

Wrekin Sixth



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Let The Future Begin!



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Qhyais, Sixth Form Student

Welcome to

Wrekin Sixth



Wrekin offers a truly bespoke Sixth Form experience providing support, guidance and challenge whilst equipping students for life beyond the classroom.

The Sixth Form is an important and distinctive part of Wrekin. Academically, students specialise, choosing subjects they enjoy, are good at, and which will help them on their chosen path after Wrekin.

Wrekin has combined the best elements of a traditional boarding ethos and those of a Sixth Form college to create a unique Sixth Form experience that offers a real stepping stone to an exciting and bright future.

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Meet our Director of Sixth Form



As the Director of the Sixth Form at Wrekin, I am very excited and privileged to be writing this. I make no apologies for keeping this brief as I am sure you would expect me to extol the virtues of the Sixth Form in a bid to entice your child to join us.



As the Director of Sixth Form I am keen for the Wrekin Sixth Form experience to be a very positive one. It will be all about rewarding and celebrating success, giving our young adults the chance to learn more and more independence by committing themselves to their studies and wider school life.

Effort is now a key measure of our Target Grade reporting system and effort will be the number one currency for me as not everyone can get an A* at Physics, but everyone can do their best and try their hardest. I can assure you that great effort will never go unnoticed!

Setting our Sixth Form up for after 'Wrekin' is also a key to the Sixth Form and we have a plethora of opportunities that I believe are unparalleled. Whether a student loves sport, performing arts, academic study, CCF, entrepreneurship, community, charity or simply holds an opinion they wish to put the case for, Wrekin offers opportunities in all these areas and in many areas achieve national recognition.

Our advice and guidance through the Sixth Form is remarkable. Our pastoral care has been graded as 'excellent' in inspections for the past nine years and we do get to know every student who attends the school. Parents value this very highly and rightly so. We also have an expert team to help with UCAS, applications for apprenticeships or students who decide to head into the world of work.

I'm now doing what I said I would not do and starting to wax lyrical about Wrekin's Sixth Form! My final offer is to invite you to come and visit us and see the Sixth Form in action for yourself. You will be made very welcome.

Simon Platford MBE
Director of Sixth Form and
Joint Acting Head.

Academic Journey at Wrekin Sixth



Wrekin's ethos is to provide guidance and support to our Sixth Form students. We have a variety of A level and BTEC subjects on offer and cater to as many subject combinations as we can to help students study their desired subjects to meet their future career aspirations.



Our small class sizes allow a good rapport to develop between staff and students, allowing individuals to flourish in their learning and gain a more individual studying experience. Tutors meet with students to discuss academic progress and to monitor wellbeing. Staff are supportive and the close relationship developed in our small class sizes encourages regular discussion about progress and development.

Regular reporting through our Target Grade system keeps students working at their best.

We have high expectations of our students and encourage a passion for independent learning to help students excel. Our goal is to equip students with the motivation to innovate and research for themselves. The timetable includes some supervised study sessions together with time for independent study.

Academic Enrichment

There is an extensive programme of academic enrichment to encourage greater breadth and depth of learning. This includes workshops, lectures, debates and academic trips.



“...teachers are experts in their field and go the extra mile to support the students.”

Wrekin Parent

Academic Journey continued



Results

We take pride in our results and celebrate the successes of all of our students; if they have received their Target Grade they have achieved their own personal best, which is our academic goal for all of our students. To find out our latest results as well as the most recent destinations of our leavers, visit our website.



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Subject Guide:



Subjects

We have a wide range of A level and BTECs on offer for Sixth Form students, including A level Law, introduced in 2024. To see our full range of subjects visit our Sixth Form Subject Guide.

Extended Project Qualification

Students are given a further opportunity to extend their own independent learning on a topic entirely of their own choosing via the Extended Project Qualification [EPQ].

With guidance from our academic staff, students embark on their own project, researching their chosen topic and producing a written report on their findings. They then present their research to an audience, and answer questions on it.



The EPQ is highly regarded at Wrekin, with support and guidance every step of the way. It holds significant merit for both university admissions and prospective employers, as it demonstrates a student's ability to complete independent learning and critical thinking. EPQs are also worth UCAS points and is an excellent way to demonstrate successful independent study and self-motivation.

Employability



Employability is at the heart of Wrekin College, helping students to access their chosen careers.

Our Business School is an integral part of our employability approach. It provides students studying Accounting, Business Studies, Economics and Psychology with a dedicated environment where they

can immerse themselves into the world of business. The whole school is also invited to experience guest lectures, life skill seminars and real world business challenges to help them with future careers.



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Our weekly Academic Lecture series sees industry professionals as well as staff, pupils and Old Wrekinians talk to our students about a range of issues, including real-world knowledge about particular career paths.

There are plenty of Employability opportunities within school as well, including our Espresso enterprise. A group of students came up with the idea to open a coffee van which serves students, staff and visitors as well as appearing at various school events. The school gave the team the money to invest and Espresso is now a living business run entirely by Sixth Form students. Each year the responsibility for Espresso is passed to a new Sixth Form cohort, meaning generations of Wrekinians getting valuable real-world business experience.



Why Wrekin Sixth?



Qhyais - Sixth Form Student

To say that my journey through school has been a rollercoaster is nothing short of the truth. As I prepare to leave this establishment, I know that my best times at Wrekin have been during Sixth Form.

The Wrekin culture encourages everyone to try something new, whether it's a push from a friend, a teacher, or the influence of others around you. I also made sure to stay on top of my academics, maintaining a balance between my co-curricular activities and schoolwork. The support we receive at Wrekin helps us keep that balance- not by pressuring us to prioritise academics above all else, but by fostering a community where both academics and the activities we love are valued. That's one of the best things about the Wrekin community: we support one another.

Balancing all of these activities seemed unfathomable at times, but the support from teachers and fellow students made it possible.

I truly believe there's no place like Wrekin, where such a strong sense of community enables us to thrive. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here, but the highlight has undoubtedly been my years in Sixth Form, where countless opportunities have opened up for me. I am glad I finally took full advantage of them. With even more new and improved co-curricular options on the horizon, I can confidently say that the Sixth Form at Wrekin is a fantastic place to be.

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A Parent's View



Wrekin Sixth Form has been the perfect choice for our three [very different!] daughters. The single, overriding factor is the sense of community. If your child wants to feel part of something, like they belong, then Wrekin is the place for them. The House system gives them an identity, the Sixth Form Centre allows the Sixth Formers to work and socialise in a more independent environment and morning Chapel, in particular Cong, is a much-loved start to the day bringing the whole school together creating that sense of community and inclusion.

Wrekin students are taught to think outside the box and are exposed to a wealth of academic lectures, music recitals, art and design shows and school trips to broaden horizons. Every new experience can challenge, inspire and is seen as a valuable learning opportunity. What I love most about Wrekin is that it is not all about the grades. There are lots of opportunities to take on positions of responsibility in Sixth Form— whatever your child has an interest in there are ways for them to take the lead and support and nurture the younger students.

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The A level classes are small and the teachers get to know the students so well. My children have celebrated huge successes with their teachers and been supported incredibly through some disappointments. The teachers care deeply about the students' wellbeing and aspirations and will invest their time and energy in helping them succeed.

Wrekin Sixth Form is more than a school, it's a home from home where you will have fun, make great friends and leave feeling prepared to take on anything that life throws your way. People are at the heart of Wrekin and in my experience, relationships built on admiration, trust and respect last well beyond the school gates. Once a Wrekinian, always a Wrekinian.



Wrekin Exchange

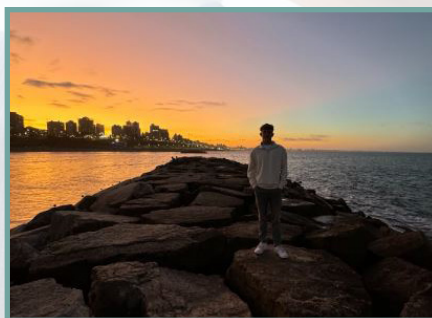


Wrekin's Exchange programme offers students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience education in a different country, and host an international student in return.

This unique experience creates lifelong memories and provides students with incomparable life experience in living and learning in another country, as well as providing valuable skills which both universities and employers are looking for.



The exchange programme at Wrekin caters for students in Years 11 and 12, providing opportunities for students to participate in exchanges with host schools in Australia, South Africa, India and Argentina. Taking place for Wrekinians from the middle of July to the end of August, their exchange counterparts come to the UK at various times of the year.



The way in which previous participants talk about their exchange experience and the benefits they so clearly accrue from their time abroad is the real testimony to the success of the programme. They not only make new friends but also begin to appreciate the wider world: geographically, educationally, socially and politically. It is an opportunity not to be missed!

Our House



Our Sixth Form students get the chance to experience living independently in preparation for life after Wrekin, in 'Our House'.

'Our House' is a property situated within the Wrekin campus, but detached from other residences, to give students a feeling of independence, while within the safety of the Wrekin campus with staff close by. The experience of staying in 'Our House' is designed to resemble the practicalities and realities of university residential living and house-share accommodation. Residential groups comprise a maximum of six students who live, cook, clean, study and relax together for a week.

While in 'Our House' students are expected to attend all usual school lessons and activities, and to maintain levels of academic study throughout the period of their stay. In addition they plan and prepare their evening meals within a budget, share facilities and co-exist, practising skills of negotiation, compromise and tolerance.

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Sam, Sixth Form Student



Social Life



Our Sixth Form Centre is at the heart of the Year 12 and 13 social life.

Relocated and updated in 2018, this is a dedicated space for resting, socialising and studying. There are also other dedicated quiet working areas in other locations around campus. There are various Sixth Form-only social nights throughout the year including our popular Pizza and Prep nights.

Hear from our students



Sam - Sixth Form student

One thing that I have really loved about my time in the Sixth Form at Wrekin are the opportunities I have had and the doors which have been opened as a result of my time here. A highlight for me was spending a week in Our House. This is where a group of friends and I spent a week living independently, cooking, sleeping and preparing for life outside of school. This gave us a real taste of life after Wrekin and taught us real life lessons in time management and budgeting.

Another thing that I have also really enjoyed is the opportunity to be a role model to the younger pupils within our strong House system. I am a proud member of York House and I am a leader in many areas such as the House Singing, debating and House sporting competitions, like the House rugby, with great success.

Academically, there were many options available in terms of studies, for example I had the opportunities to mix A levels and BTECs which suited my academic strengths. I have really enjoyed BTECs, as it is much more practical and coursework based. This allows me to focus more on other studies during exam season.



As well as this, my academic studies have continued outside of the classroom, with opportunities for many trips. My favourite trip was in the Lower Sixth, where I went on the geography trip to Northern Ireland. We also have the opportunity to attend one of the weekly academic lectures which has helped me broaden my knowledge of many topics.

Most importantly I have created a lot of what I am sure will be lifelong friends. These friendships have been cemented for me through the sports teams. I particularly enjoy playing football where the school have had regular success at a local and regional level.

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Lizzie - Sixth Form student

After living overseas for almost six years, and being out of the UK school system, I was nervous to start but knew that Wrekin Sixth Form was the right decision for me. On the first day, we met everyone in our House and looked at all the subjects Wrekin had to offer. The following day, we had a really fun team-bonding day, which helped to calm my nerves. I was drawn to Wrekin College because of all the amazing sports you can participate in and the large variety of opportunities available to Sixth Form students. Due to my disability and limited spare time outside of school, due to training as an elite athlete, I am very thankful for the support and assistance I get from my teachers.

In Sixth Form, there are plenty of opportunities to apply for positions of responsibility. For example, there are various Prefect positions you can apply for including Heads of School, Head of House, Marketing and Academic, just to name a few. I am currently the EDI and Pastoral Prefect which also includes being on the Safeguarding Board.

The Sixth Form Common Room is a great area where we can hang out during lunchtime, playing pool or relaxing on the sofa and having a catch-up with friends away from our

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studies. Prep, Pint and Pizza (PPP) night, held on Thursday nights, is a really enjoyable evening. It allows me to focus on my work before the weekend but is also an opportunity to have some fun with my friends in the evening after normal school hours.

Games periods, offered throughout the week, allow me to play sports other than athletics. This includes, but not limited to, volleyball, rowing and softball. With my sports scholarship I can also attend weekly Strength and Conditioning sessions and have use of the gym. Wrekin College is also extremely understanding and accommodating when I have national or international competitions and attending England Athletics Youth Talent Pathway events. There are also numerous opportunities for joining the different sports teams including, rugby, hockey, netball, football and many more.



After Sixth Form



We take the preparation of our students for the next steps after Sixth Form very seriously.

We place a great deal of emphasis on providing information, guidance, support and administrative help for apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships, internships, other vocational routes, and university.

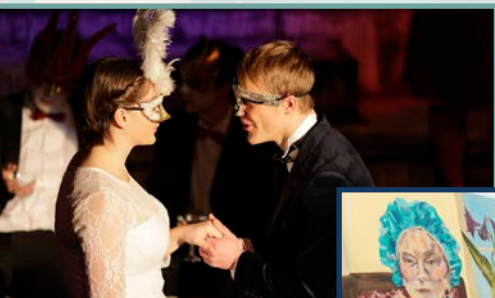
“Wrekin Sixth Form was a perfect stepping stone to university life.”

Wrekin Parent

The Sixth Form provides an excellent environment in which students are encouraged to aspire to their potential and are given informed advice on how to obtain their objectives. Students regularly win places to well-respected universities including Oxbridge and other Russell Group universities.

Outside the Classroom

Students are encouraged to offer universities and employers not just their academic successes as a benchmark of their achievements at Wrekin. The significant wealth of extracurricular activities available allows Wrekinians to write proudly about their school successes. It is the well-rounded qualities of our students that lead to the majority receiving an early offer from their first-choice universities.



Now you're thinking Wrekin

...start our Wrekin journey



If Wrekin is the place where you would like to study we hope you will come and visit us either on an Open Day or for an individual visit.

Securing a Sixth Form place at Wrekin is conditional on GCSE results, interview and the reference provided by your current school.

The first step is to make contact with our Admissions Department via telephone [01952 265603], email [admissions@wrekincollege.com] or log onto our website [www.wrekinoldhall.com]. The team will talk you through our admissions process, and help you every step of the way. We try and make our Sixth Form admissions as bespoke as our Sixth Form itself, working with families to make it as easy as possible.

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We offer a number of different scholarships for students who show exceptional ability and promise in a particular area, as well as the ability to inspire and act as a role model for others. The following scholarships are available; Academic, Sport, Music, Dance, Art or Design Technology, Performing Arts or All-Rounder (known as a Pendle Award). You can choose for your child to be assessed for a scholarship by letting our Admissions Department know; they will then talk you through the next steps.



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