



Post 16 Routes

Academic route

A Levels

2 year course

Assessed by exams
and sometimes
coursework

Leads to university,
higher and degree
apprenticeship and
employment

Entry requirements:

Minimum 5 GCSEs
grade 4 and above
including English
Language

Some subjects and
Colleges require
higher grades

Local providers:

Shrewsbury Colleges
Group
Thomas Adams School
William Brookes School
Thomas Telford School
Haberdashers' Adams
Newport Girls High
School

Vocational route

Applied, BTEC,
T Levels, Technical and
Professional
qualifications

1 or 2 year courses

More practical approach
Assessed through various
methods. Courses related
to the world of work

Includes Technical
qualifications e.g.
bricklaying, carpentry

Leads to university,
apprenticeships or
employment

Entry requirements:

Level 3—3/4 GCSE's
grade 4 or above

Level 2—2/3 GCSE's
grade 3

Level 1—1/2 GCSE's
grades 3-1

Local providers:

Shrewsbury Colleges
Group
Telford College
North Shropshire
College
Shrewsbury Town in
the Community

Apprenticeship

Combines on the job
training and
classroom learning

Have to find
apprenticeship
placement (a bit like
finding a job)

Post 16 start at Level
2 or Level 3 and have
pathways to progress

Entry requirements:

Depends on the
apprenticeship

Local providers:

Search on gov.uk find an
apprenticeship
Shrewsbury Colleges
Group
County Training
SCB Training
Crossbar Coaching
Coaching Connexions
Juniper Training
MCMT
North Shropshire College

Study Programmes

Consist of Functional
Skills or GCSE in
English and Maths,
some vocational
qualifications
available in a chosen
occupational sector
and a work placement

Entry requirements:

Students working at
GCSE grade 3 and
below

Local providers:

County Training
SBC Training
Juniper Training