



SDC06AT

March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Education Behind Bars – Shrewsbury Prison
Monday 30 June 2025**

Psychology is the most popular A-level choice at West Kirby Grammar School. To give students an insight into the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour, the Psychology department would like to offer Year 9 students the opportunity to visit to Shrewsbury Prison to introduce the Forensic module on Monday 30 June 2025 (during activities week).

Created by a team of specialists in education and history, the 'Education Behind Bars' programme is aligned with the national curriculum and has been designed to support learning through thought provoking exercises and activities. Led by a trained facilitator in bespoke education rooms, the programme will include:

- A guided tour (featuring all areas of the prison including the two prison wings, 178 cells and the execution room) with 'in-cell' experience.
- A series of educational and self-guided discovery activities and an 'Education Behind Bars' pack for each student, including a certificate of completion.
- A 60-minute state of the art escape room set within a real prison cell.

By the end of the programme, students will:

- Understand the meaning of key terminology such as deterrent and rehabilitation (fundamental to A-level Forensic Psychology).
- Understand how the nature of crimes and associated punishments have changed over the centuries.
- Debate the pros and cons of The Death Penalty (capital punishment).

In deciding about attendance on this trip, please be advised that there are various sensitive issues discussed including reference to life in prison, capital punishment and self-harm. Some students may find this difficult.

We will travel to and from the venue by coach. Students must arrive at school for 7:45am for an 8:00am departure. We expect to return at approximately 3.15pm, in time for the school buses. In the event of a traffic delay, students will need arrange alternative transport home.

The cost of the trip is £38.00 which will cover return coach travel, entrance charges, workshop fees, staffing and administration costs. Students will need to bring a packed lunch. If your child/ward is entitled to free school meals, a 'grab-bag' can be ordered the day before the trip from the canteen for collection on the morning of the trip. 'Grab-bags' may also be ordered to purchase.



There are 45 places available for this visit and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please pay online, by Friday 2 May 2025, via the online payment system (if this is likely to cause any financial difficulties, please contact Mr S Clarke, Headteacher, in confidence by email to office@wkgs.net). Your online payment serves as both consent and confirmation of updated emergency contact details. Contact details can be checked/updated via your Arbor app. Please ensure you provide any appropriate addition information directly to me (staff organising trip).

Yours faithfully,

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S Cliffe (Miss)
Teacher of Psychology

The school has a blanket School Journey Insurance policy in place to provide appropriate cancellation, curtailment, medical and personal possessions cover. This policy also carries very limited personal accident insurance cover for pupils. As the school will not be liable for any injury arising from incidents beyond our direct control, parents/carers may wish to consider purchasing their own personal accident cover to enhance the limited protection of this policy.