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# WREKIN COLLEGE

AGENT HANDBOOK 2025 - 2026





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## FOREWORD

# FROM SIMON PLATFORD

### Dear Partners

In these challenging and uncertain times for many in the education sector, we are pleased to share that Wrekin College remains in a position of financial strength and long-term security. This fortunate position allows us not only to weather current global challenges but also to look ahead with optimism and ambition.

We are entering the next academic year with confidence, supported by a strong forecast for boarding numbers this September. This reflects both the hard work of our community and the continued trust of families locally and around the world in the quality and care that Wrekin provides.

Looking to the future, we are actively planning to increase our boarding numbers to meet demand. Alongside this, we remain committed to ongoing investment in our facilities, our curriculum and the overall experience we offer our pupils. Whether through innovative teaching, modernised boarding spaces, or broader co-curricular opportunities we are constantly evolving to ensure Wrekin continues to thrive as a forward-thinking and globally-minded school.

We are deeply grateful for your continued partnership and support, which plays a vital role in this journey. Together we can offer students an education that is not only secure and nurturing but also rich in opportunity and ambition.

### Warmest Regards

**Simon Platford**  
**Joint Acting Head**

## ABOUT WREKIN

# 150 YEARS OF AMBITION, CURIOSITY, AND KINDNESS.

Founded in 1880 by Sir John Bayley, Wrekin College has been a cornerstone of British independent education for almost 150 years. As we look ahead to celebrating our 150th anniversary in 2030, we continue to uphold our founding vision: to provide a personalised and inspirational education that brings out the best in every child.

Wrekin is a thriving co-educational day and boarding school for pupils aged 4 to 18, set in beautiful grounds in the heart of Shropshire. Our unique setting combines historic architecture with modern facilities, offering the perfect environment for pupils to learn, grow, and flourish.

We are proud to offer an education that is ambitious in its academic rigour, rich in co-curricular opportunity, and grounded in strong pastoral care. Whether in the classroom, on the stage, in the laboratory or on the sports field, Wrekinians are encouraged to aim high, explore their passions and develop their character.

Central to our philosophy is The Wrekin Way – our unique approach to education which puts pupils at the heart of everything we do. We aim to nurture young people who are ambitious, curious, adventurous, and kind – prepared not just for exams, but for life.

### We want every Wrekinian to be:

- **Ambitious** – to aim high, dream big and work hard.
- **Curious** – to ask questions, explore and discover.
- **Adventurous** – to be brave, resilient and seek new experiences.
- **Kind** – to support others and build a strong, inclusive community.



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## KEY SELLING POINTS

# WHY WREKIN?

- A traditional British boarding school with modern, purpose-built facilities (music school, theatre, business school, sports facilities).
- A truly integrated UK boarding experience – international students are fully embedded in school life.
- Strong academic results.
- Personalised EAL support.
- Multiple sporting pathways of excellence: swimming, gymnastics, dance, hockey, ice hockey, netball, cricket, football, rugby and more.
- A stunning countryside location in Shropshire with excellent transport links – just 1 hour from Birmingham Airport and 2 hours from London.
- Small class sizes and a broad curriculum offering GCSEs, A Levels, BTECs and Pre-A level pathways.
- University progression pathways to top UK and global universities.



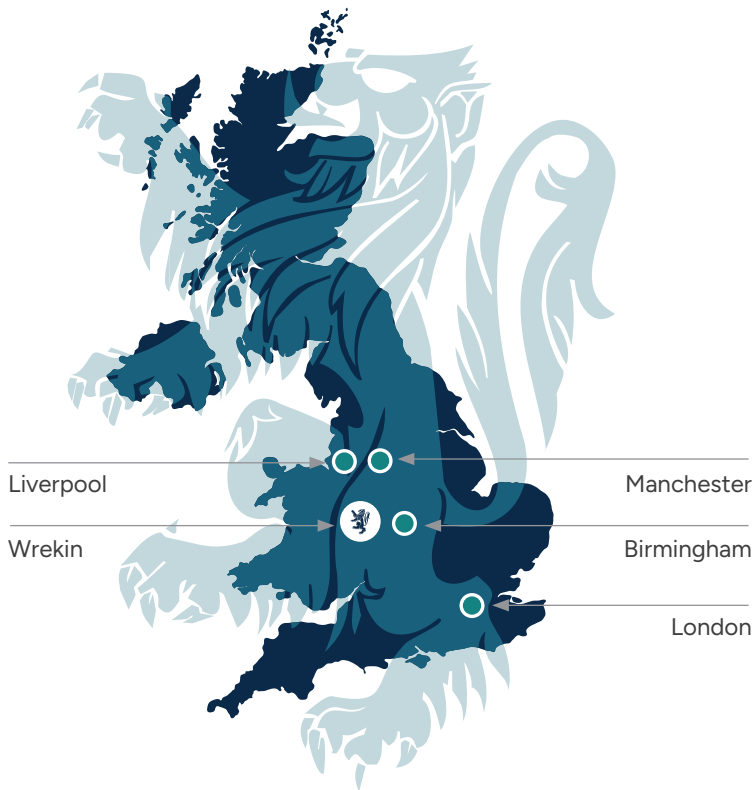
## OUR LOCATION

# A PEACEFUL SETTING, PERFECTLY CONNECTED.

Nestled in the beautiful market town of Wellington in Shropshire, Wrekin is perfectly placed between major UK cities:

- **Birmingham Airport – 1 hour**
- **Manchester & Liverpool – 1.5 hours**
- **London – 2 hours by direct train**

Our countryside campus offers space, safety, and stunning views while maintaining quick access to urban hubs. We can also provide transfers to and from all major airports.





## WORKING WITH US

# BUILDING TRUSTED PARTNERSHIPS FOR GLOBAL SUCCESS

While we welcome direct applications from families, we know that choosing the right school from a distance can be a big decision. That's why we partner with trusted international education agents to ensure a smooth, informed journey.

## We value strong relationships and long-term partnerships.

### What We Offer Agents:

- An efficient and friendly service from our International Admissions Team
- A competitive commission package
- Late application quick turn-around process
- Brochures, high-quality imagery, and student success stories
- Regular email updates, digital marketing packs, and newsletters
- Attendance at international fairs and exhibitions
- Familiarisation trips to Wrekin for agents
- Online meetings with the Head
- Webinars or informal chats with prospective families
- Personalised campus tours
- A two-week Pre-Boarding Experience programme to support integration
- Strong communication links to keep you up to date with progress, achievements, wellbeing, and integration

### What We Expect From Our Agents:

- Accurate representation of Wrekin College's values and offer
- Timely and transparent communication with our admissions team
- Guidance to ensure that families understand entry requirements and visa processes (UKVI compliance is essential)
- Support with document collection and preparation for entrance assessments



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & PROGRAMMES OFFERED

## ACADEMIC PATHWAYS



**Years 7–9:**  
Broad curriculum  
foundation



**GCSE (2 years):**  
Core + elective subjects



**One-Year GCSE  
Programme:**  
For older students  
entering Year 11



**Pre-A Level (1 year):**  
For students who are  
not yet ready for full  
A Level study



**Sixth Form  
(A Level or BTEC)**  
3–4 subjects +  
university prep



## ADMISSIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

OPENING DOORS TO  
EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

We welcome applications from families seeking a high-quality British education with strong pastoral care. To support access, Wrekin College offers:

- Scholarships and awards for high-achieving international students
- Clear academic packages, including pathways tailored to English proficiency levels
- Short-stay and summer school programmes that provide a taste of life at Wrekin and often lead to full-time enrolment
- A seamless admissions process, with dedicated support for parents and agents to guide them through each stage



## APPLICATION PROCESS

# A SIMPLE AND SUPPORTIVE PATH TO JOINING WREKIN

- **Enquiry:** Agents can initiate the admissions process by contacting the admissions team via email at [admissions@wrekincollege.com](mailto:admissions@wrekincollege.com) or by phone at +44 (0)1952 265645.
- **Registration:** Applicants complete a registration form and pay a £100 registration fee. Tours of the school can be arranged in person or virtually.
- **Assessments:** Conducted throughout the year. Non-native English speakers are required to take an English as a Foreign Language (EFL) assessment.
- **Acceptance and Confirmation:** Offers are made based on school reports, interviews, and assessments. Places are confirmed with the Acceptance Form and deposit.





## BOARDING AND THE HOUSE SYSTEM

# SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP, EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Our single-sex boarding houses – Tudor, Hadden, and Bayley – are warm, supportive homes where students form friendships for life.

Our approach to boarding reflects our wider pastoral ethos: to provide a nurturing, family-like environment where students are known, safe, and supported 24/7.

- Friendly houseparents and tutors
- Regular communication with families
- Weekly social events and weekend excursions
- Access to wellbeing and mentoring support
- Integration with day pupils and co-curricular activities
- Room shares with students from another country



## LIFE IN BOARDING

# MORE THAN A PLACE TO STAY, A PLACE TO BELONG

### A Home Away from Home

Boarding at Wrekin is more than just accommodation – it's a family-like community. Our recently refurbished boarding houses offer modern, well-equipped, and welcoming environments.

#### Each student benefits from:

- Dedicated house staff who ensure a safe and supportive atmosphere
- Social events and excursions that build community
- Cultural integration programmes
- 24/7 pastoral care and parental updates

### A Global Community with Personalised Support

- Tailored academic pathways that integrate students into the British system
- Small class sizes and specialist EAL support
- Pastoral systems supporting emotional and academic adaptation
- International student community supported by prefects and The Wrekin International Group (TWIG)





## SHAPING FUTURE SUCCESS

# ACADEMIC LIFE AT WREKIN COLLEGE

### Our academic structure ensures international students thrive:

- EAL specialists and one-on-one support
- Clear pathways to GCSEs, A levels, BTECs, IELTS, CAE, and CPE
- University preparation for Sixth Formers
- Flexible, student-centred curriculum



## LIFE IN BOARDING

# CO-CURRICULAR ENGAGEMENT AND ENRICHMENT

### Academic Enrichment

- Academic Poster Conference
- Debating Competitions
- History & Politics Society (HisPol Soc)
- Model United Nations
- Saturday Subject Clinics
- Library Committee
- Peer Mentoring and Academic Prefects
- Study Skills & Tutorial Programmes
- Square Circle (Gifted & Talented Programme)

### Co-Curricular Activities

- Leadership & Global Awareness: MUN, Debating, Academic Lectures
- Career-Focused Pathways via our Business School
- Sports Excellence: cricket, rugby, football, gymnastics, fencing, and more
- Music & Performing Arts: award-winning bands, drama, music lessons





## LIFE AFTER WREKIN

# FROM WREKIN TO THE WORLD: CONFIDENT, CAPABLE, AND READY

Our alumni attend top universities in the UK and internationally, progressing to careers in business, science, the arts, and beyond.

Wrekinians graduate as confident, capable individuals ready to lead.

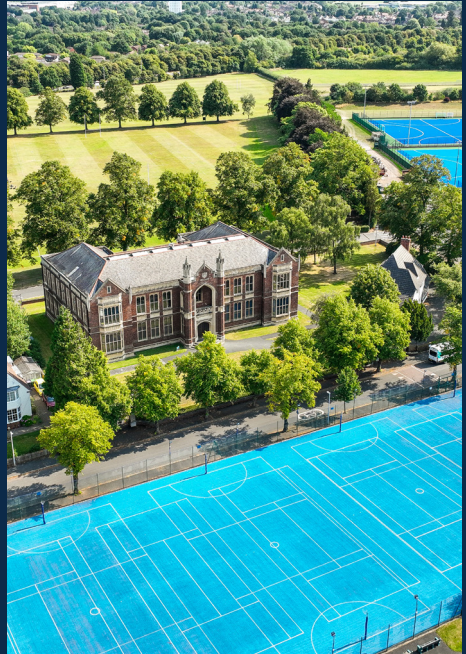
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## POLICIES

For up-to-date policies and compliance information, please visit:

[www.wrekincollege.com/for-parents/wrekin-college-policies](http://www.wrekincollege.com/for-parents/wrekin-college-policies)





## CONTACT INFO

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Visit the website here:



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