

Sidcot School Key Information for International Students

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What matters at Sidcot when educating children for the future...

- **What kind of intelligence and skills will students need to flourish?**
- **How can students make a positive contribution to society beyond school?**
- **How can we help them to become the leaders of tomorrow?**

Whilst we are justifiably proud of our students' academic record, we are equally proud of their social skills, their emotional intelligence, their resilience and their determination to make a difference in the world.

It's no surprise that these personal qualities go together with academic excellence. It's our experience that curiosity and the confidence to enquire fearlessly – to live adventurously, as our Quaker philosophy puts it – lead children to be better motivated and more at ease with themselves as thinkers and learners.

Academic skills will certainly continue to be important and, for the foreseeable future, exams will remain the standard measure of achievement. We proudly provide the highest quality support for our pupils' academic ambitions, whilst helping them develop their emotional intelligence and the skills they will need for their futures.

That's why we keep the curriculum as broad as possible for as long as possible. Our pupils understand that education is about expanding possibilities and discovering potential, not just passing tests.

I hope you enjoy finding out more about how we live and learn at Sidcot. We would welcome students to come and experience a taste of Sidcot and find out what makes us so distinctive.



James Jones
Head of Sidcot School

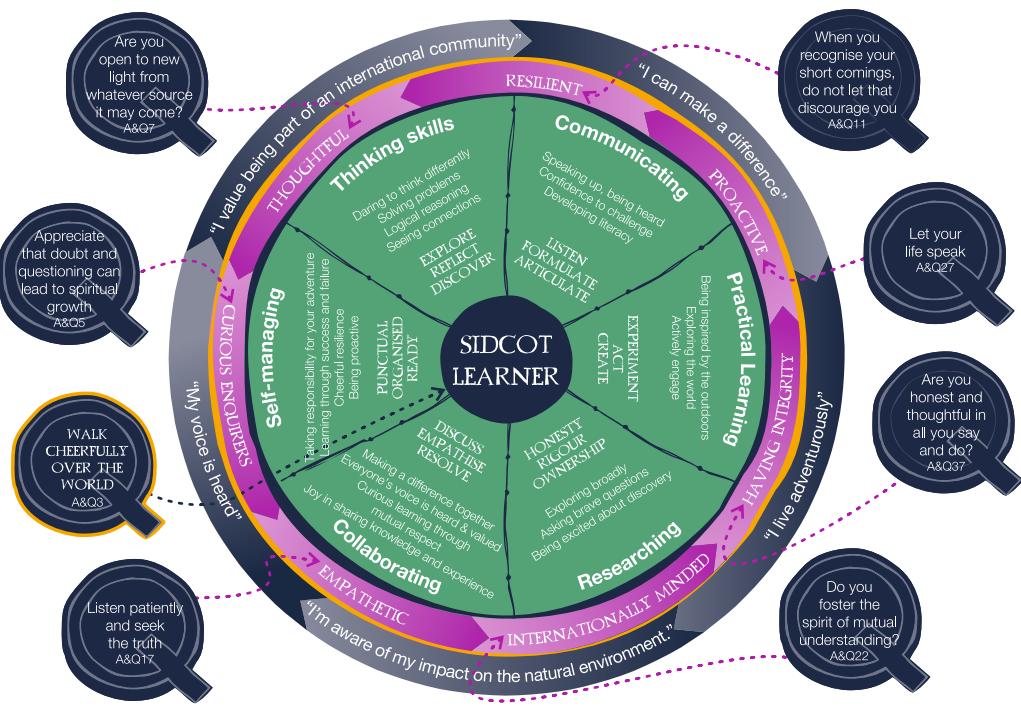


At a glance

Age range of boarders:	11 to 18	Educational programmes:	Long/short term boarding from Year 7 Pre-GCSE Pathway (Specialist English Language Course) Year 11 Pathway (one year GCSE programme) Two year GCSE course International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) A Levels BTEC Sport and BTEC Business
Total number of students:	620 Percentage of international pupils 24% 139 students in Sixth Form		
Number of boarders:	115		
Fees:	Visit sidcot.org.uk/admissions/fees	Outstanding reputation:	Creative Arts, Maths and Science
Religion:	Quaker. We accept students and staff of all faiths and none.	Extras:	Onsite Equestrian Centre and top class equestrian team competing at national level. Centre for Peace and Global Studies.
Setting:	Rural	Nearest airport:	Bristol – 7 miles
Nearest cities:	Bristol and Bath	Nearest railway station:	Yatton – 8 miles and Bristol Temple Meads – 20 miles
Travel time to London:	2 hours by train		

The Sidcot Learning Wheel

Sidcot's approach to teaching encourages individual thought and exploration, whilst making sure all students have the support they need to grow as individuals with their full range of talents recognised and celebrated.



The Sidcot Learning Wheel below links our values to the teaching and learning that goes on throughout the School, everyday. The **Centre for Peace and Global Studies** develops this approach further. Students are encouraged to explore broader issues with a global perspective and to express their values in action.

With an emphasis on outdoor activity and a full extra-curricular programme, all students are encouraged to take part in many outdoor pursuits, including riding. We are fortunate to have our own **Equestrian Centre** within the school campus and the benefit of a beautiful 160 acre rural setting offering a range of inspirational learning spaces.

Student success 2025

This information gives an indication of how the School has performed in external examinations.

GCSE

9 to 7 (A* to A) 29% | 9 to 4 (A* to C) 89%

- 72% of grades were grade 5 and above
- In all metrics, Sidcot achieved significantly higher than the national average

YEAR 13 RESULTS

Across the entire range of courses undertaken by our Year 13 cohort, including A Levels, BTEC, and IB, grades achieved were equivalent to:

A* to A 31.5% | A* to C 75%

- The combined Value Added for A Level and BTEC was 0.64. This means, on average, students achieved an additional half a grade higher than predicted

International Baccalaureate Diploma

- 100% of students passed the IB Diploma
- Top score of 43 out of a possible 45 in the IB
- Sidcot continues to significantly overachieve the world average of 30.6 in the IB

A Level

- A Level top performer achieved A*, A*, A, A
- One student accepted a place at the University of Cambridge
- Two students accepted places to study Medicine

L3 BTEC Business & Sport

- BTEC top performer achieved a Distinction*, Distinction

Extended Project Qualifications (EPQ)

A* to A 57% | A* to C 86%

The EPQ, or Extended Project Qualification, offers students the opportunity to produce a project on a topic of their choice and provides the equivalent of half an A Level. Each student will embark on a largely self-directed and self-motivated project taking responsibility for choosing a topic, planning, researching and developing their ideas into a finished product.

SIXTH FORM LEAVERS

Our Upper Sixth students took a wide variation in routes for their next steps – evidence that our students have been brave and bold in following their own personal dreams and the breadth of our careers support.

95%

of UK applicants secured places at their preferred university or institution



PASS (Programme of Activities for Sidcot Students)

The Programme of Activities for Sidcot Students (PASS) has been designed to provide all students throughout the School with an exciting opportunity to live adventurously, to live out the School's core values, to play an active part in our Ashoka Changemaker School, to develop leadership skills and become excellent team players.

The programme has been designed to be fun and active, which will help boost the health and wellbeing of our students. It will enable them to be happy, positive individuals and equip them with the skills and attitude to be able to thrive at School and enjoy their learning experience.

The students have the opportunity to opt into a range of activities on Thursday afternoons throughout the school year alongside their peers across the Whole School. The vertical nature of this programme (Third Form to Sixth Form) promotes the Sidcot community spirit throughout, allowing them to live, learn and grow alongside one another in a supportive environment.



Equestrian

Sidcot has a thriving Equestrian Centre in the heart of the school. Our Equestrian team compete at the highest level, winning top places in national competitions.



For students interested in learning to ride but who don't have their own horse or haven't ridden before, we offer a full riding programme on our school horses or at a local equestrian yard.

Boarders can benefit from our full livery service and bring their own horse to Sidcot, riding on-site with coaching from our highly qualified team of trainers.

Sidcot Equestrian is affiliated with both the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) and British Showjumping Just for Schools (BSJFS), where we have been incredibly competitive at both regional and national levels.

Some of our successes include:

- 2022 National Showjumping Champions
- 2021 National Jumping with Style Champions
- 2019 & 2018: BS Just for Schools National Champions

	SUBJECTS OFFERED	LEVEL*
1	English A Literature	Standard, Higher
	German A Language & Literature	Standard, Higher
	Italian A Literature	Standard, Higher
	German B	Standard, Higher
	French B	Standard, Higher
2	Spanish B	Standard, Higher
	Spanish ab initio	Standard (Beginners)
	Italian ab initio	Standard (Beginners)
	Economics	Standard, Higher
	History	Standard, Higher
3	Geography	Standard, Higher
	Psychology	Standard, Higher
	Biology	Standard, Higher
4	Chemistry	Standard, Higher
	Physics	Standard, Higher
5	Maths - Applications & Interpretations	Standard, Higher
	Visual Arts	Standard, Higher
6	Music	Standard, Higher
	Theatre Studies	Standard, Higher

In addition to their six selected subjects, students will also take part in; Theory of Knowledge, Extended Essay and Creativity, Activity and Service.

Year 12 BTEC

Alongside A Levels, BTEC Nationals are the most widely recognised qualification for admission to Higher Education in the UK.

At Sidcot students can choose from BTEC qualifications in Business and Sport. BTECs are career-based qualifications designed to give students the practical skills and specialist knowledge they need to progress along their chosen learning and career path.

Leiths Extended Certificate in Professional Cookery

This course is designed for students aiming for a career in the food industry who want to develop the knowledge and skills required for a wide range of careers as well as a lifetime love of cooking good food. This qualification is accredited by the Confederation of Tourism and Hospitality and is a hands-on practical cookery qualification normally taken alongside three A Levels.

YEAR 10 Two Year GCSE Course Ages 14 to 15



Y11 PATHWAY
Ages 15 to 16



Year 10 & 11

In Year 10 students begin the two year GCSE programme. Sidcot students can choose from the following subjects:

- English Language & Literature*
- Mathematics*
- The Sciences*
 - Art
 - Art - Photography
 - Business Studies
 - Computer Science
 - Design Technology
 - Drama
 - Food Preparation & Nutrition
- Geography
- History
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Religious Studies, Philosophy & Applied Ethics
- Textiles (Art & Design)
- English (as a second language)
- EAL (English as an Additional Language)
- BTEC Tech Award in Sport

Alongside their elected subjects students will also take part in PE & Games lessons, PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education) and a vast array of extra-curricular activities.

*Compulsory subject for all students.

Year 11 Pathway: One Year GCSE Course

The Year 11 Pathway is a great introduction to the UK education system for international students.

The course allows students to sit up to six GCSEs whilst also preparing them for either A Levels, B or BTEC. There is a focus on developing English for those in need and the stretch and challenge of completing a two-year programme of study in just one year.

CORE
IGCSE: English Language **OR** IGCSE: English as a Second Language
IGCSE: Maths Extended **OR** IGCSE: Maths Core

OPTIONS
IGCSE: Physics **OR** IGCSE Humanities (History or Geography)
IGCSE: Chemistry **OR** IGCSE: Art
IGCSE: Biology **OR** IGCSE: Business Studies
Plus native language GCSE if available

YEAR 12 Two Year Sixth Form Courses Ages 16 to 18

A Level | IB | BTEC



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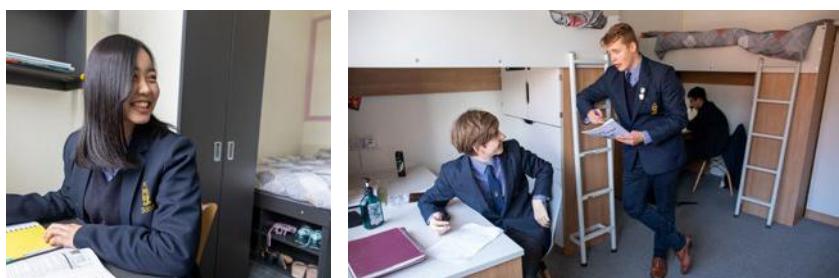
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Boarding

When students board at Sidcot School, they join a friendly, family community where they can live, work and play, secure in the knowledge that they are valued and well cared for.

We have four recently renovated boarding houses set within our 150-acre countryside campus. Our boarding houses are overseen by experienced, dedicated staff consisting of a Houseparent, Deputy Houseparent, House matrons, and tutors. They know how daunting it can be for students to live away from home and do everything they can to support our students and help them settle into life at Sidcot School.



A typical day

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	Tutor time
08:45	Lessons begin
10:25 – 11:15	Assembly/Meeting for Worship/Enrichment Y7-11
11:15	Break time
11:35	Lessons
13:05 – 14:05	Lunch
13:15 – 13:50	House opens
13:55 – 14:10	Tutor time
14:05	Lessons (14:00 Thursday)
15:50 – 16:50	House opens
16:00 – 17:00	Activities/Prep
17:00 – 18:00	Activities/Prep
17:35 – 18:30	Evening meal
18:30	Roll call/Registration & House meeting
19:00 - 20:00	Quiet time/Study time

Saturday

09:00 – 09:30	Breakfast
09:55 – 10:50	Roll call/Registration
10:00 – 10:55	Leave House for activities (House closes)
11:00 – 12:30	Activities
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/Registration
19:00	Activities/Free time

Sunday

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



Co-curricular

Our excellent rural location, top-class facilities, and strong links with community groups, charities, and businesses mean we can offer an extensive co-curricular programme with over 100 different activities!

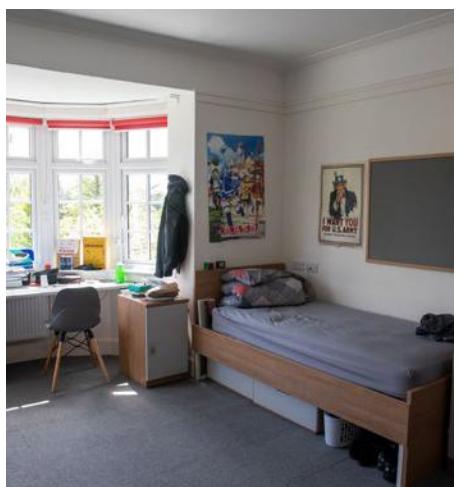
Activities run at lunchtime, after school, in the evenings, and on weekends. From archery to adventure club, golf to photography and maths club, our students have plenty of opportunities to try new things and develop existing interests.

Students and their parents can sign up for the activities they are interested in through SchoolsBuddy. When students join Sidcot School, information on how to set up their SchoolsBuddy accounts will be provided.

Below are some examples of co-curricular activities on offer for Sidcot students.

- Adventure Club (Climbing)
- Basketball Club
- Boys' Football
- Hockey
- Drama Rehearsals
- Golf
- Swimming
- Multigym
- Languages Revision Club
- Maths Café
- Photography
- Open Art Studio
- Athletics
- Fencing
- Riding Lessons
- Choirs
- Orchestra





Testimonials

Chi, Year 12

โรงเรียน Sidcot สำหรับผมเป็นโรงเรียนที่ค่อนข้างเปิดและเคารพในความสามารถที่แตกต่างของเด็กแต่ละคน อย่างผมที่ปกติแข่งเทนนิสอยู่ที่ไทย ทางโรงเรียนก็หาโค้ชมาสอนให้ในระหว่างที่เรียนอยู่ที่นี่ ผมได้เจอนอนที่มานาจากประเทศที่ไม่เหมือนกัน โดยที่รู้เลยว่าทุกคนมีความอ่อนโยนแล้วก็ใจดีกับผมมาก ตั้งแต่วันแรกที่ผมมาเรียนที่นี่ หลายๆคนก็แนะนำในสิ่งที่ผมยังไม่รู้ รุ่นพี่บางคนก็ดูแลผมดีมาก จนสำหรับผมเด็กเหมือนพี่แท้ๆเลย บางคนก็ทำให้ผมรู้สึกสบายใจแบบบอกไม่ถูก ทั้งๆที่ผมเป็นคนกลัวการโดน judge มา ก แต่ก็ลับไม่มีใครเคยตัดสินผมเพียง เพราะทำในสิ่งที่ไม่เคยทำ บันทึกให้เราไม่เก่ง ไม่เคยมีครูตัดสินผมเรื่องงูร่างทุน้ำตาเลยด้วยซ้ำ บันทึกทำให้ผมรู้สึกมั่นใจมากขึ้น ทำให้เราล้าลงทำในสิ่งที่ไม่เคยทำ บันทึกให้เราเติบโตมากขึ้น ได้มองโลกในมุมที่แตกต่างจากเมื่อก่อน ได้อยู่กับตัวเองมากขึ้น เช้าใจตัวเองว่าเราอยากจะเติบโตไปเป็นแบบไหน แก้ปัญหาหลายๆอย่างด้วยตัวเอง



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ตั้งแต่ปี 2023 ที่ รีนเข้า เรียนที่ โรงเรียน Sidcot สิงห์บุรี บุคคลิคความอาใจใส่ของบุคลากรไม่ว่าจะเป็นคุณครูประจำรายวิชา หรือคุณครูที่ปี รีบุรี ทุกท่านเปิดกว้างรับฟังความคิดเห็นและมีท่าทีกระตือรือร้นในการตอบข้อสงสัยเสมอ



ครูจะคอยตักเตือนหลาย ๆ อย่างที่ รู้ไม่ค่อยรู้หรือเราไม่ควรทำ เวลาสอนครูจะอยู่ตามเราว่าเราเข้าใจเรื่องใดนิส្សาต้องใหม่ หรือเข้าใจแบบที่ กคนเข้าใจเริ่เปล่า เพราะเราเป็นนักเรียนต่างชาติ ครูจะจัดการเป็นพิเศษ ในเวลาที่อังกฤษพักรู้สึกจะทำหน้าที่ บีบเหมือนผู้ปกครองของเรา ค่อยคุยกับเด็กตลอดในช่วงแรก ๆ ที่มีแล้วยังไม่มีเพื่อน รวมถึงครูจะอยู่ช่วยเหลือปัญหาที่ รามีในวันนั้น ๆ ทำให้เรารู้สึกเหมือนว่าอยู่กับพ่อแม่มากกว่าครู ในความคิดของพากเราการมาโรงเรียนนี้ทำให้เราได้รับประสบการณ์ที่ ยิ่งใหญ่ และ ทำให้เราได้เรียนรู้อะไรหลาย ๆ อย่างที่ ร่าไม่เคยได้รับต่อน้อยที่สุด ที่ ไทย เมื่อเป็นการเปิดโลกใหม่ให้กับเรา การต้องอยู่คนเดียว การบูรับตัวให้เข้ากับ ประเทศใหม่ ๆ หรือการที่ต้องใช้ภาษาที่ 2 ตลอดเวลา ซึ่ง สำหรับเด็กไทย ที่ ไม่เคยเรียนอินเตอร์อย่าง พากเรามาก่อนจะรู้ดีว่า บันทึกไม่ได้ด้วย หากครอที่ เป็นมือใหม่แล้วอย่างล่องมีประสบการณ์ในต่างประเทศก็ขอแนะนำให้มา ซึ่งการที่มี ภาพนี้ พากเราสรับประกันได้ว่าหลังจากเรียนจบหรือ กลับไทยไป ทุกคนจะรู้สึกว่าตัวเองเข้มแข็งและพึง พากตันเองได้มากขึ้น อย่าง แน่นอน

Travel Information:

Nearest airport: Bristol International (15 minute drive, 13 km)
Flights to worldwide destinations.

Easy access to London International Airports and mainline rail services (approx. 2 hours to London Paddington and London Heathrow).

We provide a drop-off and pick-up service to and from Heathrow Airport at the beginning and end of each term and half term

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