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# One-Year Pre-Sixth Form GCSE Programme at Wrekin College

## Overview

Wrekin College offers an intensive one-year academic programme designed for international students aged 15–16. It prepares pupils for a successful transition into our Sixth Form, where they will study A Levels or BTECs, with a focus on academic achievement, English language fluency and full cultural integration. The course runs across three terms from September to June/July and offers full immersion in the academic, co-curricular and boarding life of the school.

## Who is it for?

This programme is ideal for international students who:

- Require a UK academic qualification recognised in their home country (e.g. Mittlere Reife in Germany)
- Seek strong academic and pastoral preparation for A Levels or BTEC
- Want to develop fluency in academic English in a fully immersive environment

## Academic Curriculum

### Compulsory Subjects:

- **English Language** – GCSE English Language (for native-level proficiency) or IGCSE English as a Second Language, depending on the student's background. Preparation for additional qualifications such as Cambridge or IELTS can be provided where appropriate, but IELTS is not a core component due to its short validity window.
- **Mathematics** – Core GCSE syllabus
- **Science** – Students may select either: Biology (IGCSE), Physics (IGCSE), Dual Award Science can be accommodated.

### Humanities:

- Geography or History (IGCSE)

### Modern Foreign Language:

- Continued study and examination support for first language (e.g. German, Spanish, Mandarin) where applicable

### Optional (non-examined but timetabled):

- Art
- Music
- Drama
- Business Studies
- Physical Education (PE)

*Students can take up to 5 GCSE/IGCSEs, based on their academic level and English language proficiency. Entry assessments will help determine suitability and support will be in place from the outset to ensure success. Some students will not be eligible to sit any examinations but will instead use the 1 year academic enrichment course as the appropriate pathway into A Level. Entry to any GCSE examinations will be determined in consultation with the Heads of Department and the Academic Deputy Head.*

## Programme Benefits

- **Academic Progression:** Gain GCSE/IGCSE qualifications recognised internationally and essential for A Level/BTEC entry
- **English Mastery:** Intensive academic English development with tailored EAL lessons, including Cambridge or IGCSE English as a Second Language where applicable
- **Cultural Immersion:** Study alongside British pupils in Fifth Form and participate fully in Wrekin's vibrant boarding community
- **Pastoral Care:** Benefit from a strong pastoral system, wellbeing support and one-to-one tutoring
- **Co-Curricular Engagement:** Get involved in clubs, weekend trips, sports, music and drama

## Entry Options

- **September Start (Recommended)** – Full one-year academic programme
- **Summer Term Start** – A one-term, non-GCSE, pre-Sixth Form preparation course may be available for students aiming to improve academic English and adjust to British boarding life before joining Year 12

*Note: January entry is not typically recommended due to compressed exam preparation time and curriculum integration challenges.*

## Fees (2025-2026)

**£44,000** – Includes tuition, boarding, EAL support (including one lesson per week built into timetable), and visa administration (£550)

## Programme Structure and Subject Selection

Subject choices will be guided to ensure relevance to home country requirements. A structured options block ensures academic rigour while allowing flexibility. One subject block may be reserved for additional EAL support. While all students are expected to follow a full academic programme, entry assessments will ensure suitability prior to enrolment. Wrekin does not operate a policy of withholding exam entry based on performance once a pupil is accepted onto the course.

## Why Wrekin?

Unlike other schools that isolate international pupils into separate programmes, Wrekin's ethos is integration over isolation. Students are fully part of the school community and supported academically, socially, and emotionally from day one.

### AGENT COMMISSION STRUCTURE

1 Year GCSE: 15%

If the student stays with us for A-Level:

15% year 1 / 5% year 2





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