring them to achieve academic excellence while cultivating confidence, compassion, integrity and character.

We understand that joining a new school, especially if it is in a new country, is a significant step, one that comes with excitement and uncertainty. We are here to walk alongside your family every step of the way, providing the guidance and support needed to make this transition smooth uplifting and joyful.

## Families from Around the World

Our school is enriched by families from around the world who bring a culturally diverse heritage, creating an environment where traditions and cultures are shared, respected and celebrated.

- Australia
- Austria
- Brazil
- China
- Colombia
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Hong Kong
- India
- Ireland
- Italy
- Korea
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Russia
- South Africa
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- USA

and many more!

I am so proud of our vibrant community, where every pupil is known, valued and encouraged to be the best version of themselves. We can't wait to welcome your son and your family into the heart of this community, where together we will create an experience filled with discovery, growth and success.

Warm regards,

**Joanna Hubbard**
Executive Head of Shrewsbury House School Trust
MA BA(Hons) PGCE PGDipSEN, MInstLM, Executive Coach, FRSA



# Our Ethos and Values

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**Respect:** We aim to instill a deep respect for oneself and for others - peers, teachers, the wider community and the environment.

**Perseverance:** We teach our boys to embrace challenges and persist through setbacks, building resilience and determination along the way.

**Compassion:** We encourage every boy to support one another, understanding that true strength comes from caring for others and building meaningful connections.

**Integrity:** We foster a strong sense of integrity by nurturing honesty, fairness and accountability in all aspects of school life.

**Aspiration:** We inspire our pupils to set high goals and strive for excellence, nurturing a spirit of aspiration that drives lifelong learning and personal growth.

Celebrating diversity is at the heart of our school ethos. We ensure that a wide range of cultures, traditions, and perspectives are represented across our curriculum, from assemblies to individual subjects. Diversity is celebrated throughout the school, pupils actively participate by sharing their own cultural celebrations and experiences with the wider school community. We also invite parents to speak during assemblies, offering insights into their heritage and traditions.

We believe education is more than what happens in the classroom - it's about equipping children with the tools to succeed, the courage to embrace challenges and the kindness to care for others.

## Schools within the Shrewsbury House Trust

Shrewsbury House School Trust is a charitable Trust that operates two independent fee-paying day schools that seek to provide the best possible educational experiences for children.

- The Rowans School, a co-educational school for children aged between 3 and 7.
- Shrewsbury House School, a school for boys aged between 4 and 13.

# What Makes Us Unique?



Curiosity is a cornerstone of lifelong learning and we believe nurturing it is key to unlocking a pupil's potential.

From a toddler's endless "Why?" to the deeper questions of older children, curiosity drives exploration and discovery. When questions are met with enthusiasm and opportunities for  hands-on, enquiry-based learning, children develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that last a lifetime.

Our curriculum embraces this ethos, particularly through the Discovery Programme in Years 7 and 8. Designed to inspire, these lessons go beyond grades, encouraging pupils to think deeply, challenge ideas and explore new interests. From Paper Engineering to Climate 1.5, and Linguistic Puzzles to Leadership, these options foster creativity, enquiry and a love for learning.

In a rapidly changing world, cultivating curiosity equips pupils with open minds, a willingness to innovate and the tools to confidently navigate diverse perspectives and global challenges.



**Our promise, their testimony**

Discover how our commitment to excellence and care resonates in the heartfelt words of our parents.

**Academic Excellence:** A dynamic and inspiring curriculum that sparks curiosity, and challenges boys to excel, encouraging them "to do so with confidence and pride."

**Outstanding Pastoral Care:** We provide a supportive environment where well-being is "at the heart of every decision and opportunity." Every boy is known, valued, and guided through personal and academic challenges with care and understanding.

We are excited to share some fantastic news following our recent Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) inspection in November 2024. Shrewsbury House has been awarded the prestigious 'Area of Significant Strength' - a rare and exceptional accolade given to schools that demonstrate outstanding impact on every pupil.

*'Pupils' well-being is a priority. Leaders carefully track every pupil's personal and social development and academic performance. They use a range of information to plan for each pupil's individual development. This well-coordinated, inclusive and carefully monitored approach results in demonstrably successful outcomes for pupils. Leaders' clear focus on pupils' well-being through the highly integrated system of tracking and monitoring is a significant strength of the school.'*

2024 ISI Inspection Report

**Inclusivity:** We celebrate the diversity of our school community, embracing "different cultures with openness" to ensure every pupil feels welcomed, supported and empowered.

**Buddy System:** Our bespoke Buddy Programme ensures that every new boy is paired with a supportive peer, fostering friendships from the very first day and reinforcing the sense of belonging that makes "feeling part of the SHS family its unique selling point."

**Award-winning Leadership:** Under the leadership of Joanna Hubbard, our "warm and caring" team has been celebrated for its exceptional vision, commitment and innovation in education.

**Excellent facilities:** From state-of-the-art sports facilities to inspiring learning spaces, we offer unparalleled opportunities for exploration and growth, where “the children are challenged in terms of academic and physical ability at every level with full support from the teaching staff.”



# Why Choose Shrewsbury House School?

## A British Prep School Education

Shrewsbury House offers your son the opportunity to experience a British prep school education renowned for its focus on academic excellence and holistic development.

We believe education is about more than just academics - it’s about nurturing a boy’s confidence, independence, creativity and leadership skills. We emphasise fostering a love of learning, exceptional personal development and preparing every pupil for a bright and exciting future - wherever his journey may take him.

> “The support we received has been fantastic - warm, timely and very thorough. Communication has always been clear and the guidance has been really helpful. I especially appreciate the extra effort to connect us with families in similar situations, which has made a big difference.”
>
> - International Parent

With a superb academic record, a broad curriculum, extensive after-school clubs and activities, excellent facilities, committed staff and dedicated pastoral care, Shrewsbury House School has a national reputation for success in Scholarships and Awards to top day and boarding senior schools at 13+.

Our boys develop strong independent learning skills and celebrate a mindset where new challenges will be welcomed, and where a confident, happy keenness to ‘have a go’ will override the fear of failure.

We partner with parents to assist in planning your son’s next steps, moving from Prep to senior school. We are particularly successful in matching each boy’s academic standard, aptitude and character to the most suitable senior school, giving your son the best possible opportunity to thrive and succeed in the next stage of their education.

# Our Unique Programmes and Initiatives



**The Discovery Programme:** Our exceptional two-year curriculum for Years 7 and 8 is designed to inspire exploration, encourage teamwork and develop leadership skills. Boys are encouraged to think critically, embrace new challenges and discover their strengths.

**Co-curricular excellence:** With co-curricular activities spanning music, drama, sport and STEAM, every boy is given the opportunity to pursue his passions, try new experiences and develop lifelong skills.

**Buddy System:** Our tailored buddy programme pairs international pupils with a supportive peer, ensuring they feel at home from their very first day. Boys joining in the September of Year 3 are paired with a Year 8 buddy.

**Pastoral care:** Our dedicated pastoral care team, comprising experienced staff members, is available to provide support, guidance and a listening ear to pupils experiencing challenges or difficulties during their transition or throughout their time at our school.

**PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education):** This is central to our ethos, nurturing and preparing the whole child for life beyond school. It provides valuable opportunities for pupils to explore and appreciate the richness of different cultures, promoting respect, empathy and understanding. Through these efforts, we create an inclusive environment where every pupil's identity is celebrated and valued.

**Special Educational Needs (SEND) Support:** We embrace neurodiversity and are committed to supporting every pupil's individual learning needs. We understand that each child is unique and we work closely with families to ensure that boys with Special Educational Needs (SEND) thrive in our inclusive, dynamic environment.



**Special Educational Needs (SEND) Support:**
Our approach to SEND is multi-layered, offering both visible and subtle forms of support to ensure every pupil's success. This begins with early identification - dyslexia screening is conducted for all pupils in Year 4, enabling us to intervene proactively and provide tailored support when needed. We offer a variety of specialist support, including a Handwriting Club to assist those who need help with their writing skills, as well as personalised support plans for pupils that are carefully implemented in every lesson, activity and school trip.

Our Learning Support team works closely with the school's leadership, including the Designated Safeguarding Lead and the Deputy Head (Pastoral), to ensure that each child's needs are met with a holistic approach. This includes regular check-ins to ensure that pupils' well-being is prioritised and that any potential vulnerabilities are addressed, including during playtime and external activities.

We pride ourselves on ensuring that each pupil feels understood and empowered to reach their full potential. As stated in our recent ISI Inspection Report, "Pupils who have SEND are well supported during lessons. Pupils appreciate that their individual needs are understood and supported by teachers."



# Admissions Process for International Families

## Understanding the UK Education System

Navigating a new education system can feel overwhelming, especially when relocating to a different country. To help you better understand how your son's journey at Shrewsbury House School fits into the wider framework of education in the UK, we've prepared an easy-to-follow infographic.

This guide will walk you through the key stages of the British education system, from the foundational years of prep school to the pivotal transitions into senior school and beyond. It highlights how a British prep school education, like the one your son will receive with us, serves as the perfect springboard for academic success and personal growth.

Whether you're new to British education or just looking for clarity, we hope this infographic provides a helpful overview as you plan for your son's exciting future.



# Phases of Education in the UK

**Understanding early education in the UK:**



**Private Nurseries:** Available from birth up to Reception (age 4).
**State School Nurseries:** Available from age 3.
**Independent School Nurseries:** Some begin from birth, offering early education options.

**Pre Prep/Prep/ Primary Schools**
Schools that teach pupils from the ages of 3 to 11.



**Early Foundation Stage**
Ages 3-5 (Nursery and Reception class)

**Key Stage 1**
Ages 5-7 - Primary School Infants (Years 1 and 2)

**Key Stage 2**
Ages 7-11 - Primary School Juniors (Years 3-6)

**All-through Schools** These kinds of schools will combine these stages of learning, offering all stages.

**Senior/Secondary Schools**
Schools that teach pupils from the ages of 11 to 16.

Some will also have attached sixth forms.



**Key Stage 3**
Ages 11-14 - Secondary School (Years 7-9)

**Key Stage 4**
Ages 14-16 - Secondary School (Years 10 and 11)

**GCSEs** are the main examinations held to mark the end of Stage 4. Some private schools may however offer **additional qualifications** for their pupils.

**Sixth Forms and Colleges**
These schools teach pupils from the ages of 16 to 18. Sixth forms are attached to senior/secondary schools. Colleges are learning institutions completely separate from schools. Colleges offer a wider range of courses, including apprenticeships and vocational learning. (Not to be confused with university.)

**Key Stage 5**
Ages 16 - 18 - Sixth Form and College

This learning phase involves studying or training for qualifications such as A Levels, Apprenticeships, BTECs and IB (International Baccalaureate).

**University**
Provide higher education to pupils who have completed all of the above. Universities follow a global standard, and those within the UK follow the same stages of study or research programmes.

University students will study for a degree, degree apprenticeship, diploma, master's, doctorate or equivalent qualification.

# Where the Schools in the Shrewsbury House School Trust fit in



THE ROWANS SCHOOL
Founded 1936

**The Rowans School**
An excellent co-educational experience for children aged 3-7

**Early Foundation Stage**
Ages 3-5 (Nursery and Reception class)



**Key Stage 1**
Ages 5-7 - Pre Prep School Infants (Years 1 and 2)

**Shrewsbury House Preparatory School**
An exceptional day school for boys aged 4-13

**Early Years Foundation Stage**
Ages 4-5 (Reception class)

**Key Stage 1**
Ages 5-7 -
(Years 1 and 2)

**Prep Years**
Key Stage 2
Ages 7-11 -
(Years 3-6)

**Senior Years**
Key Stage 3
Ages 11-13 -
(Years 7-8)

**Our School Leaver's Destinations**
Our record of placing boys in the top public schools in the country is exceptional.

*This applies from Years 9 onwards.*

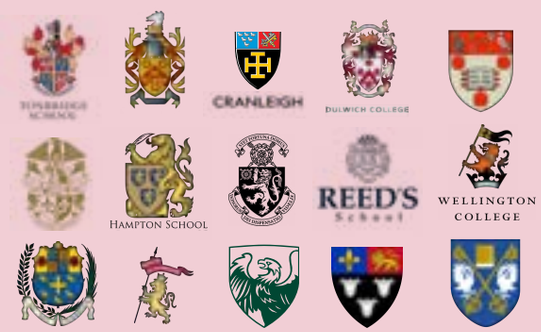
We excel in matching boys to the right senior school for them and in preparing them for both the admissions process and their ability to thrive there.

Approximately 50% of boys move onto leading day schools (some of which also have flexi-boarding), including the top London day schools, with 50% moving on to full or weekly boarding schools.

We pride ourselves on the exceptional progress and achievements of our pupils. In 2024, a staggering 80% of our Year 8 leavers achieved a reading age of 17+, showcasing the incredible academic growth fostered in our nurturing environment.

This remarkable statistic highlights not only the dedication of our pupils but also the tailored support and personalised learning that empowers every boy to reach his full potential. Our commitment to academic excellence ensures that our pupils are not just ready for the next stage of their education - they are primed to excel.

**We regularly send boys to:**
Brighton College, Charterhouse School, Cranleigh School, Dulwich College, Epsom College, Eton College, Hampton School, Harrow School, King's College School Wimbledon, Radley College, Reed's School, RGS, St John's School, St Paul's, Tonbridge School, Wellington College, Westminster, Winchester College.



# How to Apply to Shrewsbury House School



We welcome applications from international families seeking an outstanding British prep school education. The admissions process is designed to be simple and supportive.

**Register your son**
Complete our registration form and pay the £150 registration fee.
Once submitted, you will receive  confirmation of your son's entry point.

**Registration Form**

**Choose an entry point**

- Reception: Via 4+ Observed Play Session
- Year 3: Via the 7+ Assessment.
- Year 4: Via the 8+ Assessment.
- Other Year Groups: Via an Occasional Place Assessment.

For boys to be considered for any entry point, they must be registered.

**Assessment details**
For Year 3 and 4 entry, assessments are conducted in small groups focusing on Maths, English and  engagement with learning. Occasional Place Assessments can be arranged for international candidates, often facilitated in their country of residence. For Reception, assessments are play-based.

"Most importantly, the children had a great time on assessment day. They felt happy, safe and welcomed, which made the whole process much easier for them (and for us!)."
- International Parent

**Key dates**

- 7+/8+ Registration deadline: **Monday 6th October, 2025**
- 7+ Assessment date: **Friday 14th November, 2025**
- Outcome published: **Wednesday 19th November, 2025**
- Application and deposit deadline: **Tuesday 2nd December, 2025**

*Online assessments can be arranged for international families.*

Acceptance deposit
To secure your son's place, a deposit of £2,520 is required upon acceptance. This deposit will be refunded at the end of your son's time at Shrewsbury House, provided a term notice is given.

Our dedicated admissions team is here to help you every step of the way, from answering questions to facilitating assessments. Please contact our Registrar, Sonia Kapoor, at registrar@shstrust.net for assistance.
Our admissions policy can be found here



# Visa and Residency Requirements

Whilst we warmly welcome international pupils, please note that Shrewsbury House is not a licensed Student Sponsor and cannot issue the Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) required for a  Student Visa. Families must independently secure the appropriate visa arrangements before applying.



## Key Visa Information

- **Immigration status**
  Pupils must hold the correct immigration status to enroll at Shrewsbury House School. Enrollment cannot proceed for pupils with incorrect or invalid visas within the UK.

- **Independent visa arrangements**
  As we are unable to issue a Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS), families must independently confirm and secure the appropriate visa to study in the UK.

- **Guidance and resources**
  We strongly recommend using the UK government's online tools to verify visa requirements for both pupils and accompanying parents or guardians. Visit the UK Government's Check UK Visa service for further information.

Child student visa
Parent of a child student visa

## Accompanying parents or guardians

For families planning to reside in the UK during their child's enrolment at Shrewsbury House School, parents or guardians must also hold the appropriate immigration status for their stay. It is essential to ensure compliance with UK visa regulations to avoid any disruptions to your child's education.

## Visa assistance

While we do not provide direct visa sponsorship, we encourage families to engage with professional visa and immigration services to facilitate the process. These services can help ensure a smooth application experience and provide expert guidance tailored to your family's circumstances.

For further queries regarding visa requirements, please contact our Registrar, Sonia Kapoor, at registrar@shstrust.net.

# Entrance and Assessment Tips for Families

We understand that preparing for school assessments can feel like a daunting experience, but at Shrewsbury House, we aim to make the process as comfortable and stress-free as possible for both boys and their families.

**No advance preparation needed:** Our assessments are designed to gauge your son's natural abilities  rather than testing his prior knowledge or training. This means there's no need for special preparation or tutoring beforehand. Boys should feel encouraged to approach the assessments as an exciting opportunity to demonstrate their curiosity, problem-solving skills and willingness to learn.

**Familiarity with technology:** While no formal tech skills are required, boys should feel comfortable using a laptop and mouse, as some assessments will involve digital components. If your son is unfamiliar with these tools, a little practice at home can help him feel more at ease.

**Rest and reassurance:** A good night's sleep is key to helping your son feel focused and alert on assessment day. Encourage a relaxed mindset by reinforcing that the assessments are just one part of  the admissions process and not something to worry about.

**Comfort and confidence:** Ensure your son arrives on the day in comfortable clothing, or their current  school uniform, feeling positive and supported. Share with him how proud you are of his efforts and remind him to simply do his best.

**Encourage natural strengths:** Remind your son that the assessment is an opportunity to showcase his unique talents and personality. Encourage him to approach each task with confidence and to enjoy the experience of engaging with new challenges.

At Shrewsbury House School, we are committed to providing a welcoming and supportive  environment for every boy. Our friendly staff will be on hand during the assessments to guide and reassure the boys, ensuring they feel at ease throughout the process.



# English as an Additional Language (EAL)

At Shrewsbury House School, we value our international community and are committed to ensuring  all pupils feel supported, particularly those for whom English is not their first language.

*“Pupils who speak English as an additional language (EAL) are supported effectively. Teaching staff provide specific help to the few pupils who do need extra support. These pupils increase  their fluency and confidence. They learn successfully from their different starting points”*

- 2024 ISI Inspection Report





**Initial English assessment**
As part of the admissions process, non-native English-speaking applicants may be invited to an online meeting with a member of our team. This informal assessment evaluates the pupil’s English proficiency and helps us determine if additional support might be beneficial before enrollment or during their first year at Shrewsbury House School.

**English Support**

- **Pre-enrolment support**
  For pupils needing additional preparation, we may recommend resources or external programmes to help them develop their English skills before starting at SHS.

- **In-school support**
  During their studies, pupils can access tailored English as an Additional Language (EAL) support to enhance their proficiency and ensure they thrive academically and socially.

- **Specialist referrals**
  We may refer families to trusted language support services for further assistance.

**Working with international agencies**
Shrewsbury House School collaborates with a network of international student recruitment agencies, education consultants and relocation specialists to provide the best support to prospective families.

For more details about our English language support, please contact the admissions team at registrar@shstrust.net.



# Settling into School Life

We are dedicated to making the transition for international pupils as seamless and enriching as possible. Our tailored support systems ensure every pupil feels welcomed, valued and ready to thrive once they join our community.

"Visiting the school was a great experience. It was wonderful to see that the nurturing and caring environment isn't just something you talk about—it's really part of the school's culture."

- International Parent

**Buddy System for international pupils**
Our buddy system pairs every Year 3 pupil with a Year 8 pupil to help them settle in, providing peer guidance and fostering friendships. For international pupils joining us in any other year group, we extend this programme by assigning a buddy to ensure they feel supported from their first day. This initiative helps pupils adapt to their new environment, navigate school routines and form connections within the Shrewsbury House family.

**Cultural adaptation and support**
We understand that adjusting to a new cultural and educational setting can take time, and our dedicated team is here to help. Each international pupil is supported by a Form Tutor who oversees their academic progress and well-being. Form Tutors serve as the primary point of contact, ensuring that every child's needs are met and any concerns are promptly addressed.

Our pastoral care programme, recognised as a cornerstone of Shrewsbury House School, provides a nurturing environment where pupils can confidently express themselves and receive personalised support. From one-on-one conversations with staff to structured programmes designed to build resilience and self-esteem, we focus on helping every child thrive socially, emotionally and academically.



**Support from our parent community**
Our existing parent community is an invaluable resource for new families, particularly those joining us from abroad. Parent ambassadors, including families with international experience, are available to offer guidance, share insights and help families navigate the practicalities of settling into a new country and school.

Whether it's advice on local services, navigating the school calendar, or simply a friendly conversation, our parent community provides a welcoming network for families joining Shrewsbury House School.

Beyond these initiatives, we ensure that every international pupil feels at home at Shrewsbury House School, fostering a sense of belonging that extends beyond the classroom.



# Supporting Your Son's Transition to a New School and Country

Helping your child settle into a new school in a different country can be a transformative experience for the whole family.

## 7 Practical ways that you can support your child when joining a new school

**01**

### Involve your child in the preparation phase (age-appropriate)

- Research the school and local area as a family.
- Share stories and photos of the school, its facilities and opportunities to build excitement.
- Practice any necessary routines, like using new technology or navigating transport options.

**02**

### Foster and encourage new friendships

- Encourage your son to join clubs, activities or sports to connect with peers.
- Highlight opportunities like the Shrewsbury House School Buddy System, which pairs new pupils with friendly, supportive classmates.

**03**

### Celebrate small wins

- Acknowledge milestones like making a new friend, navigating a school day independently or sharing something learned. These small moments build confidence and reinforce his adaptability.

**04**

### Stay positive and encouraging

- Your enthusiasm and optimism will set the tone for your son's transition.
- Reinforce the idea that this experience is an exciting adventure filled with opportunities for growth and discovery.

**05**

### Utilise school support

- Stay connected with your son's Form Tutor and the pastoral care team.
- Attend parent events to build your own connections within the school community.

**06**

### Embrace familiar routines

- Stick to consistent morning, after-school and bedtime routines to provide comfort during the adjustment period.

**07**

### Encourage open communication

- Create a safe space for your son to share his feelings, concerns, and questions.
- Validate his emotions, whether they're excitement, nerves or uncertainty.

**Follow us on social media**
Find out more about what happens in school so you can chat with him about the school events and activities together at home.

Facebook Instagram

# Practical Information for International Families

We know that relocating to a new country can feel overwhelming, so we've compiled all the essential information international families may need to ensure a smooth transition. From accommodation options to transport and healthcare, our goal is to help you and your child settle comfortably in the Shrewsbury House School community.



**Neighbourhoods and commutes**

When considering where to live, many families want to understand the proximity of Shrewsbury House School to their potential home. This graphic provides a visual representation of where our current boys live, including time and distance from school, making it easier for you to decide which area is best suited for your family's needs. Whether you're looking for a short commute or a neighbourhood with a strong school community, this will give you a clear idea of where other Shrewsbury House families are based.

We have added additional travel time to each of the below areas to account for morning traffic. When  planning your route, please do consider peak hour traffic and add time to your journey.



**Kingston**
Distance: 3 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 15 Minutes

**Raynes Park**
Distance: 4 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 15-20 Minutes

**Merton Park**
Distance: 5 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 15-20 Minutes

**Thames Ditton**
Distance: 1.5 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 10 Minutes

**Esher**
Distance: 4 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 15-20 Minutes

**Leatherhead/Oxshott**
Distance: 7 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 20-25 Minutes

**Barnes/Sheen**
Distance: 9 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 30-35 Minutes

**Wimbledon**
Distance: 10 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 30-35 Minutes

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**Southfields**
Distance: 8 miles
Travel Time(by car): 30-35 minutes

**Croydon**
Distance: 12 miles
Travel Time(by car): 40 minutes

**New Malden/Worcester Park**
Distance: 3 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 10-15 Minutes

**Molesey**
Distance: 3 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 10-15 Minutes

**Cobham/Walton/Weybridge/ Addlestone**
Distance: 8-10 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 25-30 Minutes

**Fulham**
Distance: 10 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 30-35 Minutes

**Putney**
Distance: 8 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 30-35 Minutes

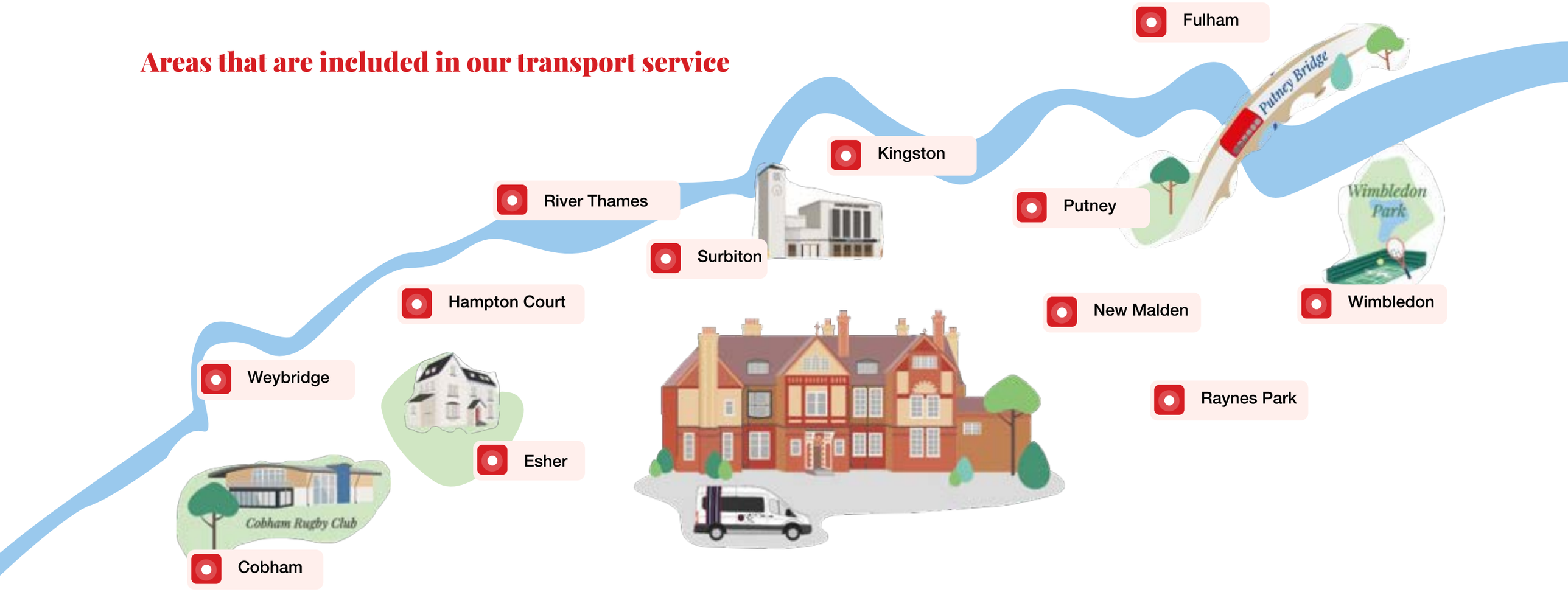
**Richmond/Teddington**
Distance: 7 Miles
Travel Time(by car): 30-35 Minutes

**Accommodation options**
While Shrewsbury House is a day school, there are a range of housing options in the surrounding areas to suit international families. Whether you prefer private rental properties or host families, you'll find welcoming communities within proximity to the school. Popular areas include Surbiton, Esher, Cobham, Kingston and Wimbledon, offering a blend of family-friendly amenities, green spaces and excellent transport links.

For families seeking additional guidance, we are happy to recommend trusted relocation agents who can assist with securing the right accommodation for your needs.

**Transport arrangements**
We understand the importance of convenience for busy families. That's why our transport service covers a wide range of local areas, ensuring that pupils from across South West London and Surrey can easily access the school. Whether you're based in Putney, Kingston, Esher, or any of the other areas in our bussing zone, our dedicated service makes the school commute more straightforward, allowing families to focus on what matters most.

## Areas that are included in our transport service




Putney, Fulham, Wimbledon, Kingston, New Malden, Raynes Park, Weybridge, Cobham, Hampton Court, Esher, Claygate and Surbiton.

For detailed routes and schedules, please visit our Transport Service page.

Shrewsbury House School is located near two major international airports:

- London Heathrow Airport (approx. 35 minutes by car)
- London Gatwick Airport (approx. 40 minutes by car)

Both airports offer extensive global connections and convenient transport options in our local area.

### Healthcare and insurance guidance

Ensuring your family's health and well-being is a priority, and we recommend that international families familiarise themselves with the UK's healthcare system. The UK offers public healthcare through the NHS and private healthcare options for quicker access to specialists and treatments.

While NHS services are accessible to those holding the appropriate visa, we would encourage families to secure private medical insurance for additional peace of mind and ease of access to care. For assistance in finding local GP surgeries or private healthcare providers near the school, our admissions team is happy to offer recommendations.

### Local healthcare services near the school include:

- Kingston Hospital: NHS hospital offering a range of medical services.
- New Victoria Hospital (Kingston): A private hospital providing world-class care.
- GP Surgeries: Several GP practices are located within a short distance of the school, such as Glenlyn Medical Centre and Surbiton Health Centre.



## Local amenities and points of interest

The area surrounding Shrewsbury House School offers a vibrant and family-friendly lifestyle with a range of amenities and attractions:

**Proximity to London:** A 20-minute train journey into Waterloo places you in the heart of the capital, rich in history, world-class sporting venues, renowned theatres and endless entertainment options.

**Shopping and dining:** Nearby Surbiton, Kingston upon Thames, Wimbledon and Esher are bustling towns offering shopping centres, independent boutiques, and diverse dining options to suit all tastes.

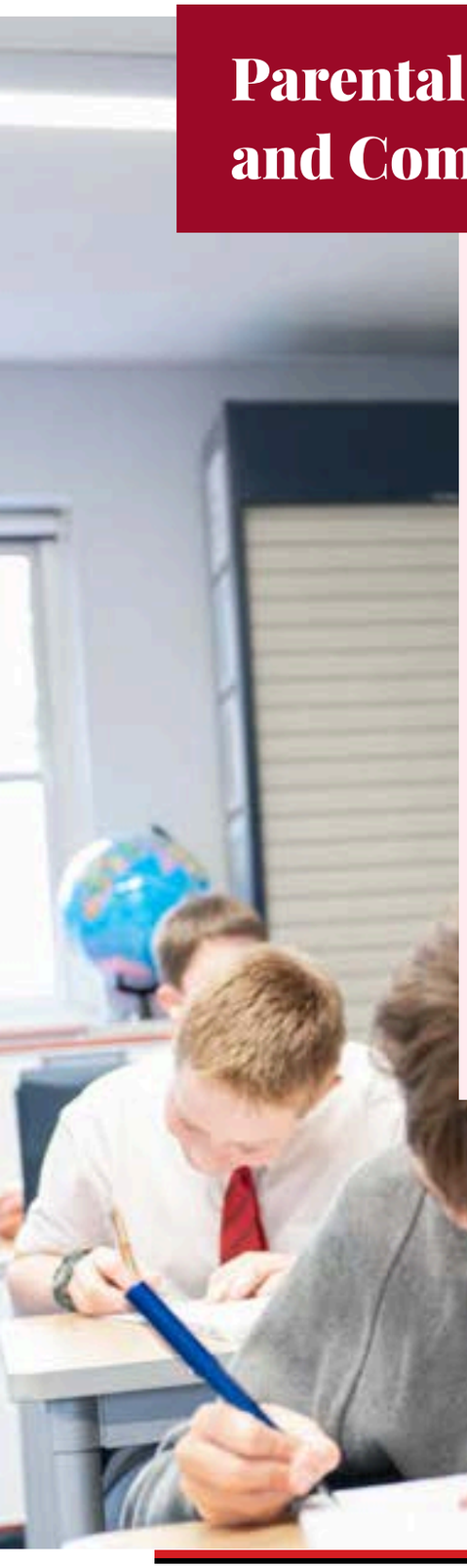
**Recreation and green spaces:** Families can explore the natural beauty of Richmond Park, Bushy Park, Kew Gardens, Painshill Park and Wisley Gardens, all perfect for a variety of outdoor activities. Hampton Court Palace, with its stunning gardens and rich history, is just a short drive away.

**Cultural highlights:** Surrounding areas are home to several theatres, museums and galleries, including the Rose Theatre in Kingston, offering a variety of performances and exhibitions.

**Sports and activities:** Whether it's golf courses, leisure centres, rowing on the Thames, or cycling trails, there are plenty of ways for families to stay active and engaged.

**Sports venues:** The world-famous Wimbledon Tennis Championships are just a short journey away, offering an iconic sporting experience. Twickenham Stadium, home to England Rugby, and Sandown Park Racecourse provide further sporting excitement.

# Parental Involvement and Community



Parents are a vital part of our school community. We strive to foster meaningful connections between families, staff and pupils, creating a supportive environment where everyone feels included and valued.

Parents are an integral part of the educational process and we are committed to working closely with  you to ensure that your son receives the best possible education. In doing so, you gain valuable insight into your son's academic progress and school life and demonstrate to him the importance of education and lifelong learning.

Regular communication between parents and teachers is key to understanding and supporting your  son's unique needs and strengths. Staying informed and involved equips you to guide him through challenges, celebrate his successes and nurture his growth.



## Parents as Partners

When parents and schools work together, it creates an environment where children can thrive academically and enjoy their school experience. As part of the Shrewsbury House School Trust, joining us means becoming part of a supportive network that values strong parent partnerships and offers plenty of ways for parents to get involved and learn alongside their children.

Throughout the year, each school within the Shrewsbury House School Trust hosts various events tailored to engage and inform parents about educational practices and research. These events, like our curriculum evenings, subject workshops and guest lectures, are led by professionals within the Trust and guest speakers who are leaders in their fields. They are not just informative sessions - they are opportunities for parents to gain valuable insights and strategies to support their child's educational journey and future success.

*We offer tailored sessions for each Year group, giving parents a deeper understanding of the curriculum through workshops, presentations and online resources. These sessions equip parents to better support their child's learning journey at home.*



# Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ

## Language support systems

### What if my child doesn't speak English fluently?

For non-native English speakers, we offer English as an Additional Language (EAL) support to help your child adapt and succeed.
Our form tutors and pastoral team will work closely with your child to ensure their language needs are met.

## Dietary needs

### Can the school accommodate special dietary requirements?

Yes, our catering team is experienced in providing meals for pupils with a variety of dietary needs, including allergies, religious restrictions and vegetarian or vegan preferences. We also offer a Breakfast Club to our pupils that serves a healthy breakfast each morning.

## School uniform requirement

### Where can I purchase the school uniform?

Uniforms are available through our designated supplier, ensuring consistency and quality. We offer options for purchasing second-hand uniforms for affordability and sustainability.

- For a full list of uniform requirements, and to purchase, please visit our supplier's website here.
- For more information, or to purchase second-hand uniforms, please contact the Shrewsbury House Association (SHA) via shrewsburyhouseassociation@gmail.com

## School equipment requirements

### Are there specific stationery requirements?

To support a smooth transition, parents will receive a tailored list of stationery requirements for their child's Year group upon enrolment, ensuring they're well-prepared for their studies from day one. Text books and work books are provided by the school.

## School term dates

### How do I find the school's term dates?

Term dates are published on our website and updated annually. Parents will also receive reminders through our parent portal and newsletters.

## School fees and payments

### How do I pay school fees?

School fees can be paid via bank transfer or direct debit. Our admissions team will provide detailed guidance during the enrolment process. For more information on our school fees and bursaries, visit our website.

# Take The Next Step With Us



Thank you for taking the time to explore our International Family Guide. At Shrewsbury House School, we are dedicated to ensuring that every pupil and their family feels valued, supported and truly at home. Transitioning to a new school and country is a significant step, but it is one filled with opportunities for growth, discovery, and success.

We are here to walk this journey with you - every step of the way. From the moment you first contact us to the day your son joins our vibrant community, our team is committed to making your experience seamless and reassuring.

**We look forward to welcoming your family to Shrewsbury House School, where tradition meets innovation and every boy is given the tools to thrive.**

Warm regards,
**The Shrewsbury House School Team**

## Contacting the School

**Book a tour or virtual visit**
The best way to experience what makes Shrewsbury House School unique is to see it for yourself.

- **In-person tours:** Visit our beautiful grounds and meet our dedicated staff.
- **Online call:** For families unable to visit in person, we offer online meetings with our admissions team.

To schedule your visit or online call, please contact our Registrar, **Sonia Kapoor**, at **registrar@shstrust.net** or call **(+44) 020 8399 3066.**



# Contact us

For questions or personalised guidance through the admissions process, our admissions and support staff are here to assist you.

**Sonia Kapoor**
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