



WREKIN

Wrekin Testimonial

Kaja, Poland

A*, A, A*, A*, A* at A level, with an A* for EPQ



I come from a small town near Warsaw, but I always wanted to study abroad. I successfully applied for the British Alumni Society scholarship scheme and **was assigned one of the best schools in the UK - Wrekin College!**

• Academic Life

When I first joined Wrekin, I was positively surprised by **just how big the support network is**. I was able to receive support and guidance from my Housemistress, my personal tutor, Head of Sixth Form, and other staff members at Wrekin. The academic support received included

- Additional classes/meetings to discuss concepts and material that weren't clear to me
- Attending extracurricular clubs, such as the Krebs Society, where we discussed scientific advancements and had the opportunity to develop our public speaking and critical thinking skills
- Attending English language classes which were designed to support international students with preparation for language exams, such as IELTS and more.

The teachers and pastoral staff was also very open to meeting and providing support with any concerns or questions I had.

The teaching at Wrekin was of a very high standard. The teachers went out of their way to prepare additional resources for the students to understand concepts better. In subjects such as psychology, I really enjoyed how much practice and support we received and in theatre, I was able to develop my devising and analysis skills, as well as engage in acting, which I am very passionate about. I loved that the classes themselves took place at Wrekin's own theatre which created a special atmosphere and made going to class even more enjoyable.

• Boarding Life

I really enjoyed my time boarding at Wrekin. It was also wonderful that the school made sure there were **plenty of activities for the boarders to choose from and engage in**. For instance, I was able to do fencing on the weekends! We also had the opportunity to go on trips, such as ones to London, or nearby cities, which allowed for sightseeing opportunities. **I really enjoyed the social side of staying in a boarding house as well.** I particularly enjoyed how no matter the age differences, we were all eager to talk with each other and do various activities together.

• Extra-Curricular

Throughout my two years at the school I was able to: do **fencing** (which I've never done before joining Wrekin and then went on to continue at university); actively engage in **debating** competitions between Houses, **volunteer** with children with special needs; be a Peer Supporter and member of the Children's Safeguarding Board; be a **member of TWIG (The Wrekin International Group)**; be part of **Chapel and Chamber choirs**, as well as have **regular singing and piano classes**; take part in the **MBA Futures** course; be an **Editor of the school newspaper**, the 'Wrekin Roar' and even give **sports** new to me, such as netball, a go. However, most of all, I was able to engage in my **passion for theatre and musical theatre** even more. The highlight of my time at Wrekin was being chosen as the lead role in 'The Sound of Music'.

• Favourite thing about Wrekin?

My favourite thing about Wrekin was the ability to take on many opportunities that the school offers. I also really valued **how open the school was to international pupils** and giving them the support needed, especially at the beginning and during the not-so-easy transition from their previous schools.

• Life after Wrekin

After finishing my Wrekin education, I went on to study **Neuroscience at University College London**. I have just finished my Bachelor Degree in Neuroscience and I will be graduating in September! In addition, I've also been invited to speak at several conferences and panels, to share more about my work towards women and youth empowerment and joining the international World Summit Awards network as a Youth Ambassador. I was also able to travel to Graz, Austria to collect an award for the Girls Global Ready Program (which I manage at the Girls Future Ready Foundation) for being selected as the most innovative youth project in Europe by WSA, in partnership with the United Nations and European Union. I've also become a scholar of Clinton Global Initiative University and Miracle Corners of the World Global.

"With every one of these experiences, I look back at my education at Wrekin, which helped me establish a solid ground and base for not giving up on my dreams."