

EAL Foundation Course

Pre-GCSE Pathway

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This Pathway programme has been designed to offer international students, at Year 7 upwards, a holistic pre-GCSE curriculum with a strong emphasis on English skills development, and will provide excellent preparation for the GCSE course.



Students will enjoy the advantages of being able to integrate with native English speaking students for a large part of their timetable, whilst still receiving intensive specialist language support. Our small class sizes ensure every student receives the attention needed to succeed.

A British education is globally recognised as being an excellent foundation for children to prepare them for life in the international world in which they live. It offers them the breadth of opportunity both inside and outside the classroom that, for many, is just not available in their own countries. This is why many families will choose to send their children to study at schools in the UK.

For further information, including to arrange a visit, please contact admissions@sidcot.org.uk



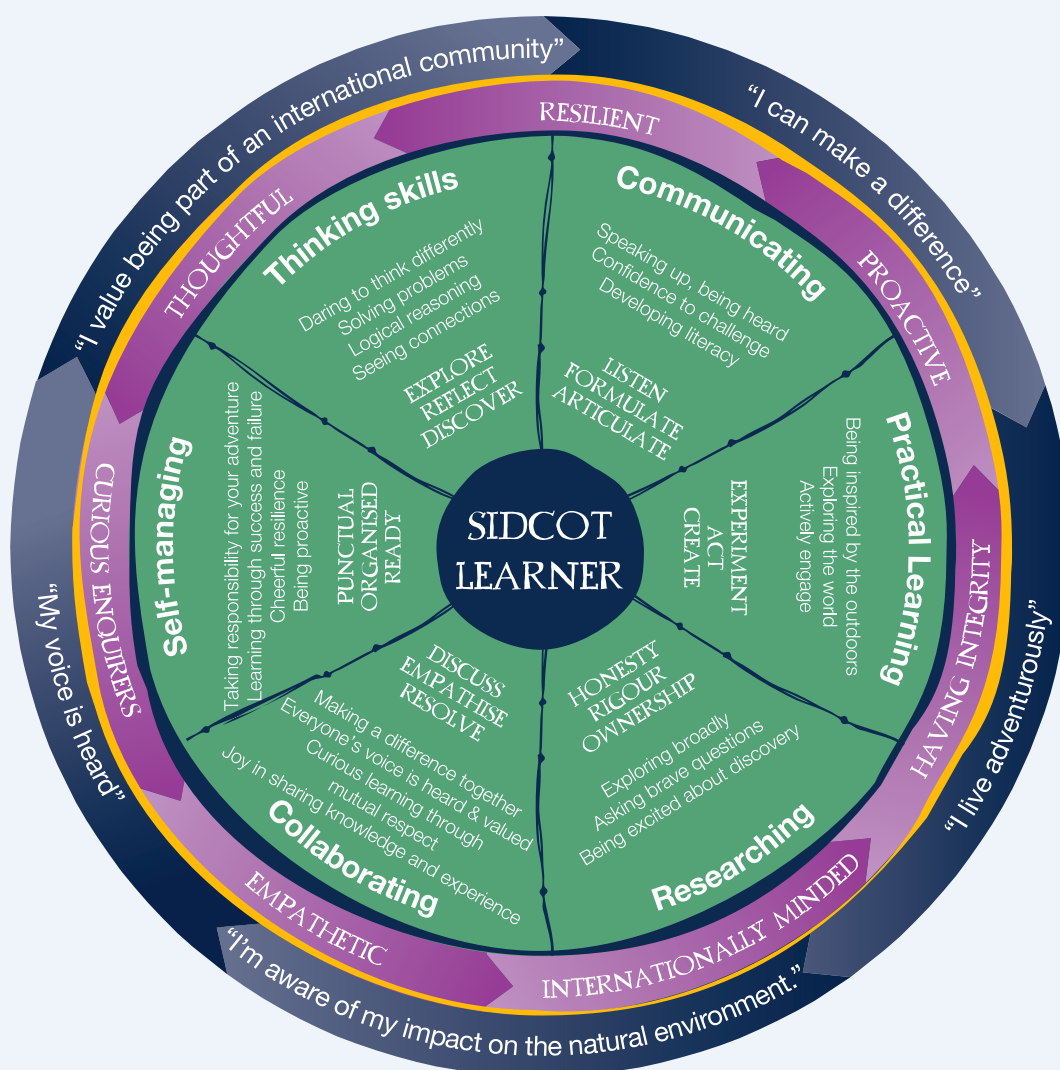
English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Unlike schools who provide some one-to-one or small group sessions for students who need additional English language support, the Pre-GCSE Pathway will provide much more intensive and structured programme. Students will normally have a number of sessions a week of EAL classes, where they will be taught by specialist teachers to improve their English language. Students are withdrawn from mainstream lessons to undertake their EAL lessons. Such lessons might include Modern Foreign Languages, history, geography, or English (First Language).



Sidcot Learning Wheel

At Sidcot there is a bespoke style to the teaching and learning programme known as the **Sidcot Learning Wheel**. The skills of research, analysis, evaluation, reflection, collaboration and communication are an integral part of the individual student development which will not only equip them for higher education and employability, but also develop their **social skills, emotional intelligence, resilience** and **determination** to make a difference in the world.



Pre-GCSE Pathway class lessons

Students will receive a number of group lessons per week as part of their Pathway course. Other lessons will be taken on an integrated basis with their year group, including PE, Music, PSHE, Art, Drama and Tutor time.

Should they be required, additional 1:1 EAL lessons will also be provided at additional charge, to support personalised progress. This requirement will be re-evaluated throughout the year.

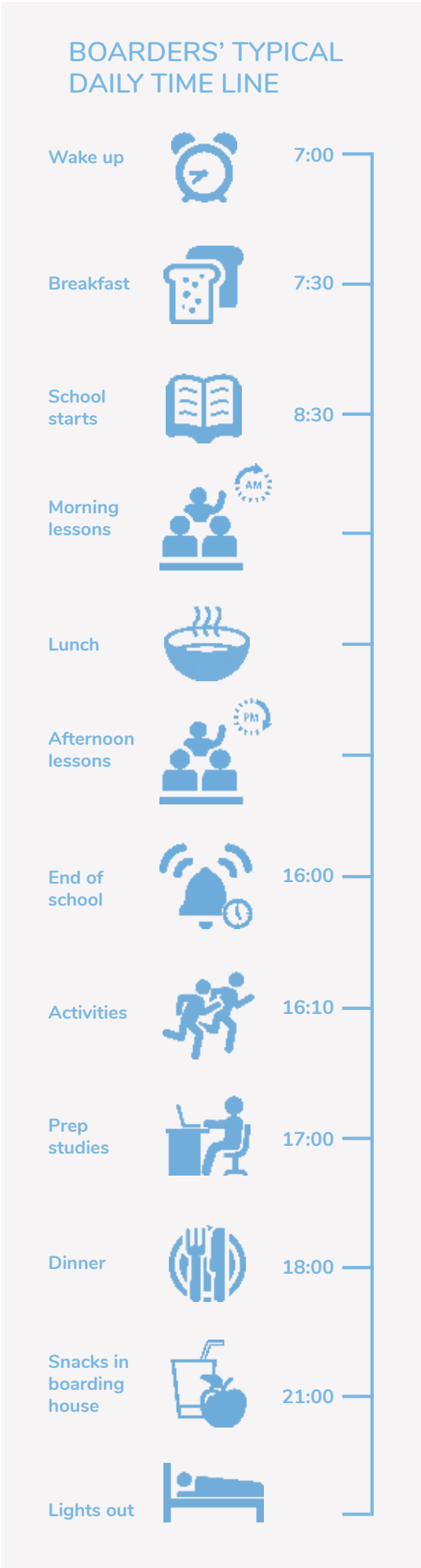


Measuring success

Following an initial assessment of both academic and cognitive skills, Pre-GCSE Pathway students will have **on-going progress reviews** both in their language and subject knowledge development, which will be **regularly communicated to them and to parents** and used to determine individual learning targets. Depending on progress, students will be able to transfer to one, several, or all mainstream subjects at termly intervals within their peer group.

Students follow a scheme of work in which they study a range of common topics at CEFR A2-B1 level, including sports, education, and travel to name but a few. Students will also have the opportunity to sit internationally recognised Cambridge qualifications, such the A2 Key for Schools. The course also includes Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) modules to help students develop the basic academic language structures that are so vital to their success in mainstream classrooms.

“The Quaker values at the heart of the School’s moral compass are powerful and a major draw for parents seeking an education based on empathy and integrity as much as academic excellence.”



Co-curricular and boarding activities

Boarders can take part in an extensive programme of over 100 co-curricular activities, running at lunchtime, after school, into the evening, and at weekends.

Designed to capture imaginations, spark curious minds, and give students the confidence to live adventurously, our activities make the most of our excellent rural location, top-class facilities, and close proximity to cultural hubs like Bristol. A sample of the popular activities amongst boarders includes:



Equestrian at Sidcot

The Equestrian Centre offers a rare combination – a school livery yard in the heart of a thriving co-ed day and boarding school. For students who already ride, or who want to learn, Sidcot is a popular choice, as we pride ourselves on our friendly atmosphere for both beginners and experienced riders alike.

Basketball

We're proud to offer a professional Basketball programme in partnership with the Bristol Flyers. We welcome all students, from experienced players aiming to perfect their game to complete beginners eager to learn. Our international basketball programme provides an unmatched opportunity to take advantage of specialist coaching and exciting opportunities to engage with professional players.



PASS

The Programme of Activities for Sidcot Students (PASS) has been designed to provide all students with an exciting opportunity to live adventurously and develop key soft skills. Students choose activities to last for a half term, with options ranging from Surfing and Snowsports to Mah Jong and Candle Making. Throughout the year, students can take part in a total of 6 unique activities.

Tennis

Sidcot's tennis programme enables students to enhance their skills in this popular sport, by accessing 1:1 or small group coaching with qualified tennis coaches. With various coaching opportunities throughout the weekend and the week, players can develop their tennis skills and participate in friendly matches with other students and clubs.

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Looking after our younger boarders

Our boarding houses are friendly, well equipped and creatively furnished to provide a real 'home from home' experience. Matrons and house staff are very mindful of the needs of younger boarders who may be living quite some distance away from their families – many for the first time – and ensure that they are always there to talk, to listen and to share the experiences of their day when they return to the House each evening.



**TOUR OUR
BOARDING HOUSES**



Older students act as 'big brothers and sisters' to support this high level of pastoral care and often take part in activities and house entertainment to ensure that they are fully occupied and enjoying their time as a boarding student.



At weekends, there are many different trips, outdoor activities, clubs and social events which ensure that friendships can be further developed outside the classroom.

Food is an important part of any boarding student's life! All students and staff at Sidcot enjoy a wide variety of tastes and flavours from around the world, with plenty of fresh and healthy options available at all meal times including vegetarian options. Provision is also made for special dietary, medical or religious needs.

Physical and mental healthcare is also well provided by a team of professionals on site. All students are encouraged to be involved with some form of physical exercise outside of the timetable as well as finding time to relax and unwind with friends.



Full details can be found in our Boarding Handbooks and the School Prospectus.

Testimonials

Every year we welcome international students from around 30 countries. Some of our recent students and parents have shared their experiences below.

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Sara | Spain | Year 9

Hello, my name is Sara, and I spent the first term of Year 9 at Sidcot. From the moment you arrive, you feel at home.

My experience at Sidcot has been unforgettable. I have made lots of friends, both boarders and day students. It is incredibly easy to make friends because everyone is so kind and welcoming.

At the School, people help you, support you, and Sidcot offers many opportunities. It has been an unforgettable experience, and I would definitely do it again.

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Apolline | France | Year 9

My three-month stay in England at Sidcot was an unforgettable experience that I will never forget.

The Boarding House was very comfortable, and the staff were always kind and friendly. I really loved the School, with amazing teachers and very welcoming students.

The atmosphere was fantastic, with open-minded people from many different nationalities, and the weekends were full of fun trips and activities. I can't wait to go back to England and see the people I met again.

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Sidcot Parents | Spain | Year 10

It was a fantastic experience for our son. He has adapted very well, he has made very good friends and everyone has helped to make it possible. He will always remember this year at Sidcot School.

We found Sidcot to be a fantastic School in all aspects, including its teaching methods and the teachers' relationships with the pupils, as well as how they motivate them.

Pre-GCSE Pathway: The benefits

- Students will receive an intensive EAL programme, but will also be integrated within their own peer group for many subjects and activities.
- Students will be at a similar level on arrival and will not feel disadvantaged by those who do not need as much EAL support – allowing their confidence and ability to grow at their own pace.
- Students will be well prepared for entry to GCSE/IGCSE and the start of the more formal external examinations they will need in order to progress towards Higher Education.
- Students will have the opportunity to make new friendships from around the world as well as those who live in the UK.



Programme costs

Annual fees

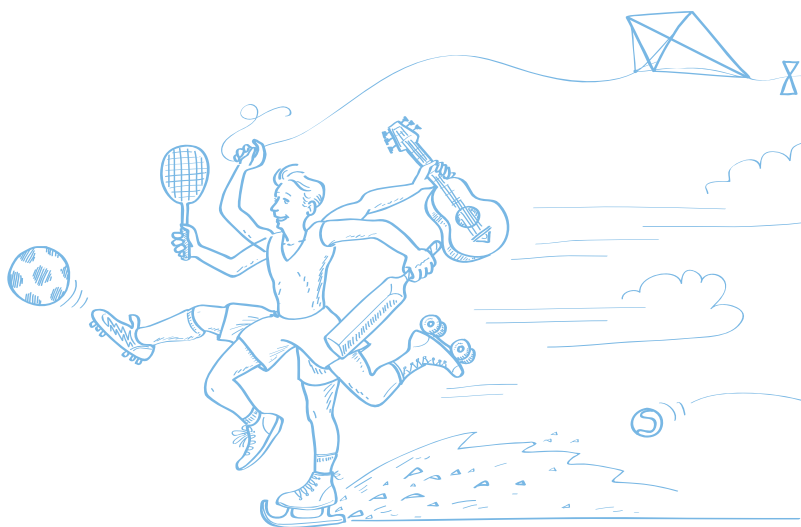
£49,806 (Non-Visa) | £50,976 (Child Visa)

Fees will include:

- Group collection and return to airports at the start and end of each term (including half terms)
- Administration fee for students requiring Tier 4 visa
- All tuition, books, meals and laundry

Fees do not include:

- Any additional one-to-one individual EAL lessons, if required
- Travel, health insurance and pocket money
- School trips and weekend activities
- School uniform



Travel information

Sidcot is located in the South West of England, amongst the Mendip Hills, one of the UK's most beautiful rural locations.

The School is only 13 km (15 minutes drive) from Bristol International Airport with flights to worldwide destinations. It is also within easy access of London International Airports and mainline rail services (2 hours to London Paddington).

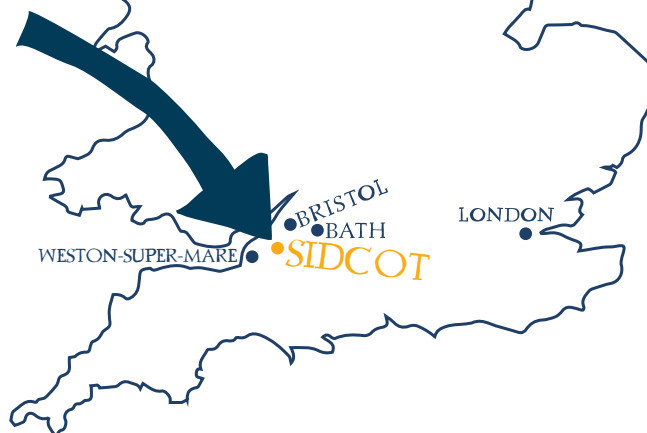
In contrast to the peaceful and rural setting of the School campus, the boarding students also have the benefit of the vibrant city of Bristol less than 30 minutes away. Here they will find numerous cultural festivals, theatres and cinemas, shopping malls and entertainment venues.

The Victorian seaside town of Weston-Super-Mare is only 20 minutes away, with its traditional pier, promenade and bracing sea air for those who really want to experience stepping back in time when children used to build sandcastles and eat ice-cream! Great fun for our boarders!

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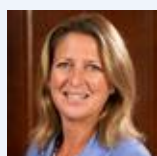
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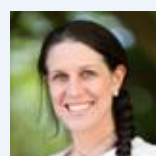
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KEY

1. Senior School
2. Junior School
3. Sports Centre
4. Equestrian Centre
5. Arts Centre
6. Science Block
7. Meeting House
8. Boarding Houses
9. Sports Pitch
10. School Garden
11. Astro Pitch

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