

# **Shrewsbury House School Curriculum Policy**

## **Aims of the Curriculum**

To provide a curriculum which supports and reinforces the School's carrying out of its aims which:

- provide a full-time supervised education for all boys, which gives pupils experience in linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical and aesthetic and creative education;
- is appropriate for the ultimate goals of Common Entrance and Scholarship;
- allows for a sensible balance between academic and non-academic subjects, given the demands on time for Common Entrance and Scholarship;
- contributes, along with the considerable range of extra curricular opportunities, to the major ideal of a broad education for every boy at the School;
- prepares the boys for Senior School pre-tests at various ages;
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- Contributes towards, develops and builds an awareness and appreciation in the boys' personal, social and health education;
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- Seeks to cater for all boys according to their educational needs.

## **Implementation of the Curriculum**

- The effective implementation and development of the Curriculum is led by the Director of Studies and the individual Heads of Department.
- From 2011-2012, each Head of Department will present once a year to the Governors' Academic Committee.
- Guidance for Heads of Department regarding key annual and termly objectives is outlined in the School Staff Handbook.
- Routine expectations of Subject Teachers in relation to supporting the curriculum objectives and their Head of Department are also outlined in the School Staff Handbook.

## **Curriculum Emphasis**

Staff members, pupils and parents (through the Notes for Parents, issued when pupils join the School), understand that priority is given to the academic subjects. Generally academic subjects are only missed due to an outing and occasionally an individual music lesson or for Achievement Support. Where possible however, this is avoided and ultimately the missing of academic lessons is at the discretion of the Headmaster or his Deputy.