

Boarding Activities at Sidcot

Boarders at Sidcot enjoy a full immersion in a UK boarding School experience, both academically and outside of the classroom.





To ensure our boarding students gain the fullest experience from their time at Sidcot, we have crafted a comprehensive schedule of activities, excursions, and trips. These opportunities enable them to explore the UK, embrace new experiences, and truly 'Live Adventurously' throughout their stay.

Our boarding students embark on enriching weekend adventures, exploring local landmarks, vibrant cities, and iconic destinations like Bristol, Bath, Longleat Safari Park, and Cheddar Gorge. We also ensure they experience the broader UK, with organized trips to major cities such as London and Cardiff throughout the year.

When students remain on campus for the weekend, our dedicated staff team curates a diverse range of engaging activities. These experiences are designed to encourage boarders to try new things, challenge themselves, and forge lifelong friendships within our vibrant boarding community.

This brochure provides a glimpse into the exciting array of activities and trips typically available to our boarding students throughout the year.





Autumn term External Activities

- Surfing trip
- London
- Tyntesfield
- Ice skating Cribbs Causeway
- Cheddar George
- Christmas markets Bath
- Bristol Cabot circus
- Bristol Aquarium
- Cadbury World
- Bath



Onsite Activities

- Pool party
- Interhouse quiz
- Football tournament
- Karaoke and pizza night
- Christmas celebrations
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Basketball





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I expected it to be a great experience but it became the best year of my life so far.

KLARA, Y11 PATHWAY STUDENT, GERMANY

Spring term



External Activities

- Cribbs Causeway
- Bath
- Weston Pier
- Cinema
- Cardiff
- Bowling
- Thorpe Park
- Airhop
- Exeter





Onsite Activities

Festival celebrations;
 Chinese New Year,
 Ramadan, etc.

Cake decorating

Interhouse quiz

Trampolining

Swimming

Spa nights

Cooking





Summer term

External Activities

- Longleat Safari Park
- SS Great Britain
- Wookey Hole
- Cabot Circus
- Weston Pier
- Stonehenge
- Surfing trip
- Cycling trip
- St Fagans
- Bowling
- Oxford





Onsite Activities

- Karaoke and pizza night
- House activities
- Interhouse quiz

Garden party

Cream tea





Weekend Activities

Weekends at Sidcot are packed with opportunities for boarders to explore new interests and connect with friends. Saturday mornings kick off with a diverse range of supervised activities, from cooking and board games to sports, music, and art open sessions led by specialists. Throughout evenings and weekends, students can also participate in a comprehensive extracurricular program, including badminton, basketball, football, tennis, horse riding, table tennis, and swimming.

Beyond the extensive schedule of trips to local attractions and cities, boarding students can also participate in a range of exciting school-planned excursions, including theatre trips to London, art gallery visits, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, the annual ski trip, university visits, engaging conferences, and subject-specific residentials. These trips offer incredible opportunities to explore passions, develop interests, and discover some of the UK's most popular attractions.









Saturday Minibus

Every Saturday, the School provides a minibus to Bristol for Year 11 and Sixth Form students, which can be booked in advance. The bus leaves school at 12.30 and returns at 5.30 pm, allowing students the opportunity to spend an afternoon in the city!





As well as the extensive range of weekend activities listed, boarding students can also participate in a variety of specific programmes during weekends, including basketball, tennis, and horse riding.

Basketball

Sidcot's basketball team have gone from strength to strength over the last few years, achieving an incredible two unbeaten seasons! The team consists of day and boarding students, representing over 10 nationalities, with training sessions taking place on Saturday afternoons with Head Coach and former professional player, Mr Smilevich.

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 boost fitness, build lasting friendships with teammates, and immerse yourself in this fantastic sport.

Equestrian (£)

Nestled in the heart of the school grounds, our Equestrian Centre is a true highlight, welcoming riders of all levels. Whether you're an experienced rider or eager to learn, we have options for you. Students without their own horses can join our comprehensive riding program, with lessons on our school horses tailored to individual ability. For those who bring their own horse to Sidcot, our full livery service is available, alongside personalized 1:1 or small group lessons with our highly qualified instructors.





Tennis (£)

New for this year, 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.

For further details on any of the opportunities mentioned above, please contact our admissions team at admissions@sidcot.org.uk.

What Our Boarders Had To Say...

I've really enjoyed the trips and activities on offer to students during my time at Sidcot so far. My favourite thing to do at the weekend is to explore Bristol with my friends, go shopping and enjoy the amazing food on offer. We're very lucky that the School run a minibus to and from Bristol for older students every weekend, so we get lots of opportunities to visit this vibrant city.

CARINA | YEAR 12 | HONG KONG

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This is my first year in boarding and I did not expect so many events to be offered to us. Last weekend, the house staff asked us what we wanted to do, and we decided to have a special takeaway night. Over lots of food, we all spent time together in the common room, chatting and having fun. These evenings are such a great way to make memories. I am sure all the girls will agree with me that School House Girls is a great house where everyone feels at home.

Last weekend, we went on trips to Bath and Stonehenge which brought plenty of laughter and new memories. I also really love the everyday moments such as movie nights, chats in the common room and hanging out with friends in the gardens. These experiences have created memories that will last a lifetime.

LONGMAN | YEAR 10 | HONG KONG





On weekends at Sidcot, I enjoy playing basketball, going to the gym, and using the piano rooms. I've improved a lot in basketball by training almost every day after school, and Sidcot Saturday has helped me build discipline through regular piano practice. I also enjoy the team basketball training on Saturday evenings, and the shopping trips to Bristol.



To learn more about boarding at Sidcot School, contact our admissions team today.



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