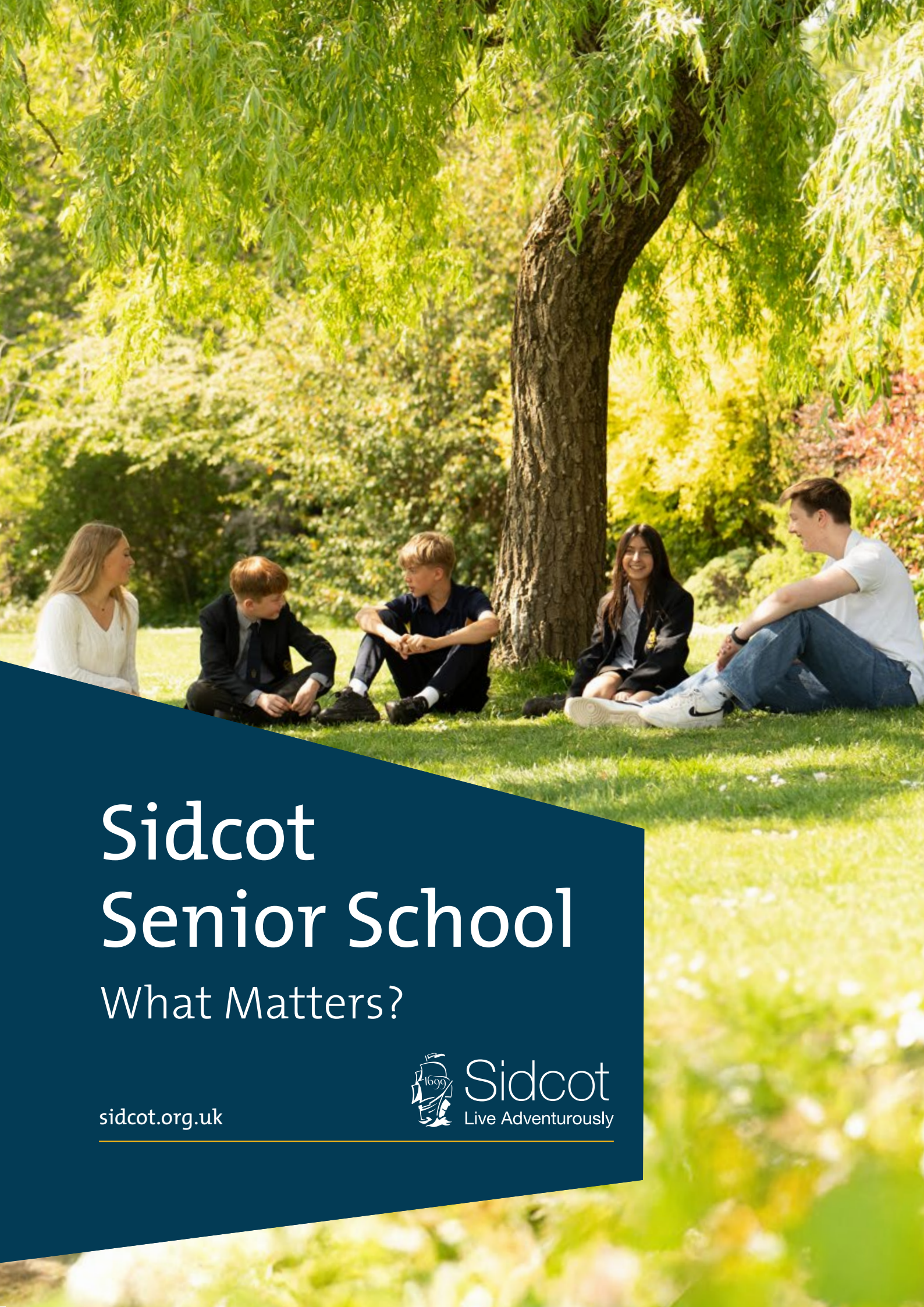




Sidcot Senior School

What Matters?

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Live Adventurously

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Sidcot at a glance



3-18 age range of pupils



150-acre campus



30 different nationalities



20% international students



Minibuses available across Bristol and Somerset



3 Sixth Form pathways to suit individual learning styles



Over 100 weekly co-curricular activities



1699 – the year Sidcot School was founded



The only School near Bristol to offer the IB Diploma Programme in Sixth Form



What matters when choosing a school?

Here at Sidcot, we believe that a child's education should be more than just the subjects that they study; it should provide them with the opportunity to live life to the full, to learn how to be themselves, to value making a difference and to develop curiosity and the spirit of living adventurously.

Our Quaker philosophy and our special environment ensure that students receive more than just a first-class academic education; they become fearless thinkers and changemakers, fully equipped for a life well lived both at School and beyond.

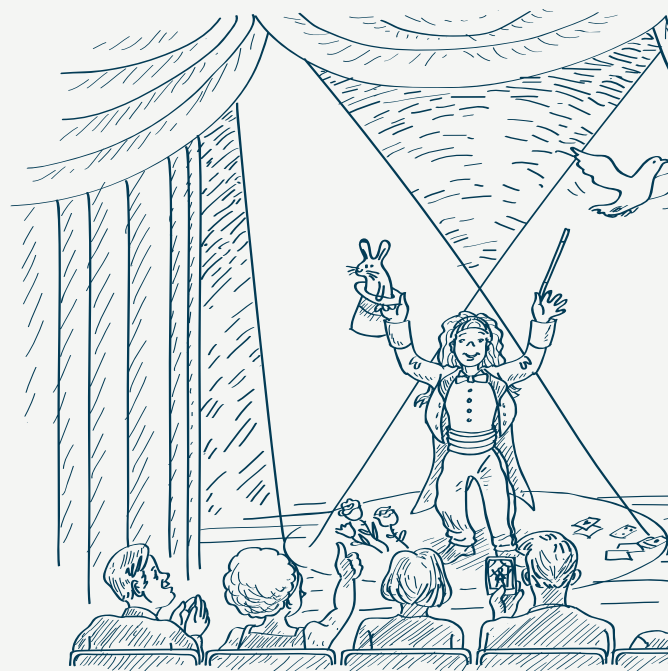
We understand how difficult selecting a school can be. We recognise that, just as all children are different, so too are schools. That is why, at Sidcot, our approach, our ethos and values recognise that 'what matters' is providing an environment in which all children and young adults can flourish.

I hope you enjoy learning more about what we offer at Sidcot School through this prospectus. The best way to get a feel for what makes us different is to visit us in person, and so, if you have not already, I look forward to welcoming you to Sidcot and helping you see what truly matters to us and how you can become part of the Sidcot family.



James Jones
Head of Sidcot School





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About us

Founded in 1699, Sidcot is a thriving co-educational independent British boarding and day school situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty in Somerset close to Bristol and Bath.

In this setting, students can enjoy the best of both rural and city life: a peaceful environment in which to concentrate on their studies, and access to the cities for educational opportunities and weekend activities.

Sidcot, through its long and distinguished history, has always been an innovative school. It was one of the first co-educational schools in the UK. Today, it is part of the Ashoka Changemaker Schools network, who align around a shared vision of empowering children and young people to be socially minded leaders, encouraging a sense of purpose that enables them to drive positive change and effectively solve problems.



"Pupils show
kindness and
acceptance in
their interactions,
making a conscious
effort to include
one another."

Independent Schools Inspectorate Report



What makes a Quaker school different?

At Sidcot, our Quaker values of Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, and Sustainability are integral to Senior School life.

These values are not just words on a page; they form the beating heart of our school community. They provide a robust, guiding compass for how we treat one another, how we approach our academic studies and personal growth, and how we interact with the wider world.

We are proud to be an inclusive, diverse, and forward-thinking community, and we warmly welcome students of all faiths and none. Whatever a young person's background, they will find Sidcot Senior School to be a place where they are truly known, valued, and empowered to let their lives speak.

SIMPLICITY

We encourage our students to look beyond superficial pressures and focus on what truly matters; authentic relationships, intellectual curiosity, and meaningful action, finding balance and purpose in a fast-paced world.

PEACE

Across classrooms, boarding houses, and co-curricular activities, students engage in open dialogue, active listening, and thoughtful conflict resolution, taking responsibility for maintaining a harmonious and respectful environment.

INTEGRITY

We foster a culture of academic honesty, critical thinking, and deep self-reflection, empowering young adults to develop strong moral principles and to act with conviction in everything they say and do.

COMMUNITY

We celebrate individuality while championing global citizenship. Our students build a supportive, diverse, and caring community where independent thought is encouraged and every voice matters.

EQUALITY

We believe that every person is of unique and equal worth. Our students learn to actively challenge bias, respect profound differences, and treat everyone they meet with dignity, fairness, and mutual respect.

SUSTAINABILITY

Grounded in a deep respect for the natural world, our students take on leadership roles as thoughtful stewards of the Earth, taking practical responsibility for protecting our environment locally and globally.

By weaving these principles into our daily routines, academic curriculum, and co-curricular opportunities, we ensure that Sidcot students achieve more than just academic excellence; they grow into compassionate, resilient, and reflective young adults ready to make a positive difference in the world.





Peace and Global Studies

We aim to develop our students not just academically but also in their emotional intelligence and interpersonal skills, their social awareness and their sense of community.

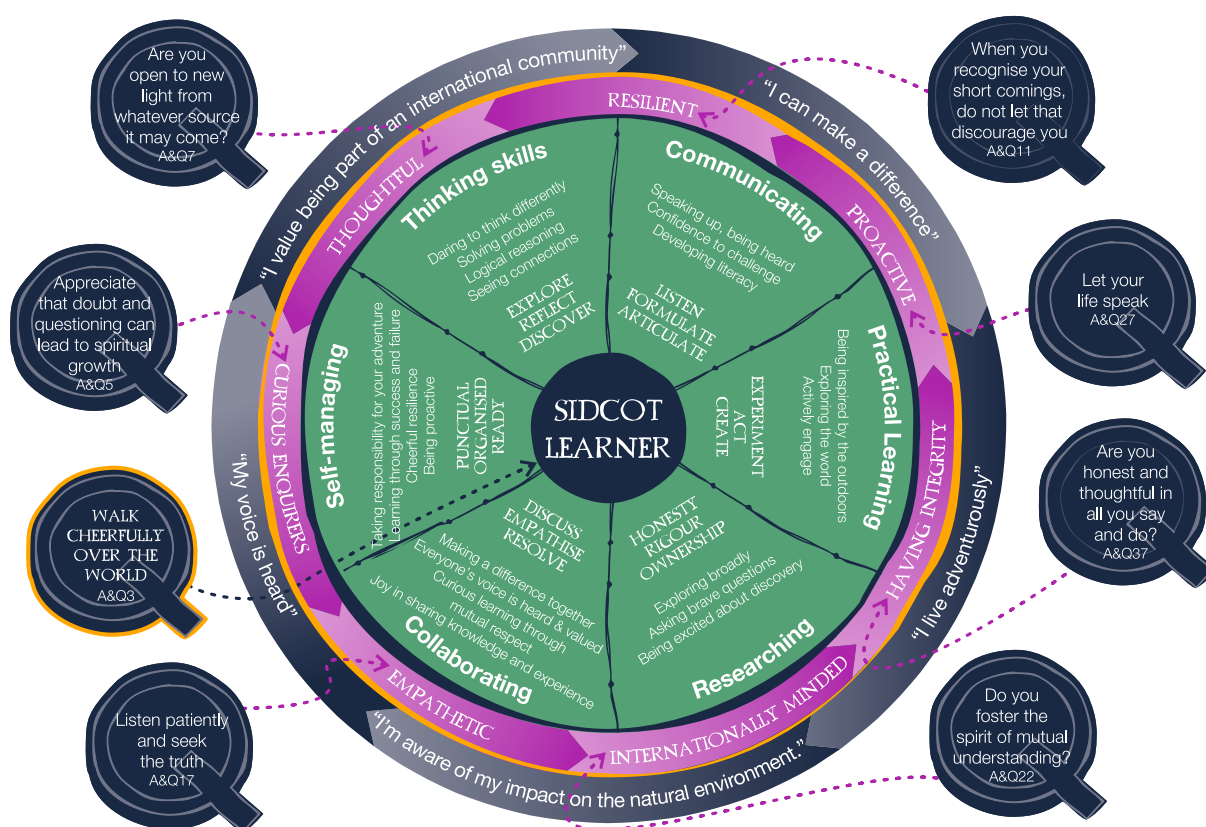
In a series of seminars called 'Let Your Life Speak', Quakers and non-Quakers speak about their life's journey. For young people it's a powerful experience to come face to face with individuals who have devoted their lives to making a positive change for the benefit of others. Every other year, the students organise a Festival of Peace to celebrate the power of making a difference.

The Sidcot Learning Wheel

At Sidcot our approach to learning is articulated by the Sidcot Learning Wheel. The Wheel is a tangible expression of the way the vision and values at Sidcot meet the learning of our students. It is a blueprint that identifies the personal qualities we develop and the teaching and learning strategies and support we provide.

Learning at Sidcot nurtures the individual as well as providing challenge and support to ensure each student achieves their very best. Some of the most important features included in the Wheel describe the desire to be 'internationally-minded' and 'making a difference'; our teachers plan an exciting curriculum around these goals, along with providing academic rigour; supportively, collaboratively and consistently. This ensures education at Sidcot produces effective, curious learners who have the emotional intelligence and employability skill-set to succeed in a multi-faceted and ever changing world.

In short, the Sidcot Wheel encompasses the vital ingredients that bind our community together.



A&Q: ADVICES AND QUERIES FROM QUAKER SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

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Senior School life

The Senior School includes students from the Third Form (Year 7) to the Upper Fifth (Year 11), welcoming boarding students from over 30 different countries from Year 7 onwards. These years are vital in a child's development, and our highly experienced and dedicated staff, experts in their subjects, provide high-quality education and support during these important years of their lives.

Third Form (Year 7)

It's the next step in your child's education journey after Junior School. We have curated a comprehensive transition programme to ensure the move from Junior to Senior School is as seamless and positive as possible. After students join us in Year 7, we prioritise creating a nurturing environment where they can learn and grow together, providing the care and attention they need at this crucial stage.

Fourth Form (Years 8 and 9)

It allows a period of consolidation following the settling-in period of Third Form. It's a time for further developing students' independent learning, empowering them to take control of their education and fostering a sense of confidence and self-reliance.

Fifth Form (Years 10 and 11)

It's exciting and sometimes daunting for students as they begin their GCSE studies in the Fifth Form, choosing from a broad range of subjects. However, our dedicated teaching staff are on hand to offer plenty of support every step of the way.

Scan the QR code below for reviews from students and parents.

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Entry points

Year 7 to Year 9

(age 11 to 13)

International

Day students

Joining Sidcot early provides an invaluable opportunity to explore a broad curriculum, allowing students to delve into diverse academic areas, fostering curiosity and helping them identify their strengths and interests well before they need to select their GCSE subjects.

Beyond academics, an early start facilitates the development of strong and lasting relationships with students and staff. This supportive environment encourages students to discover their passions, whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or through co-curricular activities.

For international students, joining Sidcot at this stage offers even more distinct advantages. It provides time for a smooth and effective transition to the UK education system, allowing them to acclimatise to new teaching methods, assessment styles, and the overall school culture. Early immersion also significantly helps them to improve their English skills, leading to greater fluency and confidence in all aspects of school life and beyond.



Our courses

Pre-GCSE Pathway

International

Specialist language course (entry age 12 - 14)

The Pre-GCSE Pathway programme is an EAL (English as an Additional Language) Foundation Course for international students.

It has been designed to offer younger international students a holistic pre-GCSE curriculum with a strong emphasis on English skills development, and provides excellent preparation for the GCSE course at Year 10 (14+) entry. Students will enjoy the advantages of being able to integrate with native English-speaking students for a large part of their timetable and within their boarding house, whilst still receiving intensive specialist language support.

Year 10 & 11

International

Two year course (entry age 14 / 15)

Day students

Education to GCSE level is required for students who want to study the IB Diploma or A Levels. Students take the core subjects plus up to four optional subjects, and additional lessons such as PE alongside their chosen curriculum.

Core subjects: English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, the Sciences (double or triple).

Options: Art, Business Studies, Computer Science, Leiths Level 2 Certificate in Culinary Skills, Design and Technology: Product Design and Textiles, Drama, Geography, History, Modern Languages (French, German, Spanish), Music, Physical Education, Religious Studies: Philosophy & Applied Ethics, English (as a second language).

Year 12 & 13 - Sixth Form

International

(entry age 16 / 17)

Day students

The Sixth Form aims to achieve academic excellence and give students support in applying to the very best universities in the world. We offer the choice of studying the IB Diploma, A Levels or BTECs in the Sixth Form (see page 18).

Year 11 pathway

International

One year (I)GCSE course (entry age 15 / 16)

This special one-year course gives international students an excellent preparation for entry into the Sixth Form.

To achieve up to six (I)GCSEs in a year, students will study in specialist classes with experienced teachers to help them achieve the best results. These classes are dedicated Year 11 Pathway lessons to ensure students receive the necessary intensive support to cover all the material in one year.

In order to encourage integration, all other activities and some subjects, including tutor groups and sport, are taken with the rest of Year 11. Year 11 Pathway students are required to wear School uniform.

When students arrive at Sidcot we assess them and place them in English and Maths classes according to ability. The number of (I)GCSEs that they take will depend on their academic ability, their level of English and their plans for the next stage.



Global Studies

Global Studies is a skills based course that prepares students for the kind of studying they will need to do to succeed in Sixth Form and on into higher education and beyond. The course is built around a number of three or four week projects. Students are given a title and will need to research the question, form their own ideas and thoughts and present this work in a suitable format. To support each project, there are a number of visits that take place on Wednesdays. During the visits, students will often complete handouts or take part in activities. They will also complete a diary about each trip.

Projects include: retail, slavery, conservation, the development of transportation, environmental issues.

This is an internal course and so there is no external exam or certificate. The aim of the course is to teach students time management, researching, opinion forming and presentation skills, all of which will be necessary in their future studies.

Subjects

(I)GCSE - English Language	or	(I)GCSE - English as a Second Language
(I)GCSE - Maths Extended	or	(I)GCSE - Maths Core

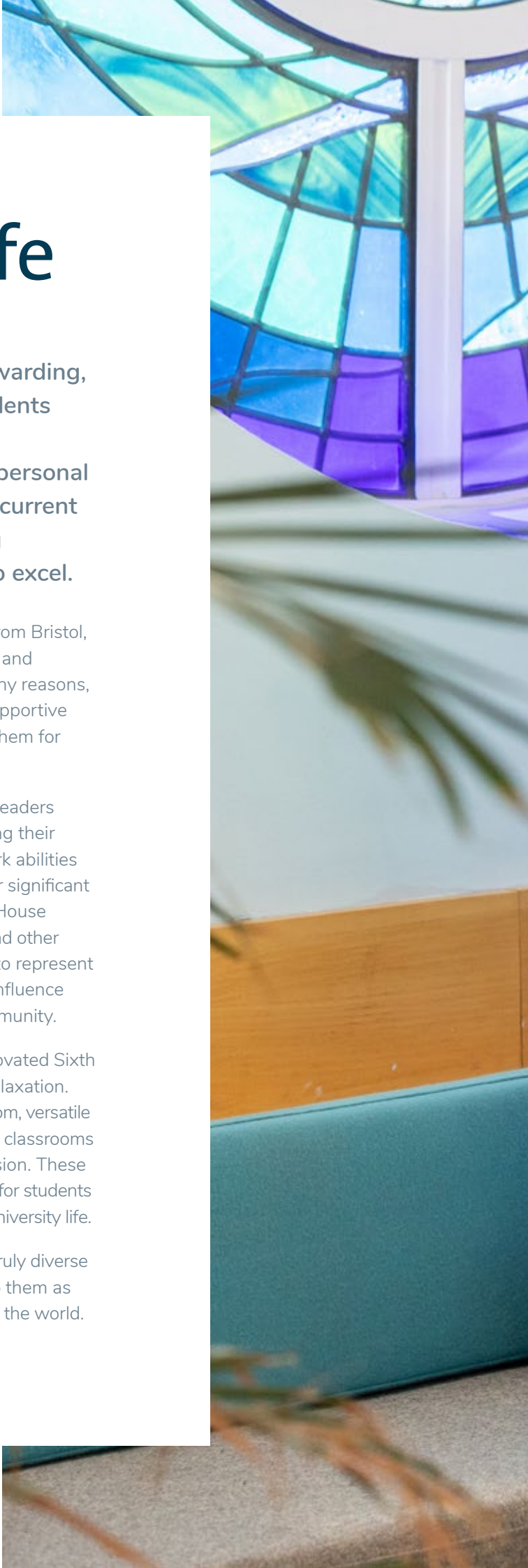
Options

(I)GCSE - Physics	or	(I)GCSE - History
(I)GCSE - Chemistry	or	(I)GCSE - Art
(I)GCSE - Biology	or	(I)GCSE - Business Studies

Enrichment

Global Studies Sidcot certified course
(I)GCSE In your own Language (If available)

* Places on History or Geography courses are subject to availability and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.



Sixth Form life

Sidcot's Sixth Form offers a dynamic, rewarding, and enjoyable experience, providing students with greater independence and ample opportunities to develop their skills and personal strengths. It's the ideal next step for our current Senior School students and a welcoming environment for new students seeking to excel.

Nestled among tranquil rolling hills, just a short drive from Bristol, our Sixth Form offers an ideal setting for both learning and personal development. Students choose Sidcot for many reasons, including our wide range of subject choices and the supportive yet independent environment that perfectly prepares them for university life.

At Sidcot, we believe our Sixth Form students are the leaders of tomorrow. That's why we're committed to developing their leadership, communication, organisation, and teamwork abilities through practical experience. Our students can apply for significant School leadership positions such as Heads of School, House Captains, Heads of House (Boarding), Quaker Elders, and other important roles. These crucial positions allow students to represent the student body, coordinate key events, and directly influence school practices, making a tangible impact on our community.

Our Sixth Form students thrive within the recently renovated Sixth Form Centre, their dedicated hub for both study and relaxation. This exceptional facility boasts a comfortable common room, versatile quiet and social study zones, and thoughtfully designed classrooms that actively encourage collaboration and lively discussion. These exclusive, Sixth Form-only areas provide an ideal setting for students to cultivate the independent learning skills essential for university life.

At Sidcot, students form lasting friendships, study in a truly diverse international community, and discover what matters to them as empowered young adults, ready to make a difference in the world.



A Level

International

Day students

A Level is a two year pre-university programme giving students the opportunity to specialise and study the subjects that lead them to their chosen degree at university. Students normally take three subjects, alongside the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

A Level subjects that Sidcot offers: Art and Design*, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Computing, Design and Technology, Drama and Theatre Studies, Economics, English Literature, French, Geography, German, History, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Music, Music Technology, Physics, Psychology, Spanish, Textiles.

*Art may include Fine Art, Ceramics and Photography

BTEC Level 3 Sport, Business, or Applied Science

The BTEC is the equivalent of two A Levels and is assessed through coursework and projects. It is taken alongside an additional A Level and can be a very good route to university. Students can study BTEC Level 3 Sport, Business or Applied Science.

Additional qualifications

We offer our A Level students the opportunity to undertake several additional courses that can both help to prepare them for university study and gain them additional credit for university applications.

A popular option for many of our students is the AQA Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This is a project designed to develop independent research and learning skills in a subject area of the student's choice.

Alongside the EPQ, students can also choose to study Leiths Professional Cookery and Core Maths or undertake qualifications such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, LAMDA Drama examinations, and Trinity Music examinations. These are optional qualifications and can be taken in addition to main subject choices, allowing students to broaden their skills and interests.

International Baccalaureate Diploma

International

Day students

The IB is a two year pre-university programme giving students the chance to study six subjects: three at higher level and three at standard level, with the organisation of subject choices ensuring that they maintain a breadth of study across English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Languages and Arts.

IB subjects at Sidcot

Group 1: Studies in Language and Literature (usually your native tongue)

Group 2: Language Acquisition (another modern language)

Group 3: Individuals and Society (Economics, Geography, History, Psychology)

Group 5: Mathematics

Group 6: The Arts

All courses are available subject to suitable student numbers.



Fulfilling potential

Our comprehensive academic enrichment programme offers students the chance to explore their favourite subjects, challenge themselves, and engage in an extensive range of opportunities.

Lead Learner Programme

Students can apply for the prestigious Lead Learner Programme in a maximum of two subjects, allowing them to delve deeper into their favourite subjects. They hold this esteemed post for one year and are ambassadors for their chosen subject. They participate in a variety of enriching activities, take part in external competitions, represent their subject in the Academic Enrichment Showcase, organise events to promote their subject to our wider school community, such as International Languages Week, and host an assembly showcasing their subject to other students.

Gifted and Talented

Teaching staff analyse data and assessments and select students who excel academically in a particular subject to join our Gifted and Talented programme. These students are provided with differentiated work in lessons to allow them to be stretched and challenged. They also have access to resources and further enrichment tasks related to their subject areas. They are encouraged to take a lead role in lessons by demonstrating, modelling and mentoring others.

Scholarship Programme

A Sidcot Scholarship is not just about celebrating and nurturing excellence; it's about sharing it. Our Scholarship students engage in tailored enrichment activities and extra support in their awarded subject. Supported by staff who are experts in their field, students are encouraged to challenge themselves and to achieve their very best. Enrichment activities vary from year to year, and we continually develop the programme to ensure our students have access to the best opportunities to reach their full potential.

Scan the QR code below to find out more information on our Scholarship Programme and details of how to apply.

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Futures

Helping students prepare for life after school is a priority at Sidcot.

We have a full-time independent futures advisor who works with Senior School students in groups and on a one-to-one basis to support long term choices and decision making. All students have access to impartial careers and educational guidance and the latest careers and Higher Education resources.

External speakers are regularly invited to Sidcot to offer students the benefit of their experience and extensive support is provided to students applying to UK universities, for apprenticeships, internships, gap years, and overseas universities.

Members of the School community are invited to join Sidcotians Connect – a networking database that enables current and former students, staff and parents to seek mentoring, work placements and internships.



Pastoral care

At Sidcot, we take pride in the support and care we provide for our students.

At the heart of our approach is a clear and comprehensive structure for ensuring student support and overseeing their wellbeing. This includes an experienced pastoral team, a dedicated Wellbeing Hub (Rose Cottage) with on-site counsellors, house staff for boarding students, and our experienced tutors and Heads of Years.

Our robust PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) programme educates students on maintaining their wellbeing and navigating challenging situations and topics. We frequently invite guest speakers to discuss important issues with our students and run a series of interesting evening sessions for parents around a range of topics, to support them if they navigate these challenges with their children.

“Leaders promote mutual respect and wellbeing through sharing Quaker values and weekly reflection. Behaviour policies emphasise reflection over punishment, with an effective anti-bullying approach fostering a supportive environment.”

ISI Report, March 2025



Co-curricular activities

Academic achievement is an important part of any student's education, but so too are enriching experiences and emotional development. Sidcot School believes that what matters most to our students is not just what happens in the classroom, but what happens outside of it.

This is why we offer 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 and top-class facilities for sport, arts, crafts, and environmental studies. With a diverse range of options, students can explore their passions, develop existing interests, and discover completely new ones.

A sample of the activities we offer across the Senior School and Sixth Form includes:

- Rock band
- Music technology club
- Maths cafe
- Model United Nations
- Debating club
- Python coding club
- Ceramics club
- Drama club
- Laser cutting club
- Multi-Gym
- Lifesaving
- Splash and dash (Triathlon training)
- Rounders club
- Q Space: Quaker Elders & Quaker Reps
- Eco Changemakers
- Adventure club: Archery, Caving, and onsite activities
- African Caribbean Society
- Pride group
- Chess club
- Slavic and Eastern European Society
- Agape - Exploring Christianity

By weaving these opportunities into daily life we ensure that Sidcot students achieve more than just academic success; they grow into well-rounded, resilient, and independent young adults equipped for the wider world.

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PASS (Programme of Activities for Sidcot Students); a wonderful co-curricular programme based on our key themes of Living Adventurously, living out our Quaker values, being an Ashoka Changemaker school and providing opportunities to develop leadership skills and team building.

PASS takes place every Thursday afternoon for students in Year 7 - 11. Students choose from over 40 activities each term, which they can book through SchoolsBuddy. The activities on offer are varied, engaging, and are divided into four categories: Live Adventurously, Team and Leadership, Quaker, Peace and Global, and Health and Wellbeing.

PASS activities may include bouldering, bake off, creative writing, Lego robotics, snowsports, kayaking, yoga, and skateboarding.

Sixth Form games

Our Sixth Form Games programme for Years 12 and 13 promotes a healthy lifestyle through collaborative and competitive sport with their peers. This takes place alongside PASS on Thursday afternoons, allowing Sixth Formers to access many exciting sporting elements of our whole school PASS programme in addition to a wide range of Sixth Form Games activities.

Activities may include:

- Bouldering
- Golf
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Horse riding
- Gym & nutrition
- Running club
- Yoga





Creative arts

Arts are a very popular choice with students at Sidcot, with numerous creative opportunities spanning the Art, Music, Technology and Drama departments.

In Art and Technology, students are exposed to a wide range of disciplines and techniques from day one, as they participate in a carousel of lessons exploring Fine Art, Photography, Textiles, Ceramics, and Design Technology. There is an extensive range of co-curricular opportunities within Art for students to explore a specific discipline in more detail or learn something new, as well as trips to art galleries and exhibitions.

In Music, students learn about different genres and instruments, and delve into the digital side of music production by utilising our recording studio and digital music suite. They can also pursue a specific instrument through 1:1 music lessons with our experienced team of peripatetic music teachers, and join any of our varied choirs, singing groups, and bands, which perform regularly throughout the year.

The Drama department provides a creative centre for students to learn about the theatre, build confidence, and encourages teamwork and collaboration through imaginative work and performance. Students explore different theatrical styles, create their own scripts, and participate in performances. Outside of the drama studio, a wide range of trips, plays, and opportunities for LAMDA lessons are on offer, all designed to enhance students' learning. Sidcot's award-winning travelling theatre company - Hurly Burly - performs regularly, in inspiring locations such as New York and the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

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Sports

At Sidcot, we are proud of our 'Sport for All' ethos, providing engaging and varied sporting activities and lessons for all ability levels and interests.

Physical Education

Our dedicated Physical Education department, consisting of highly experienced staff, provides a broad and balanced programme of activities for all students, aiming to develop them physically, emotionally, socially, and cognitively.

Competitive Sport

Throughout the year, our students participate in a comprehensive programme of competitive inter-school matches across a variety of sports, including Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Football, Basketball, Tennis, Cricket, and Athletics. While we encourage a competitive spirit and a drive to succeed, we also emphasise the importance of teamwork, personal growth, and the sheer enjoyment of the game, regardless of the final score.

Co-Curricular Sport

Beyond the classroom, we offer a wide variety of activities designed to get students moving and engaged. Our program includes team practices and clubs for all major sports, as well as the chance for personalised improvement with one-on-one tennis coaching. Students can also make use of our 25m indoor swimming pool. Older students, from Year 10 and up, can make use of the newly refurbished fitness gym and studio, which are open every day after school.

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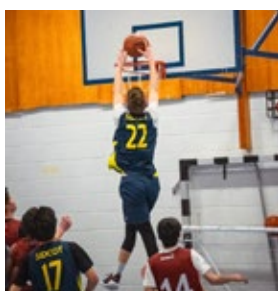
Specialist coaching



Equestrian

The Equestrian Centre offers a rare combination – a school livery yard in the heart of a thriving coed day and boarding school. For students who already ride, or who want to learn, Sidcot is a popular choice with fantastic facilities, coaching for all experience levels, and competition opportunities throughout the year.

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Basketball

New for 2026, 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.

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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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Outdoor learning

With our own dedicated Forest School area and 150 acres of countryside, we provide students with abundant opportunities for immersive outdoor learning. Lessons are conducted in our outdoor spaces and facilities, and we offer a variety of co-curricular activities, including archery and bushcraft skills.

From an early age, Sidcot students are encouraged to connect with nature, fostering an appreciation for the environment. In the Senior School, students learn essential bushcraft skills, engage in orienteering exercises, and grow fruits and vegetables in the School allotment. After school, students can "live adventurously" by participating in a wide range of co-curricular activities, such as caving and climbing, with many also taking part in the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Trips

At Sidcot, learning extends far beyond the classroom, enriched year-round by an inspiring programme of trips and residential visits tailored to every subject.

Whether students are exploring British culture in London or St Ives, diving into art, theatre, and history on international excursions to New York, or experiencing the vibrant landscapes of France, Spain, and Italy, these journeys truly bring the curriculum to life. By immersing young people in new environments, we help them connect academic theory to the wider world, deepening their understanding and sparking a lifelong passion for discovery.

True to our ethos of "living adventurously," we also build in transformative trips and events focused on personal growth and pastoral care. From outdoor adventure camps, ski trips, and activity weeks to celebratory proms, students gain crucial life experience, whether that's stepping outside of their comfort zone, building lifelong memories with friends, or enjoying these unforgettable experiences as a well-deserved reward for working hard to achieve their best within the classroom.





Boarding

Sidcot offers a truly exceptional boarding experience, welcoming students from Year 7 to Sixth Form into a friendly, vibrant international community. We provide a nurturing, family environment where every student feels valued, cared for, and secure, whether they join us for five years, two terms, or on a weekly basis.

Our dedicated boarding staff are committed to ensuring a fully immersive and enjoyable boarding experience. They excel at helping international students adjust to life in a British boarding school, fostering an atmosphere where students can thrive academically and personally.

Our four recently renovated boarding houses are nestled within our idyllic 150-acre campus. Each house boasts a relaxing common room, a student kitchen, and spacious bedroom facilities, providing comfortable and modern living spaces for all students.

Boarding is a valuable and enriching experience for both international and local students. We offer flexi and weekly boarding options for day students, providing a fantastic solution for busy families and those that live a fair distance from the School. Weekly boarding enables day students to enjoy the many benefits of boarding life, spend time with their friends in the evenings, and participate in evening activities without having to travel home.

Sidcot's boarding students enjoy an extensive range of evening and weekend activities. These opportunities allow students to pursue their passions, develop new hobbies, and explore local landmarks, cities, and attractions, enriching their time outside of academics. More details on our activities are available via the QR code below.

NO EXEATS

At Sidcot, we do not have lessons on Saturdays or exeat weekends, instead our boarding students participate in a wide range of weekend activities and trips. We have a two week half term holiday in the Autumn term, and one week half term holidays in the Spring and Summer terms. The School is closed during half term and school holidays, and students return home to enjoy time with their families or stay with their guardians.

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Food

Students at Sidcot enjoy a wide variety of tastes and flavours from around the world and parents can relax knowing there are plenty of fresh and healthy options available at all meal times. The light and spacious Refectory ensures a pleasurable dining experience on every occasion.

The School provides three meals per day during term time. There is a wide choice of dishes at main meals, including a vegetarian option. Provision is also made for special dietary, medical or religious needs. Students can also enjoy our theatre kitchens where food is freshly cooked to order, including a jacket potato bar, fresh omelette bar, and 'kitchen@Sidcot' where delicious street food inspired dishes are available Monday to Wednesday.

During the School day, fresh fruit and snacks are served in the Refectory at break times and boarding students have access to kitchens in the boarding houses at certain times where they can help themselves to snacks (bread, spreads, cereals, milk and fruit) and drinks which are provided by the School. The Hub, Sidcot's coffee shop, serves hot drinks and a range of healthy snacks and sweet treats throughout the School day.







School routine

Items in bold apply to day and boarding students, all other items apply to boarding students only. Roll call/Registration is compulsory.

Monday to Friday

07:30 – 08:00	Breakfast
08:00	Back to House to get ready for school
08:25	Leave the House for School
08:30 – 08:45	Registration/ Tutor time
08:45	Lessons begin
Mon & Fri, 08:30 – 08:55	Registration/PSHE
Mon & Fri, 08:55 – 09:30	Meeting for Worship/Assembly, followed by lessons
11:15	Break time
11:35	Lessons
13:05 – 14:05	Lunch
13:15 – 13:50	House opens
14:05	Lessons (13:55 Thursday)
15:50 – 16:50	House opens
16:00 – 17:00	Activities/Prep
17:00 – 18:00	Activities/Prep
17:35 – 17:55	Evening meal
18:30	Roll call/Registration & House meeting
18:45 – 19:45	Quiet time/Study time

Saturday

09:00 – 09:30	Breakfast
10:50	Roll call
10:55	Leave House for activities (House closes)
11:00 – 12:30	Activities - Sidcot Saturday
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch
13:00 – 17:30	House opens – Organised activities/Free time
17:30 – 18:00	Evening meal
18:00	House opens
18:30	Roll call
19:00	Activities/Free time

Sunday

10:50	Roll call
11:00 – 11:30	Brunch (House closes)
11:30	House opens
11:30	Activities/Free time
17:30	House closes
17:30 – 18:00	Evening meal
18:00	House opens
18:30	Roll call
19:00	Organised activities/Free time

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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TOUR OF THE SCHOOL





The application process

From enquiry to application, our Admissions Team is happy to help you discover whether Sidcot is the right place for your child. The following steps outline our application process, though the order may vary according to individual circumstances.

Apply

Complete the application form and return with the registration fee, along with your child's most recent school report and a copy of their passport or birth certificate. If your child requires learning support, please also supply the relevant reports about their specific needs - for example, an Educational Psychologist report, or IEP (Individual Education Plan).

Taster days

Taster Days are available for entry into Years 8, 9, 10, and 12. A Taster Day gives your child a chance to have a good look round the School and meet some prospective classmates and teachers. For those students joining in Year 7, we hold a Taster Evening in November.

Interview

James Jones, Head, likes to meet all students who are thinking of coming to Sidcot School, where possible, to discuss their motivation for applying, their subject interests and what they can bring to the School. Students will also have an interview with a senior member of staff to help us get to know them. In some cases this can take place before application.

Assessment

All applicants for the Senior School will sit online verbal and non-verbal reasoning papers. These form part of our entry process and help determine which teaching group a student will enter. A date can be arranged to suit you during the application process.

Offer

As soon as possible after the interview and assessments, we will be in touch to let you know whether a place is offered.

Acceptance

To accept the place, read the Parent Contract and complete, sign, and return the Acceptance Form with the deposit and completed Medical Card. Shortly afterwards, we'll email our joining instructions, which include all the practical details you will need. International boarders will also need to complete a guardianship form.





Fees

Senior School day fee

The Senior School day fee includes tuition, lunch (billed separately), supper (if your child stays on for activities and prep after school), and most co-curricular activities (except individual specialist tuition and certain specialist activities).

Boarding School fees

For those students who will be boarding with us at Sidcot School, our boarding school fees include all of the above, as well as:

- Full board
- Laundry
- Healthcare
- Most co-curricular activities

Our boarding school fees do not include co-curricular activities that require individual specialist tuition.

Flexi boarding and weekly boarding are offered to Senior day students, subject to availability. Prices and details are available on request.

For the most up-to-date information on Sidcot School fees, please scan the QR code below.

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Location and transport

Sidcot is in the South West of England, only 15 miles from the city of Bristol, ideally located for both day and international students.

On the edge of the village of Winscombe, Sidcot benefits from being situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty, set within the stunning Somerset countryside, whilst being within easy access of the two major cultural centres of Bristol and Bath. The coast at Weston-super-Mare is only 8 miles away.

For our international students, Bristol International Airport is only a 15 minute taxi transfer away. London Heathrow Airport is approximately 2 hours away and a School coach provides drop-off and pick-up services at the beginning and end of every half-term.

For day students, we are conveniently located near the M5 and we offer a range of school bus routes across Bristol and Somerset. Details of our routes can be found by scanning the QR code.

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An invitation to visit

Now you've heard a little about Sidcot School, come along and see it for yourself.

Wander round the grounds and the buildings, meet the staff and pupils, sit in on a lesson. Most importantly, be curious. Ask us as many questions as you can. We're very proud of our School and are always happy to talk about what life is like here.

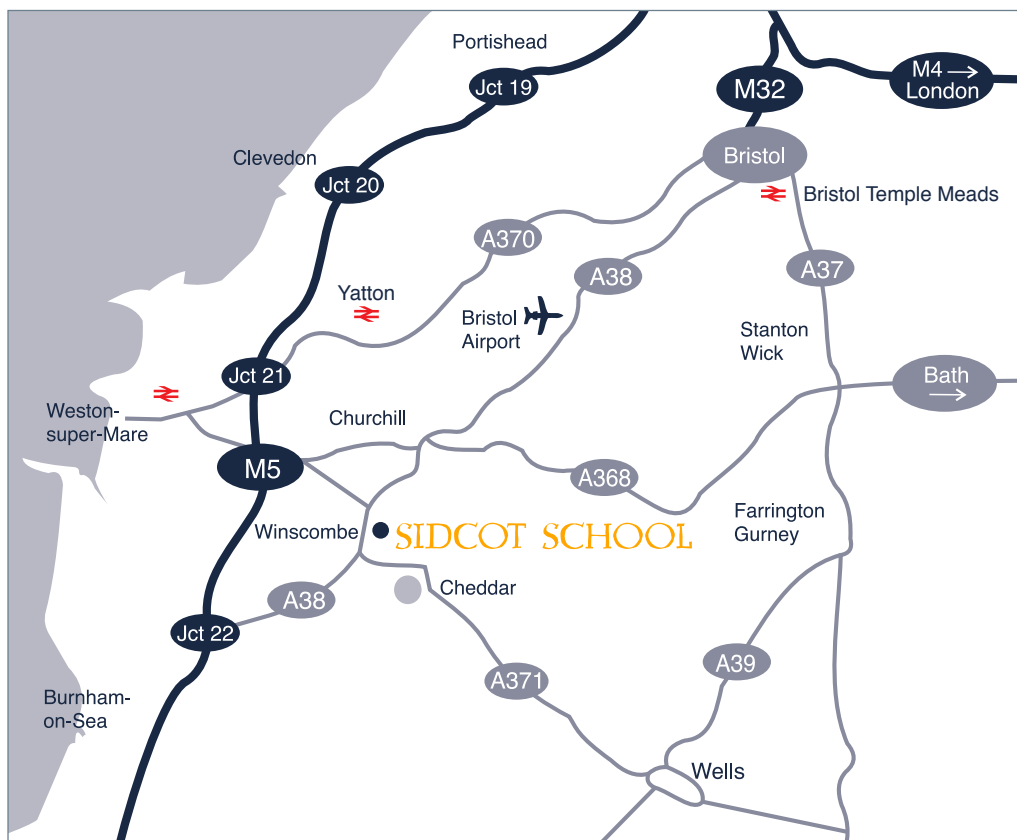
For details of our curriculum and lots more information, visit our website sidcot.org.uk.

Even better, come and see us!

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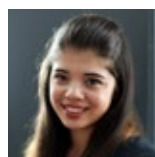
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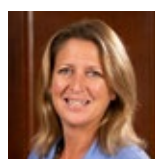
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