

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



2 Specialist EAL pathway programmes



3 Sixth Form pathways to suit individual learning styles



Over 100 weekly extracurricular 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.

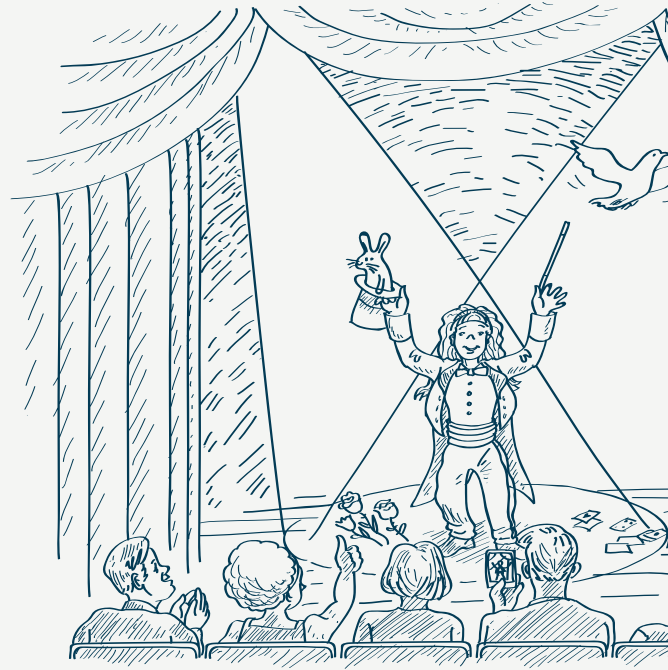
We understand how difficult selecting a school can be. We recognise that, just as all children are different, so too are schools. That is why, at Sidcot, our approach, our ethos and values recognise that 'what matters' is providing an environment in which all children and young adults can flourish.

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?

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.

Our Sidcot Learning Wheel links Quaker values to the teaching and learning that goes on throughout the School, everyday.

As a Centre for Peace and Global Studies, students are encouraged to explore broader issues with a global perspective and to express their values in action.

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.

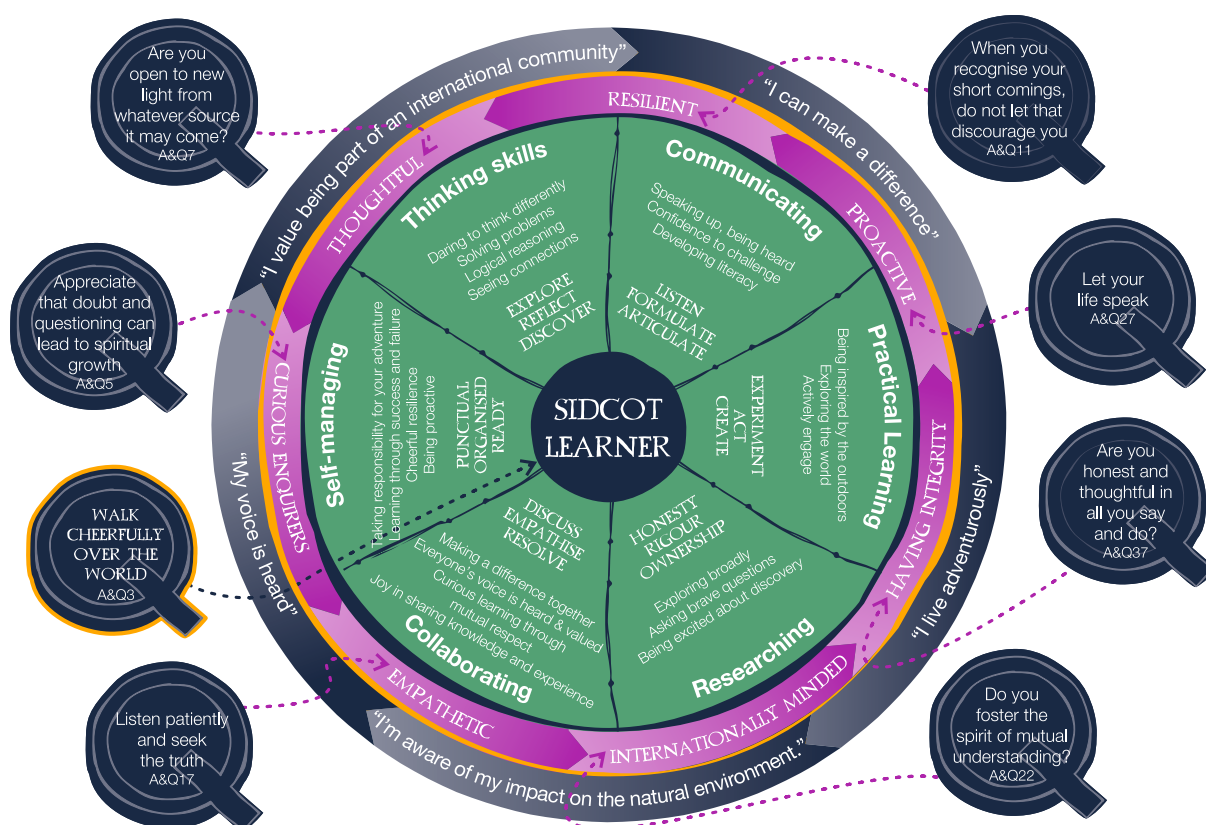
In a series of seminars called 'Let Your Life Speak', Quakers and non-Quakers speak about their life's journey. For young people it's a powerful experience to come face to face with individuals who have devoted their lives to making a positive change for the benefit of others. Every other year, the students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



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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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 in Years 7 - 11 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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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 extracurricular 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, Computing, Food Preparation and Nutrition, Design and Technology: Product Design and Textiles, Drama, Geography, History, Modern Languages (French, German, Spanish), Music, Physical Education, Religious Studies: Philosophy & Applied Ethics, Digital Media, 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 16).

Year 11 Pathway

International

One year IGCSE 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 IGCSEs 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 IGCSEs that they take will depend on their 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 university. 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 trip 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

IGCSE - English Language	or	IGCSE - English as a Second Language
IGCSE - Maths Extended	or	IGCSE - Maths Core

Options

IGCSE - Physics	or	IGCSE - History
IGCSE - Chemistry	or	IGCSE - Art
IGCSE - Biology	or	IGCSE - Business Studies

Enrichment

Global Studies Sidcot certified course
IGCSE In your own Language (If available)
The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award (optional)

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

The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award

This world renowned scheme places great emphasis on self-motivation and helps students develop confidence and responsibility. Completion of the award gives students a sense of achievement and it can provide a valuable contribution to university applications.



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, 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 Office Holder positions such as Heads of School, House Captains, Heads of House (Boarding), Quaker Elders, and various Sports, Equality, and Wellbeing 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: Accounting, 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 or Business

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 either BTEC Level 3 Sport or Business.

EPQ

The EPQ is a qualification taken by many students in England and Wales, where it is equivalent to half an A Level and it is currently graded A* to E. The students' choices of topic are free, although they must show that it is academically useful, either related to their current course of study, or their future career. It takes the form of either a dissertation or a number of other forms: a musical or dramatical composition, report or artefact, backed up with paperwork.



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.

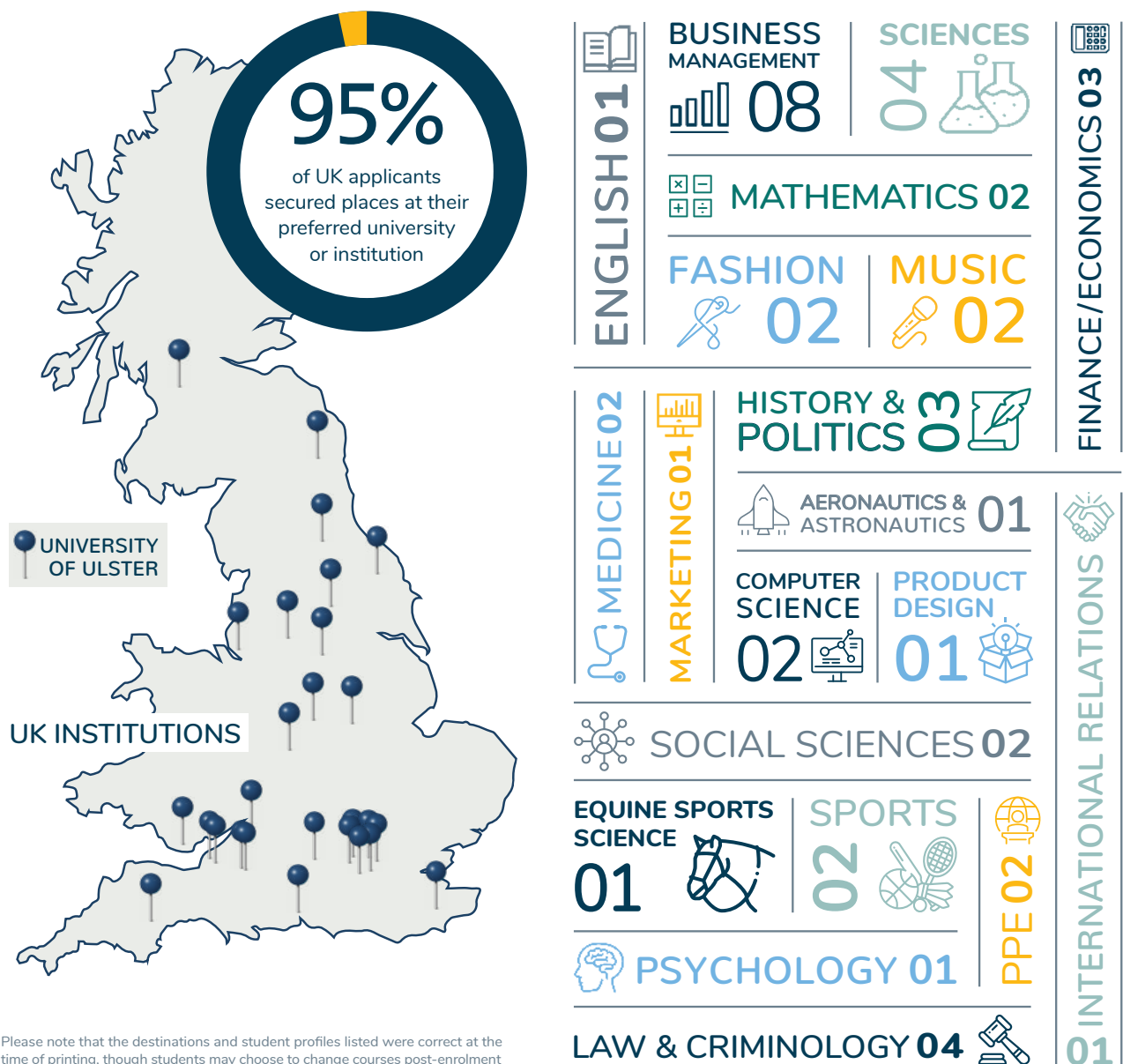


Academic success

Students at Sidcot have a wide range of strengths and abilities, and every year, they delight us with their results and chosen paths after they finish their studies.

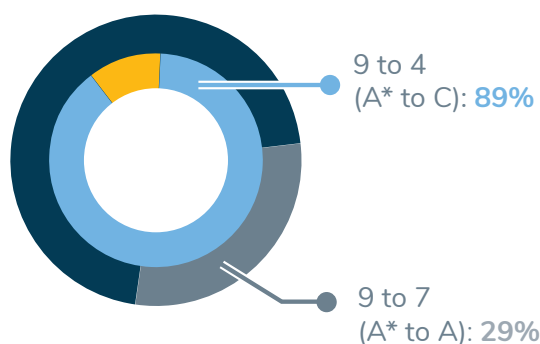
We take great pride in supporting students in progressing to employment or the next stage of their academic journey. Below is a summary of the higher education institutions and courses Sidcot students pursued last year.

Leavers' destinations 2025



Exam results 2025

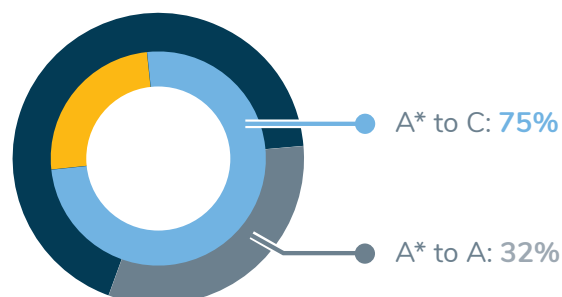
GCSE 2025



Year 11 GCSE students achieved higher than the national average across all grade boundaries.

Year 13 Results 2025

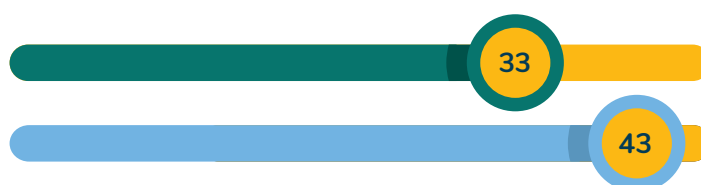
- Across our range of pathways (IB, A Level and BTEC), Year 13 students have received the equivalent to:



One student secured a place to study at the University of Cambridge and two accepted places to study Medicine.

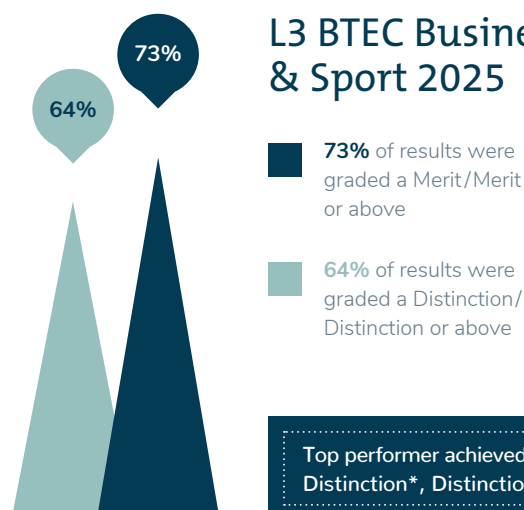
International Baccalaureate 2025

Sidcot continues to significantly overachieve the world average.

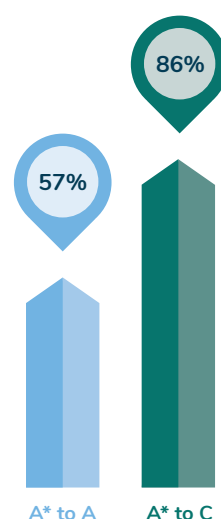


- Sidcot mean score for students who received the diploma: **33**
- Top score of **43** out of a possible 45

L3 BTEC Business & Sport 2025



Extended Project Qualifications 2025



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.

- 95%** of UK applicants secured places at their preferred university or institution
- 49%** of students studying in the UK are attending Russell Group, Times Top 10, or specialist universities
- 22%** of students secured places at international universities

Please note that the results were correct at the time of printing

P.A.S.S.

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 extracurricular 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.

Further information on our varied PE curriculum is available on the school website.

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 fitness gym and studio, which are open every day after school.

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Careers

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

We have a full-time independent careers 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.

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 extracurricular 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 extracurricular activities, such as caving and climbing, with many also taking part in the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Equestrian

Nestled within 150 acres of picturesque Somerset countryside, Sidcot Equestrian Centre offers a comprehensive equestrian experience. We're proud to provide a thriving riding school, a highly successful competitive equestrian team, and a full-service livery yard.

At Sidcot, we cultivate a friendly atmosphere built on expert knowledge, welcoming riders of all levels, from complete beginners to experienced riders. We offer two options for students looking to take horse riding lessons:

- **For students with their own horse:** Our highly qualified instructors provide 1:1 and group riding lessons tailored to both the student and their horse. These lessons offer an excellent opportunity to advance existing skills or explore new disciplines.
- **For students without their own horse:** Students can choose to take lessons on our own School horses at the Equestrian Centre, suitable for various abilities and experience levels. Lessons for beginners are available at the nearby Urchinwood Manor stables, which boasts impressive facilities including indoor and outdoor arenas, and cross-country and show jumping courses.

Our livery yard has received high commendation from the British Horse Society (BHS), providing a comfortable and friendly environment for students to stable their horses while they study at Sidcot.

Sidcot Equestrian Centre is equipped with excellent facilities to support all aspects of equestrian sport:

- 150 acres of pasture for grazing and turnout
- A 30 x 40m floodlit arena
- Shower and solarium for horse welfare
- Dedicated farrier bay
- British Show Jumping Association (BSJA) affiliated courses
- A challenging cross-country course

Students joining the Sidcot Equestrian Team benefit from dedicated riding lessons, clinics, and team training. They also have exciting opportunities to compete regionally and nationally.

To learn more about our Equestrian Centre, livery services, and lesson costs, please scan the QR code below.

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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 are not able to stay on campus.

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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. Please see your House notice board for details of your bedtime.

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

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.

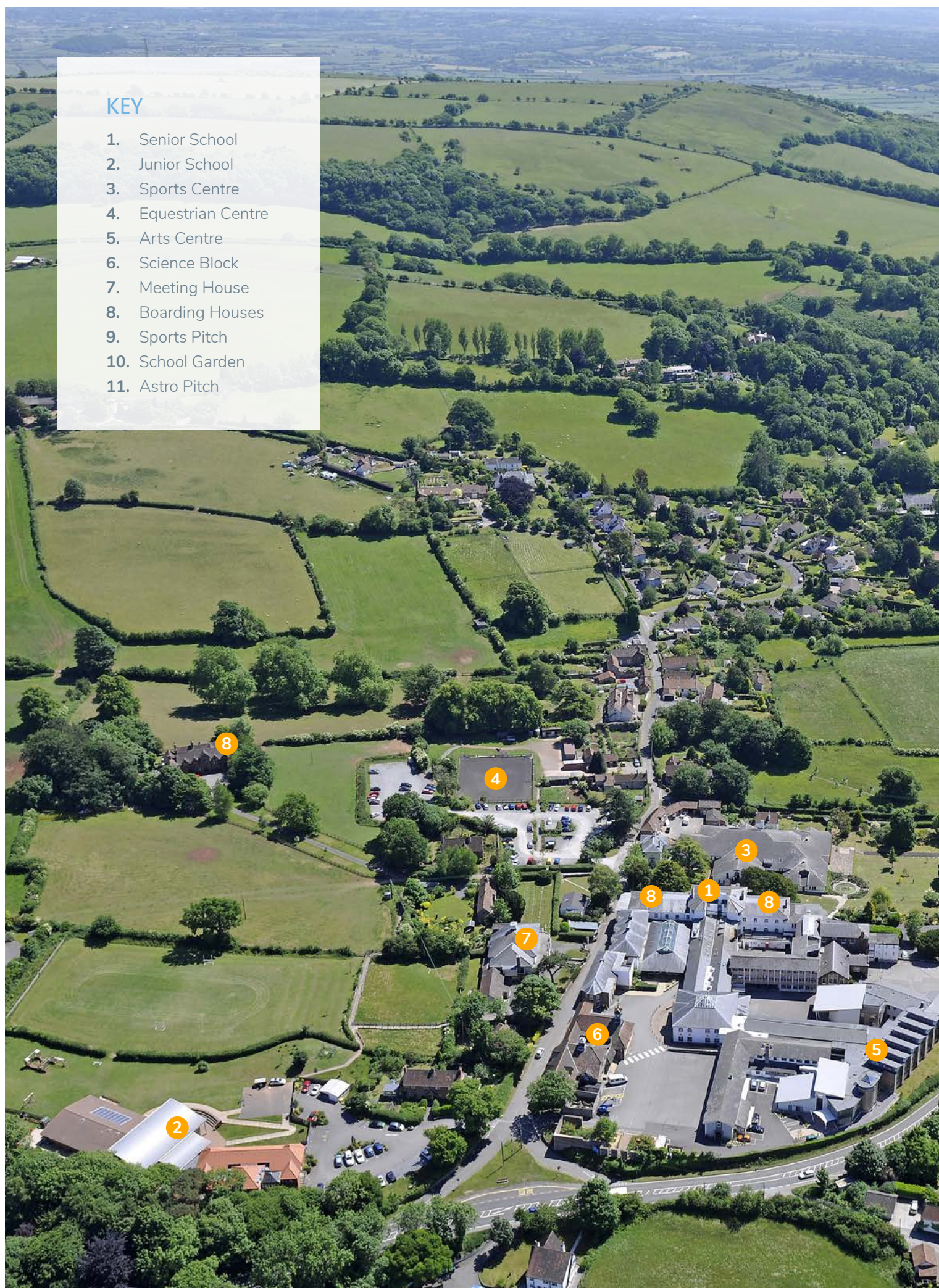
“Leaders promote mutual respect and wellbeing through sharing Quaker values and weekly reflection. Behaviour policies emphasise reflection over punishment, with an effective anti-bullying approach fostering a supportive environment.”

ISI Report, March 2025



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





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, supper (if your child stays on for activities and prep after school), and most extra-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, breakfast and dinner. Lunch is billed separately.
- Laundry
- Healthcare
- Most extra-curricular activities

Our boarding school fees do not include extra-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

Sidcot is in the South West of England only 15 miles from the city of Bristol and within one hour's travel of Bath.

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.

Transport

Sidcot is ideally located for both day and international students.

For our international students, Bristol International Airport is only a 15 minute taxi transfer away making travel from Europe easy with airlines such as Air France, easyJet, Flybe, KLM and Ryanair.

For students travelling from London, Heathrow Airport is approximately 2 hours away. A School coach provides a drop off and pick up service at the beginning and end of every half term.

Rail links to London are excellent as Sidcot is only 15 miles south of Bristol and Temple Meads Station (30 mins transfer by taxi). The fastest trains from Bristol Temple Meads to London Paddington take 1 hour and 38 minutes. Our nearest train stations are Yatton and Weston-Super-Mare, both 8 miles away.

For day students, we offer a range of school bus routes, collecting students from the surrounding villages and areas. Details of these routes can be found below or by emailing schoolbus@sidcot.org.uk.

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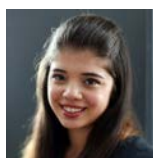
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