



15 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Sixth Form Criminology Students trip to Shrewsbury Prison – Monday 9 February 2026

'Crime and Punishment' is the title of Unit 4, the final unit of study on the Criminology course. The nature of prison as a punishment in the UK is a key focus in this unit, and how its aims can be assessed for effectiveness. Shrewsbury Prison is a category B men's prison only decommissioned in 2013 and now open to the public, used primarily for educational purposes. It provides an amazing opportunity for students to understand the history of incarceration, develop critical ideas about the purpose and nature of prison, and enhance ideas about the geography of a prison. Shrewsbury Prison has specific programmes designed for KS5 students studying Criminology (as well as an escape room), and so is effectively purpose built to complement their studies in school. This trip promises to be enriching given its close links to the course, but also widens perspectives on societal punishment and rehabilitation that they stand to benefit from beyond school.

The cost of this trip is £56.25 and to confirm your child's place on this trip, we ask you to please make payment via your iPay account which is now open for payment (closing: 10pm on Sunday 11 January 2026). Please note that due to the nature of this trip, we are unable to refund the cost if your child is unable to go.

We will travel to Shrewsbury by coach. Students are to meet at the front of school for 7.30am and we aim to return to school for approximately 6.30pm, where we ask parents/carers to arrange collection of their child for this time. Students will need to bring a packed lunch, drinks and snacks for the duration of the day. A reminder that nuts or products containing nuts are not allowed. Students can wear their own appropriate clothing on this trip and the venue have advised to wear sensible footwear and warm clothing (coats, jumpers, etc.) during the winter months.

If you would like any further information about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact me via the main office on 01628 629415, or by email on enquiries@coxgreen.com.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Aston

Subject Leader for Criminology and Psychology

Please note:

- *Places on all trips are subject to the school expectations for the Behaviour Policy being met. Any student who receives a suspension may have their place withdrawn from the trip and no refund will be made unless the place can be resold. In addition, if the school assesses that the attendance on a trip is a Health and Safety risk to the student or to others, a place will not be allocated to that student or a place will be withdrawn and there will be no refund made unless the place can be resold.*
- *Should your child be unable to attend a trip due to medical reasons, we will require a Medical Certificate to apply for an insurance claim.*
- *If your child is, or has ever been, in receipt of free school meals, then you may be eligible for assistance with the cost of this trip: Years 7-11: Pupil Premium funding for trips is to be used for educational purposes only. Support for non-compulsory trips will vary. Sixth Form: You may be eligible for assistance with the cost of this trip with a 16-19 Bursary. All requests for assistance should be made to the Finance Office (finance@coxgreen.com) at least 5 school days before the trip opens on iPay.*
- *If your child receives free school meals and you would like a packed lunch provided for your child for this trip, please email enquiries@coxgreen.com, for the attention of the Trip Administrator, at least 5 schools days before the date of the trip to request this (please detail any dietary requirements).*

- *Payments are to be made by the dates specified. Late or non-payment may result in your child's place being withdrawn from the trip. If you choose to withdraw your child for reasons not stated above, any costs attributed to date, must still be made.*
- *Should the school need to contact you in an emergency, we will use contact details supplied on your most recent OA4 Form (off-site activity form). If there are any changes to the details on this form, including any medical or dietary requirements, it is the parent/carer responsibility to inform the school.*
- *There will be no insurance cover due to disinclination to travel.*