

SHREWSBURY SCHOOL



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- Shrewsbury School is an English [independent](#) boarding school for pupils aged 13 to 18 in [Shrewsbury](#). It was founded by [Edward VI](#) in 1552 by a [Royal Charter](#).
- Shrewsbury is one of the original seven [public schools](#) as defined by the [Public Schools Act 1868](#), and one of the 'great' nine identified by the [Clarendon Commission](#) of 1861

FROM 1548 – RIGGS HALL



This building probably dates from 1500. It is likely to have been one of the original buildings used by Shrewsbury School. **The school was founded in 1552.** In 1627-30 a second school building was added at right angles, to form an L-shape with Rigg's Hall.

1630 – STONE BUILDING – THE NOW SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

- The stone buildings, faced with Grinshall stone, on Castle Gates, including a chapel, dormitories, library and classrooms were completed by 1630.



GRAFFITI IN SCHOOL ROOM IN THE NOW SHREWSBURY LIBRARY



Sadly, as Elaine told me, no graffiti has been found by Charles Darwin during his time at the School (1818-1825)

1882 – SCHOOL MOVED TO A SITE IN KINGSLAND

- In 1882, Moss moved the school from its original town centre location to a new site of 150 acres (61 ha) in Kingsland, on the south bank of the [River Severn](#) overlooking the town. A legacy of this move can be seen in the school premises being referred to as "The Site".

FORMER USES OF THE MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING

- Orphanage/Foundling Hospital – late 18th century
- Prisoner of War Camp –late 18th century
- Workhouse - late 18th-mid 19th century
- Psychiatric Hospital – early to mid 19th century
- School – mid 19th to current day

THE ANCIENT 'TAYLOR' LIBRARY

- The Ancient Library was founded in 1606.
- It was fitted out with presses and chains like Oxford and Cambridge college libraries.
- The chains were removed in 1737 when it became a borrowing library.
- In 1766 Dr. John Taylor bequeathed his library of some 3,500 books to the school and since 1966 his name has been given to the whole Ancient Library.

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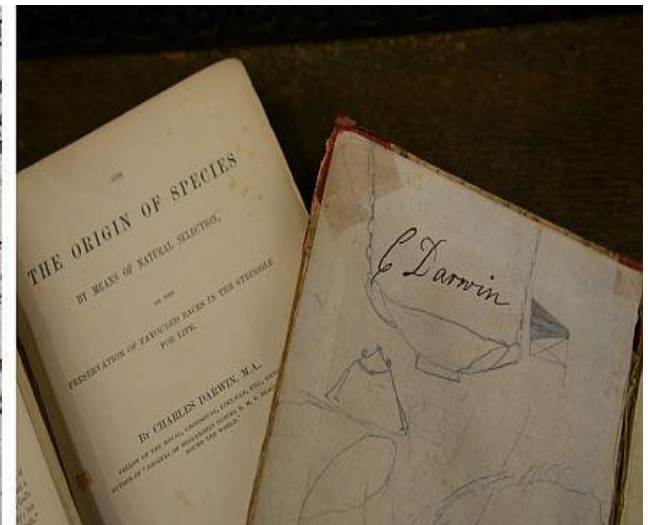
Exhibitions :

The history of the School Hunt – oldest running club in the world

Books with a Story – rare books including the Darwin Collection

The Moser Watercolour Collection

Books by Salopian Authors



The School's current chapel built in 1887



19TH CENTURY HEADMASTERS

- The school had just three headmasters during the 19th century.
- [Samuel Butler](#) - [Charles Darwin](#) attended the school from 1818 to 1825, under his headmastership.
- Butler was succeeded by his pupil [Benjamin Hall Kennedy](#) in 1836, who in turn gave way to [Henry Whitehead Moss](#) in 1866.

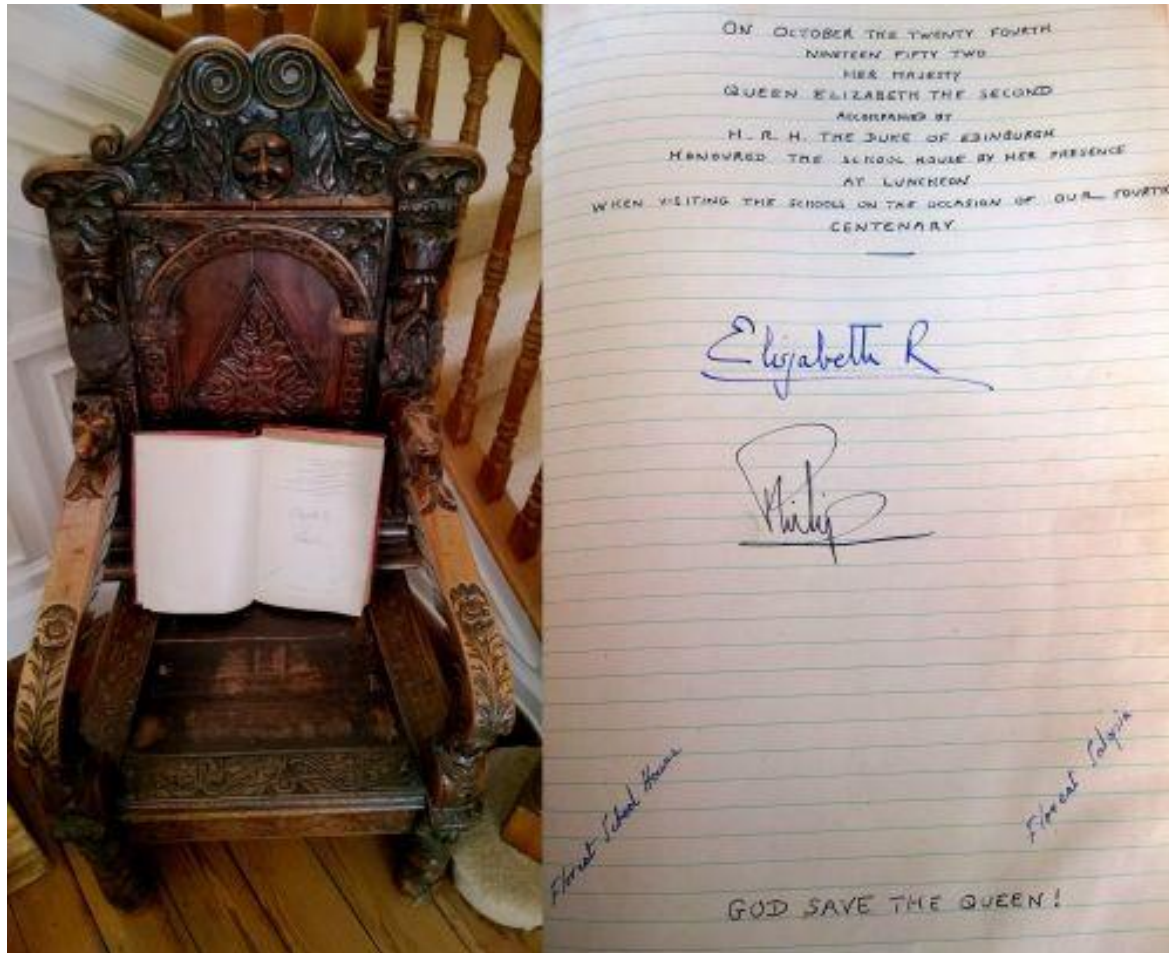
20TH CENTURY

- In 1908 Cyril Alington, then Master in College at Eton, became Headmaster.
- During the Edwardian period Oldham's Hall was built (1911). The current library building was added in 1916.
- During the 1920s the Georgian villa houses at Severn Hill and Ridemount¹ were annexed by the school and adapted into being boarding houses.

WAR LOSSES

- The [First World War](#) saw 321 former members of the school die serving their country. A war memorial was added to the school in 1923 for these fallen. This memorial was added to after the [Second World War](#) to include the 135 members of the school who fell in that conflict. The monument contains a statue of [Sir Phillip Sidney](#), the Elizabeth soldier, poet and courtier who himself was a former member of the school and died of wounds sustained at the [Battle of Zutphen](#) in 1597, and it faces the Main School building down an avenue of [linden](#) trees, known as 'central'.

1952 – 400TH ANNIVERSARY Visit by the Queen and Prince Philip



400TH ANNIVERSARY (cont.)

Cross At The Top Of Pride Hill (the High Cross)

Modern cross stands on the site of the High Cross.

This was presented by Shrewsbury School to the town on 19 June 1952, to commemorate its fourth centenary.



PR521473 Pride Hill Cross Shrewsbury © John Haynes 14/01/2015

2000's

- To mark the turn of the Millennium, Shrewsbury School unveiled a monument to its most famous alumnus – [Charles Darwin](#).

Unveiled by
Sir David Attenborough



NEW ADDITIONS

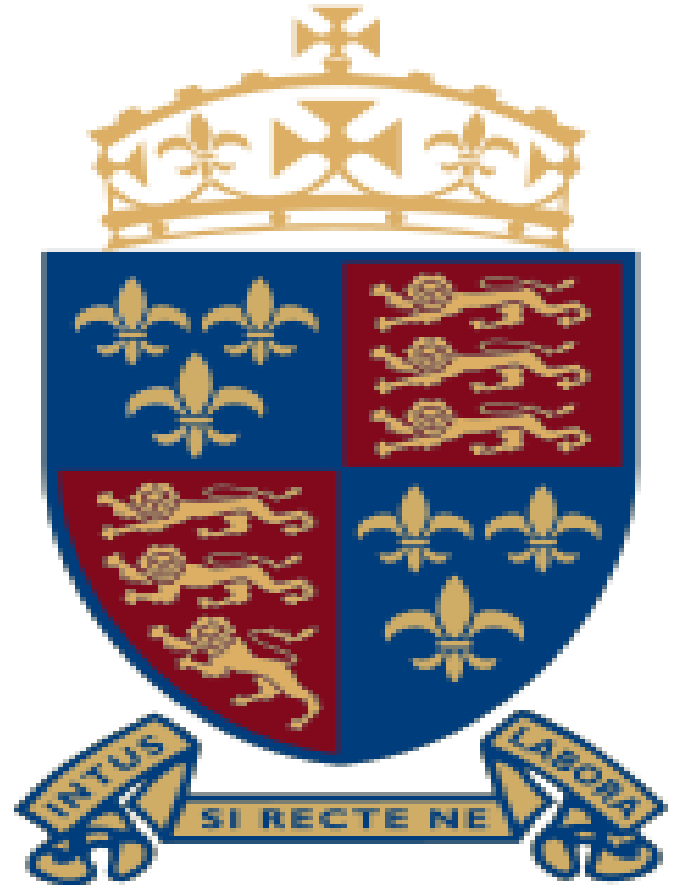
- A new music school, The Maidment Building, was opened by [HRH Prince Charles](#) in 2001.
- A new boarding house has been completed (2006)
- As has a indoor cricket centre (2006)
- A new swimming pool (2007)
- In 2012 the rowing facilities was extend with a new Yale Boat house.
- In 2015 a new building, Hodgeson Hall, was built to house the 5 humanities departments.
- The addition of a new theatre.

PUPILS

- Girls were admitted to the school for the first time in 2008, and the school became fully coeducational in 2014.
- The School currently has **818** pupils spread over 5 year groups – ratio 65:35 boys to girls. There are eight boys' boarding houses, four girls' boarding houses and two for dayboys, each with its own housemaster or housemistress, tutor team and matron. Each house also has its own colours.

COAT OF ARMS

The Arms of the school are those of [King Edward VI](#) being The Arms of England (three lions passant) quartered with those of France (fleur-de-lys)



Intus Si Recte Ne Labora – 'if
all is right within, trouble not'.

SPORTS

- **Rowing**

The Royal Shrewsbury School Boat Club (RSSBC) is one of the oldest school rowing clubs, having been founded in 1866.

Rowing blade



Shrewsbury is one of only two public schools to have BUMP RACES

Shrewsbury School viewed from The Quarry with the School's BOATHOUSE in the foreground



SPORTS (cont.)

- RUNNING

The Royal Shrewsbury School Hunt (RSSH or "the Hunt") is the oldest cross-country club in the world, with written records (the Hound Books) going back to 1831 and evidence that it was established by 1819. The sport of "the Hunt" or "the Hounds", now known as a [Paper Chase](#), was formalised at the school around 1800. Two runners (the "foxes") made a trail with paper shreds and after a set time they would be pursued by the other runners (the "hounds").

OTHER SPORTS

- Football. Salopians were prominent in the early history of the organised game at Cambridge University.
- Minor sports include: shooting, fencing, basketball, golf, equestrian, badminton, swimming and squash.
- Admission of girls in 2014 has seen the introduction of field hockey, netball and lacrosse, with cricket and tennis played during the summer term.

SCHOOL FEES

FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/22 (**per Term**)

- Lower School (Third, Fourth & Fifth Forms

Boarding (UK/EEA resident)	£12,835
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Boarding (non UK/EEA)	£13,365
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Day	£ 8,805
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(Fees are slightly higher for the Sixth Form)

Music Fees per 40-minute lesson are £24.83