



SHREWSBURY
COLLEGES GROUP



International Prospectus



Welcome

At Shrewsbury Colleges Group we are able to provide excellent academic and enrichment activities to broaden each individual's development.

We are a government funded and inspected college with approximately 1,600 British 16-19 year olds studying A Levels.

We have international students who come to us from all over the world to study alongside our British students. Our international students are highly valued members of our community, demonstrating dedication to academic study and involvement in wider college life.

Shrewsbury is a busy and safe historic riverside town that enables you to experience the best of life in England.

Academically, our students produce excellent exam pass rates and we pride ourselves on the outstanding support we give our students that enables them to successfully progress to the university or career of their choice.

We hope that you will join us and we look forward to welcoming you to Shrewsbury.

James Staniforth
Principal and Chief Executive



Why Shrewsbury Colleges Group?

We are a Highly Trusted Sponsor licensed by the Home Office to sponsor international students wanting to study with us. We can issue Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) and Tier 4 General Student Visas.

The College has successfully helped thousands of students prepare for university and has been quoted in the Sunday Times as being one of the top sixth form colleges in the country.

Academic success is a crucial part of the College's journey and the atmosphere here is stimulating and vibrant. Our aim is to bring talented ambitious international students together with our UK students to learn, develop and achieve their potential. The reputation of our international department is growing and our international students have achieved excellent results.

Academic teaching is supported by a variety of additional activities such as visiting speakers, trips and visits that enhance students' experience of the subject. Our international students enjoy studying with us as the classes are small, teachers are friendly and the facilities and resources are outstanding.

Further Education colleges are seen by British students as the bridge between school and university, both academically and socially.

Violetta Lakovleva from Russia achieved a A* in Fine Art, an A in Russian, a B in Maths and a C in Psychology and is going on to study BArch in Architecture at the University of Liverpool.

Enrichment Opportunities

activities which enhance your University application

Kludia Lawrynowicz from Poland achieved a D* in BTEC Business Studies, a C in Maths and a D in Geography. She is going to study a BSc in Accounting and Finance at Liverpool John Moore's University.

Curricular enrichment is an important part of the College experience. It covers different areas that are added into your timetable to broaden your experience and life skills and is an important part of your university application and future employability.

Opportunities for curricular enrichment are extensive. Students can be part of our comprehensive Music & Dramatic Arts programme by joining a choir, orchestra, ensemble or band. Each year there are student led concerts and a theatre production.

Alternatively there are both competitive and recreational sport activities which include badminton, basketball, football, hockey, rowing and rugby; the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, also the opportunity to join student groups such as Debating and the Student Council which is run by students and acts as a focus for representing student matters and organising fundraising, charitable and social events.

Volunteering and Work Experience are great opportunities to develop languages skills which the College is able to provide in a variety of organisations.

Cultural trips and visits, as well as work experience will be arranged.



Programmes

The UK education system is highly respected worldwide and A Levels are prestigious qualifications accepted by universities the world over. Choosing to study A Levels at Shrewsbury Colleges Group allows our students to apply to leading world-wide universities. Vocational Extended Diplomas are valued by many universities so may also allow you to progress to higher education.

Entry requirements: Five GCSE subjects at grade C/4 or above, with some subjects requiring specific entry grades at B/5 or above including grade C/4 English and Maths, or overseas equivalent IELTS 5.5 in each skill. Some subjects may require IELTS 6.0.

A Levels

• **2 year courses - over 40 subjects which include:**

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Classical Civilisation
- Computer Science
- Drama & Theatre
- Economics
- Electronics
- English Combined - Language and Literature
- English Language
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- Fine Art
- Geography
- Geology
- Graphic Communication
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Statistics
- Further Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Modern Languages (French, German, Spanish)
- Music
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Product Design
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Textiles

Vocational Courses

• **2 year courses**

Level 3 Extended Diploma (equivalent to 3 A Levels):

- Art & Design
- Business
- Travel & Tourism
- Childcare & Education
- Computing & IT
- Creative Media
- Engineering
- Health & Social Care
- Hospitality & Catering
- Music Technology
- Performing Arts



Preparation A Level programme

1 term April - July

Your studies will involve English Language tuition and A Level taster classes which you will study with our local and international students. Entry requirement IELTS 4.5. If you wish to continue on to A Level courses in September then A Level entry requirements apply. Please see scg.ac.uk for fees. You will also have the opportunity to take IELTS test at the end of term. Shorter taster weeks are also available (minimum 2 weeks).

Shrewsbury

Shrewsbury is a busy medieval town with a varied and distinctive architecture. The centre of the town is within the loop of the River Severn and has a fantastic mix of shops, both boutique and internationally recognised, restaurants to suit all tastes and styles and a variety of leisure facilities. Shrewsbury is where the very, very old sits alongside the new and is full of character with a cinema in a Tudor building, the world's oldest flower show and a theatre on the riverbank; there's a castle, an abbey, Charles Darwin's home and extensive parklands. A selection of shows and festivals take place throughout the year.





Shrewsbury has a population of about 100,000 and is the county town of Shropshire, which is widely regarded as one of the most beautiful parts of England. Shropshire is well known for its unique geology, historic houses and castles with beautiful gardens, the famous Iron Bridge, museums and more.

Shropshire is on the border of north Wales and the other counties of Cheshire, Staffordshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Transport links are extensive and the cities and airports of Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester are accessible in under 2 hours. There is also a direct rail link to London which can have you in the capital in 2½ hours.

For more detailed information about our town and county, we recommend these websites:

www.originalshrewsbury.co.uk or
www.shropshiretourism.co.uk

Student Support

studying in the UK



Visas

You will need a study visa to study in the UK if you are an applicant who is not from any of the EU and EEA countries.

The rules are much tougher now so it is essential that you complete your application thoroughly and carefully and provide all of the relevant evidence documentation required. If you are unsure about the process or have any questions, please contact your agent in your own country, or our International team.

There are different study visa categories that can be used. You will find descriptions and the requirements for each of these categories on the United Kingdom Visas and Immigration website (UKVI).

The category you can choose will depend on your age, and the length and level of the course you want to study.

Shrewsbury Colleges Group is a Highly Trusted Sponsor for Tier 4 visas. We can issue Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) for Tier 4 General Student Visas.

We can only accept students over the age of 16.

Applying

Applicants from outside the United Kingdom are requested to apply via an educational agency. The main reasons we require the use of educational agents are to help you through the selection process, assist with paperwork, legalities and translation. There is a non-refundable £150 registration fee due when the application is submitted.

Alternatively you can contact our Admissions Team. They will be happy to answer any questions and will guide you through the application process, your visa application or put you in touch with an educational agent in your country.

Read our International pages on our website at scg.ac.uk where you can download application forms for all our programmes.

Once we have received your application

We will conduct a Skype interview and may ask you to do a Maths test if you are applying for a course requiring Maths. You will also have to have an IELTS score of a minimum of 5.5 (6.0 for some subjects). Evidence of your IELTS score is required before you can start your course.

English Language Support

All fee paying international students will receive compulsory English lessons as part of their course. The support is focused on improving English for academic success. You will be given the opportunity to sit the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) academic test again to help your university application.

Pastoral Tutor Support

All students attend group tutorials and regular one to one sessions with their Student Support Tutor. They will support you with academic and social needs particularly if you are in need of additional support. In tutorial you will also learn about health and well-being and receive support with preparation for university applications and life after college.

Attendance and progress is closely monitored. Parents are able to access information via our online Parent Portal system.

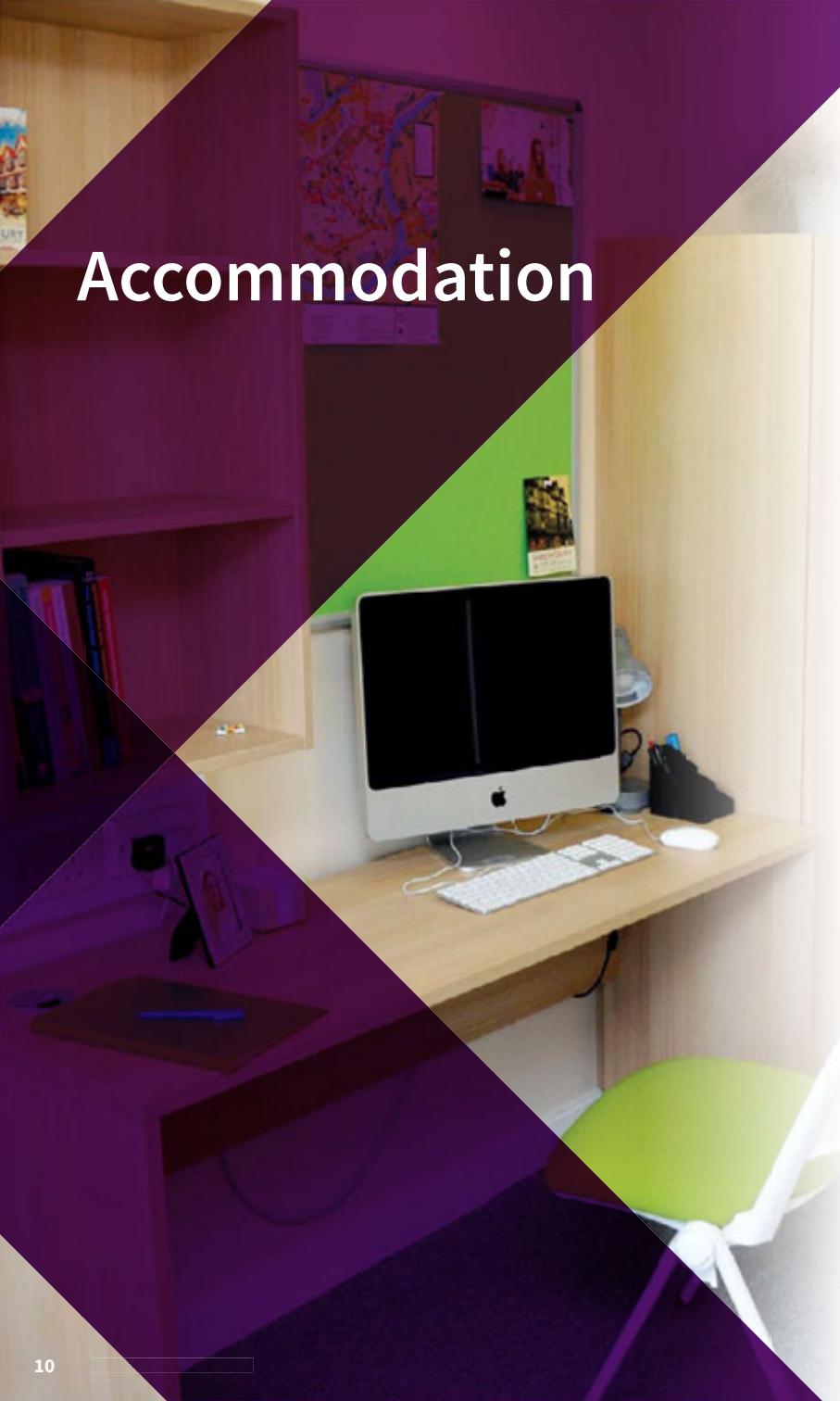
Your Student Support Tutor will provide pastoral support and organise group events.

Fees

Please check our website for details:
scg.ac.uk

Karen Lai from Hong Kong achieved a B in Business Studies, a B in Chinese, a B in Maths and a D in Physics. She is going on to study a Mechanical Engineering Degree in Hong Kong.

Accommodation



Homestay

Homestay accommodation is a great way to experience British life and culture and a wonderful opportunity to practice your English with native speakers. You will be placed in a home that has been inspected and approved by our reputable homestay agency and live alongside your host family.

As well as providing a comfortable home, your host family will provide a warm, caring family atmosphere – they welcome you as an additional member of their family. You will have your own room with study facilities and your host family will either be within walking distance or a short bus journey from college.

Student Accommodation

Alternatively outstanding student accommodation is available in Mardol House in Shrewsbury town centre. This includes en-suite single rooms, single studio apartments, vibrant communal cooking and recreation areas, wi-fi and 24-hour security. This facility is managed by Shropshire Council. There is additional student accommodation (The Tannery) being developed in the town centre, which can also be accessed by our students (must be aged 18 or over). For more details contact the on site concierge team: concierge.helpdesk@shropshire.gov.uk to arrange a tour.

The social aspect is equally important to our students and the College's facilities are at the student's disposal plus there are a variety of leisure and sporting pursuits to enjoy as well as organised trips, visits and activities. Shrewsbury has excellent rail links to Birmingham, Manchester and Liverpool so that you can experience British life to the full!

Student success and destinations

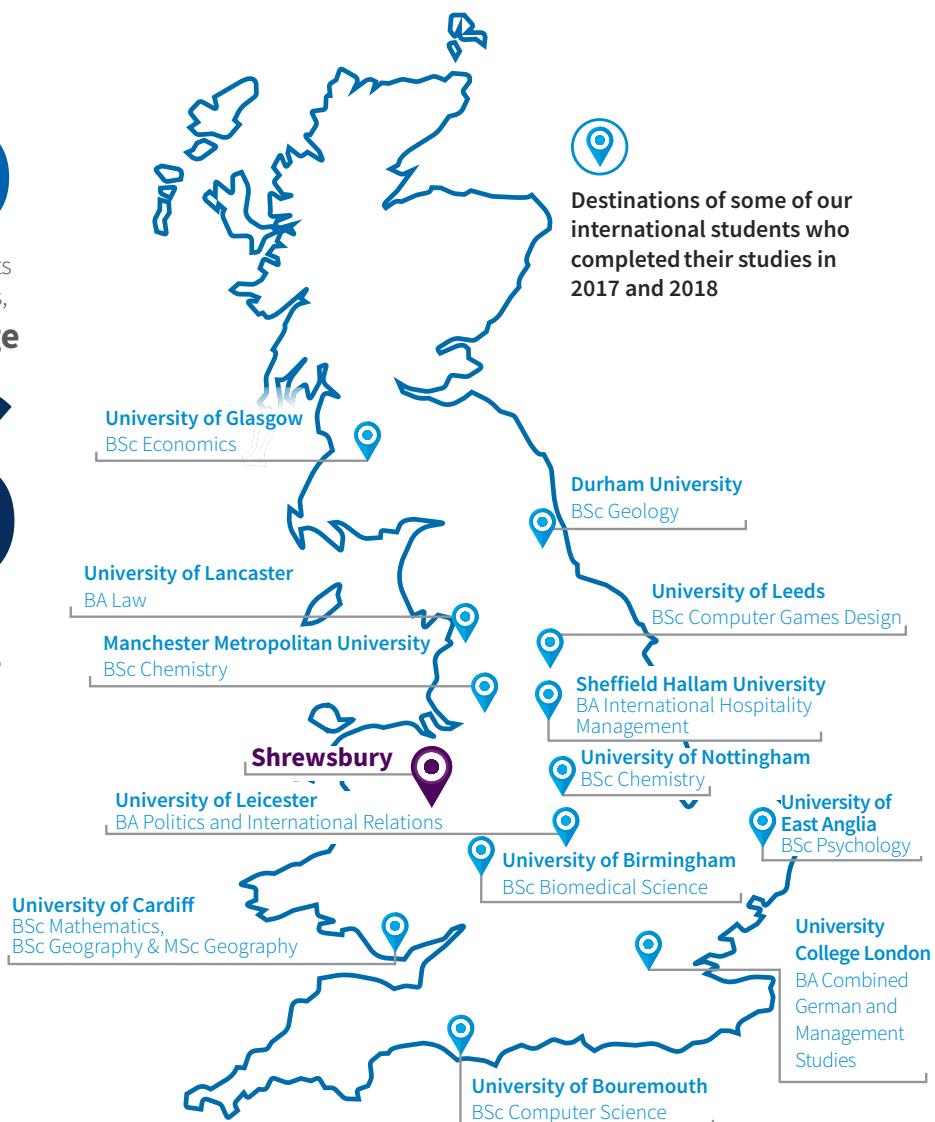
90%

of all Shrewsbury Sixth Form College students who applied to university in 2017 won places, **11% higher than the average**

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Shrewsbury Sixth Form College students won places at Russell Group universities, 15 of those being Oxford and Cambridge University.

Others included Durham, London School of Economics, Bristol, Exeter, Cardiff, Manchester, Birmingham, Liverpool, Southampton, Warwick and York... as well as winning places on specialist courses at specialist universities, studying Art, Music, Performance, Dance, Midwifery, Nursing, Education and Care.





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