

One year
(I)GCSE
Programme

Year 11 Pathway

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Live Adventurously

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

This special one-year programme provides international students with excellent preparation for entry into 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.

To help students integrate into School life, all other activities and some subjects, including tutor groups and sport, are shared with all Year 11 students. Year 11 Pathway students are required to wear Sidcot School uniform.

On arrival at Sidcot, students are assessed and placed into English and Mathematics classes according to their ability. The number of (I)GCSE subjects studied will depend on each student's academic ability, level of English, and plans for their next stage of education.

Year 11 Pathway offers international students an excellent introduction to the UK education system. This intensive one-year course enables students to study for up to six (I)GCSE qualifications while preparing for progression to either A Levels or the IB Programme.

The course also places a strong emphasis on developing English language skills where needed, alongside the academic challenge of completing two years of study within a single year.

Alongside this are experiences that broaden students' appreciation of the world and introduce them to new ways of thinking and learning, giving them lifelong memories to take on their ongoing educational journey.

Please contact me for any further information and I look forward to meeting you if you are able to visit.



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The Pathway

The syllabus

Students, in collaboration with the School, will choose which (i)GCSEs from the following options are best suited to their abilities and future pathways:

COMPULSORY

GCSE English Language	OR	IGCSE English as a Second Language
IGCSE Maths Higher	OR	IGCSE Maths Standard

OPTIONS

GCSE Physics	OR	GCSE History
GCSE Chemistry	OR	GCSE Art
GCSE Biology	OR	GCSE Business Studies

ENRICHMENT

Global Studies Sidcot Certified Course IGCSE In your own Language (if available)
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Global studies

Global Studies helps students build the study and research skills they will need for Sixth Form and higher education. The course is based on projects lasting three to four weeks. For each project, students are given a topic to research, develop their own ideas about, and present in an appropriate format.

Students also take part in educational visits to museums and places of interest on Wednesdays to support their projects. During these visits, they may complete activities or worksheets and will write a trip diary for each visit.

Projects include topics such as retail, slavery, conservation, the development of transportation, and environmental issues, reflecting the School's values.

Global Studies is an internally assessed course and does not include an external examination or qualification. Instead, its purpose is to teach students essential academic and transferable skills, including time management, research techniques, critical thinking and presentation skills — all of which are invaluable for future study and beyond.



Boarding

Our boarding houses provide a welcoming, well-equipped, and vibrant environment designed for students stepping into greater independence.

Moving into Year 11 means you are treated with growing maturity: your voice is listened to more, and you are given the space to manage your own routine while still having a reliable safety net. Matrons and house staff understand the unique balance of this stage; knowing when to step back and let you grow, and when to step in with a listening ear, guidance, and a comforting home-from-home atmosphere at the end of a busy day.

As you settle in, you will benefit from the friendly guidance and support of older Sixth Form students who help you feel right at home. In turn, as your own confidence grows, you will have the chance to pay that forward, acting as a role model and mentor to younger boarders. Through shared house activities, entertainment, and everyday community life, you'll find plenty of opportunities to build strong friendships and enjoy a balanced, rewarding boarding experience.



TOUR OUR BOARDING HOUSES 

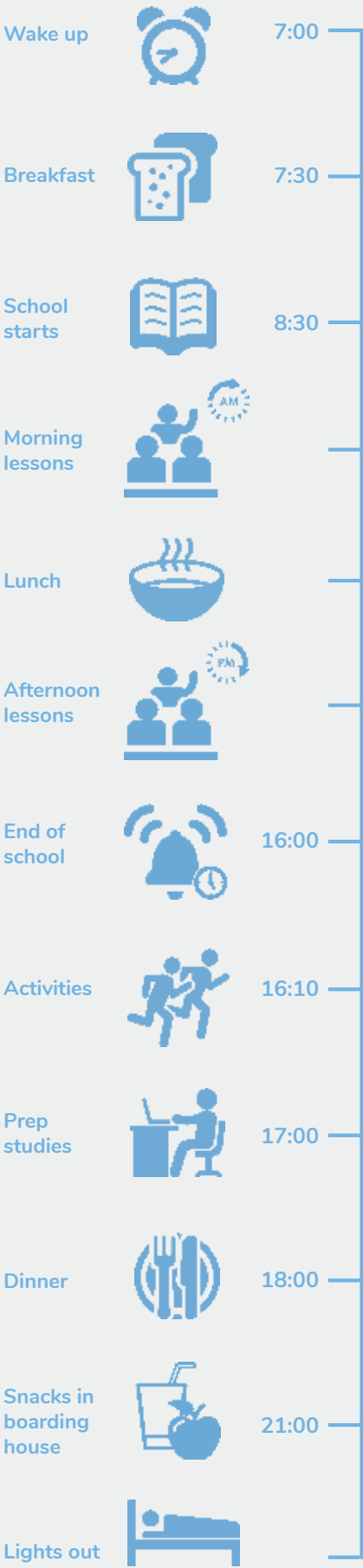


At weekends, there are many different trips, outdoor activities, clubs and social events which ensure that friendships can be further developed outside the classroom.

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.

BOARDERS' TYPICAL DAILY TIME LINE



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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MORE ABOUT...

BOARDING
ACTIVITIES



CO-CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES



Testimonials

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

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Lily | Japan | Year 11 Pathway

I came to Sidcot for one year and had many wonderful experiences here. Firstly, I made lots of international friends because students come from all over the world. Also, I learned about different cultures and shared my culture with them. Secondly, I had opportunities from many fantastic teachers.

In my history and business classes, my teachers helped me when I couldn't understand difficult words and topics. My art teacher respected my work so much, it gave me a lot of confidence in making different objects.

I studied at Sidcot for only one year, but what I learned will stay with me forever. I appreciate my teachers and friends from Sidcot School a lot.

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Doruk | Turkey | Year 12

I'm really happy with my GCSE results and proud of the progress I've made over the past two years.

Studying abroad has sometimes been challenging, especially in subjects that involve a lot of writing, such as History and English Language, but with consistent effort and support from my teachers, I overcame those difficulties and achieved some of my strongest grades in those subjects.

One thing I learned during my GCSEs is that studying smart is often more important than simply studying for long hours. I always tried to balance school work with the things I enjoy outside the classroom.

Throughout my studies, I regularly played tennis, basketball, and football, went to the gym, and continued spending time on music. Those activities helped me clear my mind, stay motivated, and return to my work with more focus. I think giving yourself time for your hobbies is just as important as working hard academically.

I'm now looking forward to Sixth Form, where I'm planning to study Maths, Economics, and Music Technology at A Level, and I'm excited to continue developing both academically and through the interests I enjoy outside of lessons.

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Silvija | Lithuania | Year 11

My time at Sidcot School is very memorable and positive. Living at school helped me become more independent and make strong friendships with people from different countries.

The teachers and staff support everyone and are always there when you need them, so it feels like a second home here, where everyone cares about each other, there is always someone to turn to when there is a problem, and there is always someone to support. All teachers want the best for all students, so they encourage the best results in all lessons. All lessons are full of discussion and opportunities to express your thoughts.

Sidcot School has excellent facilities and activities, from sports and arts to quiet learning spaces. There are all kinds of activities after school, so there is never a dull moment. This school has a warm and friendly atmosphere, and I always feel supported, encouraged to try new things and improve both academically and personally.

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Nature | Thailand | Year 12

My name is Nature, and I am currently in Year 12. Right now, I am studying A Levels, taking Chemistry, Physics, Biology, and Mathematics. I have been studying here for about one year so far.

When I first arrived here, I felt that I needed some time to adjust because it was a completely new and unfamiliar environment. I had to adapt to a new society, make new friends, and adjust to many aspects of life. Living here has made me feel more responsible and independent, whether it is doing household chores, managing my expenses, or organising my time effectively.

In terms of language development, I still feel that I need to keep improving my English. Being here is a great opportunity for me to make the most of my time studying and gain as much experience and knowledge as possible. During the first few weeks, I found it difficult to keep up with what people were saying, but over time my listening skills have gradually improved. I also continue to study English to further develop my language abilities.

There are quite a lot of activities available here. After school, students can take part in various activities that interest them, such as football, horse riding, and golf. On Saturdays, there are also activities where students can explore and participate in things they are interested in. These opportunities keep me engaged and ensure that I am never bored. They also allow me to relax and unwind after a full day of classes.

The thing I enjoy most here is playing football after school because it allows me to exercise while doing something that I genuinely love.

The benefits of Year 11 Pathway

- Pathway students are fully settled when starting their Sixth Form studies – a year in Pathway allows students to get to know our campus and teachers, and to feel at home at Sidcot, giving them the best foundation for A Levels or IB.
- Through dedicated lessons, Pathway students are fully supported throughout the entire (I)GCSE course, rather than being placed directly into Year 11 classes after missing a full year of teaching.
- It encourages students to become confident, independent learners, with the Global Studies programme focusing on the development of learning skills as well as subject knowledge.
- It allows students to meet and become friends with many other nationalities – Pathway students come from all over the world bringing their own ideas and cultures which are shared with each other and our UK students.
- Pathway guides students to the best Sixth Form choice for them – over the course of the year our specialist teachers and Head of Futures give advice about courses available in Sixth Form and beyond.



Programme costs

Annual fees

£56,286 (Non-Visa) | £57,456 (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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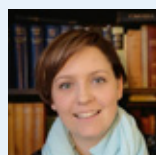


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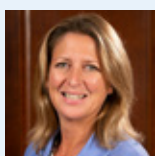
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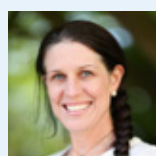
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KEY

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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