

SHREWSBURY COLLEGES GROUP

Year 10 Tasters at SCG

Hello!

We would like to invite you and your pupils to attend this year's **Year 10 Taster Day on Friday 1 July**. This interactive event provides a great opportunity for pupils to explore different career/course options during the day and either confirm what area they are looking to progress into or discover new interests and abilities.

Format of the day:

This year we will be holding sessions on our London Road, Welsh Bridge and English Bridge Campuses with both Vocational and A Level courses to try, and to offer flexibility for your timetables, your school can book for either: Session 1: **9.30-11.00am**, Session 2: **11.45am-1.15pm** or to **attend both**.

Between 11.00am and 11.45am will be a 45min break and opportunity for pupils to collect a lunch bag from our main Halls and transfer to another campus for Session 2 where applicable.

Subjects on offer:

To help pupils compare A Levels that may be new to them, we have in some instances paired up similar subjects to be a combination of both area's activities. We think this will give them a great overview and comparison of subjects that they can then attend the specialised Year 11 Tasters in autumn to explore further.

All our vocational courses are available as standalone sessions.

Making a booking:

Bookings for this event will be through our Eventbrite booking portal and the list of subjects available and their links to book is on the attached PDF. You can select the session time and then the numbers of places you need at that session.

The top section of the booking form will ask you for *Contact Information* – these are your details as the organising staff member. It will then ask you to complete a *Ticket* for each pupil. Once you have completed the first one you will see the option to *Copy data from other attendee* for all subsequent pupil tickets. You can then just adjust the individual names and health info as required rather than needing to type all the details in again each time.

Booking will close on Wednesday 22 June to allow us to prepare resources for the numbers attending each session.

As this always proves to be a popular event **places will be offered on a strict first come first served basis**. The Eventbrite booking system is live 24/7 and will show you the places remaining for each Taster session at that time.

Transport:

If your pupils are attending two sessions across different campuses, please carefully note where your staff will need to shuttle between sites in the 11.00-11.45am break and let your travel company know of these requirements.

Our London Road Campus has a designated bus bay at the front of the college for pupils to alight from coaches.

Due to the layout of Shrewsbury town centre roads, we would recommend that pupils undertaking a Taster at our English Bridge Campus are dropped off at Welsh Bridge Campus and walked over Town Walls by school staff (and vice versa after the end of the session).

At Welsh Bridge Campus we would recommend your buses pull into St Austin Street, adjacent to the council run St Austin Street carpark, to allow pupils to exit the coach safely. There is a bus bay directly outside the campus, however it only has space for one small coach and is accessible via a one-way system round Town Walls or past the Quarry Swimming Pool which is quite narrow and can be hard to manoeuvre large vehicles down.

We are able to offer assistance with transport to the event if required. Please contact admissions@scg.ac.uk to discuss further.

We look forward to welcoming you and your pupils to this event. If you have any queries you would like to discuss the event further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

Ruth

Notes for the Year 10 Taster event:

1. *Please be aware that staff must be always on the campus with their pupils. If you have pupils on multiple campuses please make sure you have enough staff across the three as required.*
2. *Due to this year's event crossing multiple campuses **we will not be able to facilitate any subject changes on the day.***
3. *Safeguarding your pupils whilst they are on our premises is very important to us however pupils need to be aware that they are on a college site and would need to be briefed accordingly.*
4. *We have carried out a risk assessment for the event so please let us know if you would like a copy, although you would need to carry out your own risk assessment as you would any trip from your school.*
5. *If your pupils are attending both sessions lunch will be provided for pupils, but could you please let us know of any specific dietary requirements as part of the booking form.*

Pupil Dress Code

6. *We ask that where possible pupils wear their school uniforms whilst they visit site.*
7. *If they are in construction areas, then please bring overalls or old clothes*
8. *If they are in construction, engineering or motor vehicle areas then suitable footwear, boots where possible will be required*
9. *Pupils who select Sport or Public Services need to bring football boots and suitable sports clothing please. Activities undertaken on the day will be weather dependant.*

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