

2026/27

# Sixth Form (Years 12 & 13) Handbook

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Live Adventurously

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# Term dates

## Autumn Term 2026

Induction day	Friday 4 September
Boarders return	Friday 4 September
Term begins	Monday 7 September
Half term begins	Friday 16 October
Boarders return	Sunday 1 November
Term resumes	Monday 2 November
Term ends and Boarders depart	Wednesday 16 December

## Spring Term 2027

Boarders return	Monday 4 January
Term begins	Tuesday 5 January
Half term begins	Friday 12 February
Boarders return	Sunday 21 February
Term resumes	Monday 22 February
Term ends and Boarders depart	Thursday 25 March

## Summer Term 2027

Boarders return	Sunday 18 April
Term begins	Monday 19 April
Half term begins	Friday 28 May
Boarders return	Sunday 6 June
Term resumes	Monday 7 June
Term ends and Boarders depart	Thursday 8 July

# Year group nomenclature

<b>Sidcot</b>	<b>National Curriculum</b>	<b>Sidcot</b>	<b>National Curriculum</b>
Reception	Reception	Lower Fifth (L5)	Year 10
J1 to J6	Year 1 to Year 6	Upper Fifth (U5)	Year 11
Third Form (3)	Year 7	Lower Sixth (L6)	Year 12
Lower Fourth (L4)	Year 8	Upper Sixth (U6)	Year 13
Upper Fourth (U4)	Year 9		

# Introduction

Sixth Form at Sidcot is where students take their next exciting step beyond GCSEs. It is a dynamic, rewarding and enjoyable experience which affords students more independence and the opportunities to develop the skills and personal strengths required for life beyond the School.

The opportunities available to students range across a huge spectrum – academic, personal, spiritual and creative, with students encouraged to follow the School's ethos of “Live Adventurously”.

As a Quaker school, we embrace our values of equality, simplicity, peace, truth and sustainability. These principles will be at the heart of your Sixth Form experience. We believe in fostering a supportive and inclusive environment where every student is encouraged to be true to themselves and to respect others. Our Quaker values will guide us as we learn together, and build a strong, compassionate community.

In this Handbook, you will find everything you need to know to start Sixth Form confidently and enthusiastically.

Welcome to Sixth Form — start living adventurously!



Thomas Ruddle  
Head of Sixth Form

# Induction & first day of term

Monday 7 September is the first day of term, and the whole day is set aside to provide an induction to Sixth Form for all new and existing students.

Students meet the Sixth Form team, including their tutor, as well as take part in a range of activities to familiarise themselves with the campus and begin making friendships.

Students should arrive at 08:25 at the Senior Drop Off and Pick Up point next to the Science Block where they will be met and directed to our Sixth Form Centre. There is a map of the campus on Page 21 of this guide for reference.

## Parents' social events

### Boundary Walk – Thursday 10 September

The Boundary Walk is a long standing tradition where students walk around our beautiful campus together. Parents are also invited to enjoy the walk with us and refreshments are served afterwards.

### New Parents Drinks & Hog Roast – Friday 11 September

We warmly invite all new parents to join the Head and members of staff for drinks—an opportunity to meet one another and become acquainted with the School. This is followed by a Hog Roast to which all parents are invited.

Please be aware that this is an adult-only evening event.

An invitation with further details will be sent nearer the time.

## Photo ID cards

All students will be given a photo ID card and lanyard which must be worn at all times. The School is a secure site and the card allows access to different parts of the School which has keypads at all entry points.

Students who are new to Sidcot must email a 'head and shoulders' photo of themselves as soon as possible prior to arrival to [admissions@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:admissions@sidcot.org.uk).

Lost cards can be replaced through tutors, at a cost of £5.00.

# What to bring

## Stationery

The basic stationery students require is as follows:

- 2 black or blue pens
- 1 purple and 1 green pen
- 2 pencils
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Ruler
- Compass
- Protractor
- Calculator - Casio FX-85GTCW+ (if appropriate to subject choice, except for IB, A Level Maths and Further Maths)

Anyone studying a Maths course\* will need a specialist calculator. With new models having been released recently, we are currently assessing the best option and will be able to place an order on your behalf at the beginning of the School year at a discounted rate.

\* *Core Maths, A Level Maths, A Level Further Maths, IB Standard Level, IB Higher Level*

The following are also useful to have:

- Coloured pens or pencils
- Glue stick
- Highlighters

All of the stationery items are available from the library stationery shop (apart from the specialist calculator for Maths courses) and can be added to the termly extras bill.

## Extras

- Lanyard/photo ID
- Fully charged device
- Refillable named water bottle

## Sports Kit

On days when students have sports fixtures, training or activities, they will be responsible for bringing the correct clothing. There are some compulsory elements of sports clothing and other optional elements. Some elements will also vary depending on the season.

On Thursdays students should attend School wearing their House t-shirt and Sidcot tracksuit bottoms or leggings in preparation for PASS. Sixth Form students are expected to wear Sidcot School branded sports kit.

A full sportswear guide can be found at [sidcot.org.uk/uniform](http://sidcot.org.uk/uniform).

# Drop off and pick up

Students should be delivered to the top car park by the Science Block Senior Drop-off car park, no later than 08:25 each morning. Lessons finish at 15:50 (16:00 on Thursday) so students can be picked up from this time from the same car park.

Day students are welcome to stay for activities, prep and supper every evening if they wish at no extra cost, although some activities on offer may be chargeable. Sixth Formers may use the Sixth Form study areas until 21:00.

If you are going to be late, please email or telephone Reception ([reception@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:reception@sidcot.org.uk) or

**01934 843102**) who will forward the information on to your tutor and the Head of Sixth Form.

To notify School of absence due to illness, please call 01934 845245 before 08:30. Please sign in or out at Reception if you miss registration, or are leaving early.

In order to avoid too many traffic issues, Sidcot has an unofficial one-way system. Please turn into Fountain Lane at the traffic lights passing the Quaker Meeting House on the right and then turn left into the Senior Drop-off area. When leaving, please turn left to rejoin Oakridge Lane and make your way out to the A38.

# Lockers

Each student is allocated a locker where they can keep their personal belongings. They will need to bring a lock with two keys or a combination lock.

The shackle should have a diameter of no more than 5mm. At the end of each term students will be asked to clear their lockers completely.

# Leadership Roles

In the spring term of Lower Sixth, students may apply for Leadership Role positions including Head Student, Head of House, Community Office Holder and Quaker Elder.

# The House system

All students and staff at Sidcot are assigned to a virtual House when they join our School community - North House (yellow), South House (green), East House (blue), West House (red). The House system helps students to build friendships across the year groups and provides a focus for School events and activities throughout the year.

These include House sports, 'Sidcot's Got Talent', team building activities, inter-House competitions, charity fundraising and much more.

Our Sixth Form Heads of Houses play a key part in organising and running these events.

Students are notified before they join which House they have been assigned to. They will need a House t-shirt in the appropriate colour to wear for House activities and PASS.

# Meeting for Worship

Senior School staff and students meet twice a week for Meeting for Worship.

This is a silent gathering in which the student Quaker Elders introduce a chosen quotation. Later, during the silence, a short 'Quaker Take' on the quotation is read, followed by two questions for reflection. If, during Meeting for Worship, anyone feels moved to speak, they may stand and offer ministry — speaking into the silence.

Students from all year groups have the opportunity to become Quaker Elders or Quaker Representatives, and to join the Quaker Team.



# Food

Students have break at 11:15 where they will be offered a hot or cold drink, biscuits and fruit. Lunch break is at 12:45.

Our menus are varied, balanced and healthy and full of fresh local ingredients. You can view a sample of our weekly menu on the website:

[sidcot.org.uk/parent-information/food](http://sidcot.org.uk/parent-information/food)

Straight after School, students may help themselves to a hot or cold drink in the Refectory. Lunch is billed separately while break and supper are included in the School fees.

The Hub is Sidcot's café where students can buy drinks and snacks, smoothies, paninis and fruit pots. Access to the Hub is limited to certain days of the week for each year group. Students can use their debit card, mobile phone or photo ID to make purchases from the Hub. Credit can be added to the ID card using debit card or WisePay – parents can access this via **My School Portal**.

Log in details will be sent during the first week of term.

# Dress code

As a Sixth Form student of Sidcot School, one of the privileges students enjoy is not being required to wear School uniform. Sixth Form are role models and should set a good example to younger students by dressing in an appropriate manner.

On Mondays and on certain other occasions Sixth Form students are required to wear formal business wear. This should be clothing which is suitable for working in a professional environment.

- Lounge suit/Trouser suit
- Skirt, dress, or tailored shorts (no shorter than 10cm above the knee) with a jacket
- Smart formal shoes with a heel no higher than 8cm

**Sixth Form students will be required to wear Sidcot branded PE kit.**

On Thursdays, unless otherwise notified, all students should attend School in Sidcot branded PE kit (including tracksuit trousers or leggings) for their PASS activities.

All the information regarding Sidcot's regulations, uniform, dress code and possessions in School can be found at [sidcot.org.uk/uniform](http://sidcot.org.uk/uniform)

If you have any queries, please email [uniform@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:uniform@sidcot.org.uk)

All Sidcot School sports kit can be bought online. Alternatively, this may be purchased through Deanes of Cheddar.

Deanes of Cheddar, Bath Street  
Cheddar, Somerset BS27 3AA

Telephone: 01934 742530  
Email: [info@deanesofcheddar.co.uk](mailto:info@deanesofcheddar.co.uk)

## Deanes of Cheddar Opening Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 09:00-17:00  
(closed 13:00-14:00)

Saturday: 09:00-13:00

Friday and Sunday: Closed

# Digital technology in the classroom

## Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Technology is a significant part of all our lives. The way we do things around the home and the way we do things at work are constantly changing as the technology develops.

There is plenty of research evidence to support the value that technology brings to the educational experience including improved communication, practical research, collaboration, self-management, and digital citizenship.

## Who is required to have an IT device at Sidcot?

From Junior Year 6 and in the Senior School, all students are expected to have their own IT device, that meets our minimum specification, that they bring into School for use in lessons. If students or parents are unsure whether it meets the required specification, please email [byod@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:byod@sidcot.org.uk) where the team will be happy to advise and help.

To maintain a safe and secure learning environment, a filtered Internet connection will be provided for all students. They will not be permitted to use a personal broadband connection such as a 3G/4G/5G phone network.

## Who is responsible for IT devices in School?

Students are solely responsible for their device. They must bring it fully charged to School. As with other personally owned items, the School is not liable for loss, damage, misuse, or theft. Please arrange your own insurance cover for your personal belongings either through the Personal Effects Insurance (offered by the School), or by your own arrangements.

## Required Device Specification:

**MUST be a Microsoft Windows based device** - other operating systems may work but aren't supported by our IT department and teaching staff may not be familiar with their use.

The recommended specification is for the device to have a minimum of 16GB RAM and at least a 128GB Hard Drive (SSD preferred)

**10" screen or larger** - 10" is the minimum to ensure students can see the work they need to complete easily.

**Must be able to use a stylus** - This is so notes can be taken in the lessons and any work requiring to be handwritten could be done on the device.

**Has a keyboard (in-built or detachable)** - A keyboard is needed to assist with tasks that require more typing e.g. essays or project write-ups.

**Battery life** - 5 hours or more to ensure that only minimal or no charging is needed during the day.

**IMPORTANT: The device should not have mobile data e.g. 4G/5G etc.**

**Free access to Microsoft Office for all Sidcot BYOD users** - This can be downloaded and used for free from the School whilst you are a student at Sidcot.

# Purchasing a device

We can source devices from a variety of vendors and can also offer refurbished devices at very competitive prices. This is then charged to your next bill. We will configure this device, install the Microsoft Office Suite, printers and include shortcuts to relevant software and web links so that it works perfectly at Sidcot, at no additional charge. We normally do this in June/July each year to allow for delivery and configuration ready for a September start, but we can purchase at any

time if you start during the School year. If you are interested in this service, please email [byod@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:byod@sidcot.org.uk) so that we can contact you with any of our offerings.

**If you wish to purchase your own device, ideally it needs to be set up in advance of joining Sidcot. Contact us by emailing [byod@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:byod@sidcot.org.uk) to arrange this free of charge service.**

# Mobile phones in Sixth Form

Sixth Form students are allowed phones in School, but these must be kept out of sight around the campus. Phones can be used in Sixth Form areas, including the Sixth Form Centre to listen

to music or for academic work purposes (no social use in the library or around the School). Sixth Form students may also use their phones to pay contactless in The Hub.

# Smart Glasses Policy

To support student safeguarding and maintain academic integrity, the School does not permit the use or wearing of “smart glasses” (e.g. Meta/Ray-Ban smart glasses or similar wearable devices with recording or AI capabilities) on School premises.

These devices often include discreet cameras, audio recording, and real-time information access, which present significant risks in a school environment.

This rule applies to **all** students, **including** those in the Sixth Form.

**Parents are therefore asked not to purchase smart glasses for their child for use in School, including as prescription eyewear.** Students who wear smart glasses will be required to remove them and may be subject to sanctions in line with the School’s behaviour policy.

If prescription glasses are required, these must be standard (non-smart) lenses.

# Student drivers

Day student drivers in the Sixth Form are expected to adhere to the regulations issued by the Head of Sixth Form at all times. Cars and motorcycles can only be used to commute to and from School and may not be used during the School day.

In the interests of safety, lifts may not be given to other students in the School without specific

written permission from the parents of the student being given a lift. Boarders are not permitted cars, or motorcycles at School.

A form for students to complete to allow them to drive and park on School grounds may be found via the Sixth Form MS Teams group

# The Blue Book

At the beginning of the autumn term, students will be given access to 'The Blue Book' which clearly outlines rules and guidelines for behaviour at School.

It is important that students carefully read this booklet so they are clear about expectations at Sidcot, which will help them settle in smoothly.

# Flexi boarding

Recognising the changing needs of families, our approach to boarding is flexible. As well as full boarding, options for both weekly and flexi boarding may be available. Whilst the majority of our boarders are full time, we are happy to discuss other options to meet particular needs.

The cost of flexi boarding is £64.00 per night and is dependent on availability. A flexi boarding form must be completed and sent to **[flexiboarding@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:flexiboarding@sidcot.org.uk)** at least five working days prior.

# Keeping in touch with parents

We make every effort to provide parents with useful dates and information as well as news of what is happening at School.

## Newsletter

All parents receive a weekly newsletter summarising all that is happening across the School. Each newsletter includes a message from the Head, as well as news about trips and visiting speakers, and updates on performances and achievements from different departments.

## My School Portal

Parents will be emailed instructions during the first week of term which enables them to create an account in **My School Portal**. They can access information about their child's timetable, and keep up to date with their homework, performance and attendance, as well as accessing WisePay and information about sports fixtures.

## Calendar

The School community has access to a live electronic calendar which provides the latest and most up to date information about events, activities, trips and sports fixtures:

[sidcot.org.uk/calendar](http://sidcot.org.uk/calendar)

## Parent Planner and Emails

Within the weekly newsletter, parents will also receive the Parent Planner accessed via a button at the top of the newsletter. This document consolidates all School communication into one document and provides vital information for all parents and for specific year groups. Where necessary, when a communication is urgent or specific to only a small number of parents, a separate email will be sent directly to the relevant parents.

# Annual consent

During the first week of term, parents will receive a request for a number of consents including medical, media and School trips. Please could these be completed upon receipt.



# Our approach to teaching and learning

## The Sidcot Learning Wheel



# Enrichment programmes

At Sidcot, we are proud to celebrate the exceptional abilities of our Sixth Form students, through our Scholarship and Aspire enrichment programmes. These aim to provide our most able students with a range of opportunities to stretch and challenge themselves, both inside and outside of the classroom - be it through extra occasions to practise or showcase a talent, access to expert

speakers or courses, delivering stimulating projects or through inspiring and supporting younger students in the School.

More information may be found here:

[sidcot.org.uk/sixth-form/why-sidcot-sixth-form/academic-enrichment-sixth-form](http://sidcot.org.uk/sixth-form/why-sidcot-sixth-form/academic-enrichment-sixth-form)

# School routine

## Monday

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08:30 – 08:45	Tutor Time / Registration
08:45 – 09:35	Period 1
09:35 – 10:25	Period 2
10:25 – 11:15	MFW or Assembly
11:15 – 11:35	Break
11:35 – 12:25	Period 4
12:25 – 13:15	Period 5
12.45	Lunch (Sixth Form)
13:05	Lunch (Y7)
13:10	Lunch (Y11)
13:15 – 14:05	Lunch Rota (Y8-Y10)
14:05 – 15:00	Period 6 (including PM Registration)
15:00 – 15:50	Period 7
16:00 – 17:00	Activities/Prep
17:00 – 18:00	Activities/Prep
17:35	Y7-11 Boarders' Supper
17:45	Sixth Form Supper
17:55	Y7-11 Day Supper

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## Tuesday

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08:30 – 08:45	Tutor Time / Registration
08:45 – 09:35	Period 1
09:35 – 10:25	Period 2
10:25 – 11:15	Period 3
11:15 – 11:35	Break
11:35 – 12:25	Period 4
12:25 – 13:15	Period 5
12.45	Lunch (Sixth Form)
13:05	Lunch (Y7)
13:10	Lunch (Y11)
13:15 – 14:05	Lunch Rota (Y8-Y10)
14:05 – 15:00	Period 6 (including PM Registration)
15:00 – 15:50	Period 7
16:00 – 17:00	Period 8 Activities/Prep
17:00 – 18:00	Activities/Prep
17:35	Y7-11 Boarders' Supper
17:45	Sixth Form Supper
17:55	Y7-11 Day Supper

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## Wednesday

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08:30 – 08:45	Tutor Time / Registration
08:45 – 09:35	Period 1
09:35 – 10:25	Period 2
10:25 – 11:15	Period 3 - Enrichment (Y7-11)
11:15 – 11:35	Break
11:35 – 12:25	Period 4
12:25 – 13:15	Period 5
12.45	Lunch (Sixth Form)
13:05	Lunch (Y7)
13:10	Lunch (Y11)
13:15 – 14:05	Lunch Rota (Y8-Y10)
14:05 – 15:00	Period 6 (including PM Registration)
15:00 – 15:50	Period 7
16:00 – 17:00	Period 8 Activities/Prep
17:00 – 18:00	Activities/Prep
17:35	Y7-11 Boarders' Supper
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17:55	Y7-11 Day Supper

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## Thursday

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08:30 – 08:45 Tutor Time / Registration

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08:45 – 09:35 Period 1

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09:35 – 10:25 Period 2

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10:25 – 11:15 Period 3

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11:15 – 11:35 Break

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11:35 – 12:25 Period 4

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12:25 – 13:15 Period 5

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12:45 Lunch (Sixth Form)

13:05 Lunch (Y7)

13:10 Lunch (Y11)

13:15 – 14:05 Lunch Rota (Y8-Y10)

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13:55 – 14:00 Registration  
in Tutor

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14:00 - 16:00 PASS/Sixth Form Games

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16:00 – 17:00 Activities/Prep

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17:00 – 18:00 Activities/Prep

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17:35 Y7-11 Boarders'  
Supper

17:45 Sixth Form Supper

17:55 Y7-11 Day Supper

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## Friday

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08:30 – 08:45 Tutor Time /  
Registration

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08:45 – 09:35 Period 1

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09:35 – 10:25 Period 2

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10:25 – 11:15 MFW or Assembly

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11:15 – 11:35 Break

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11:35 – 12:25 Period 4

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12:25 – 13:15 Period 5

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- 'PASS' (Programme of Activities for Sidcot School); 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. Students will have the opportunity to choose the activities that they wish to join in throughout the year. Students across the whole School will participate in the activities alongside each other thus promoting community spirit through the vertical structure of the programme.

# Sports fixtures

Sports fixtures are finalised in the first week of each term and go live on our sports fixtures site which can be accessed via **My School Portal**.

When the team is selected you will be able to view it via the SOCS widget on **My School Portal** using the password included in the title.

A hard copy of the fixture and team list is also posted on the notice boards in the Sports Centre

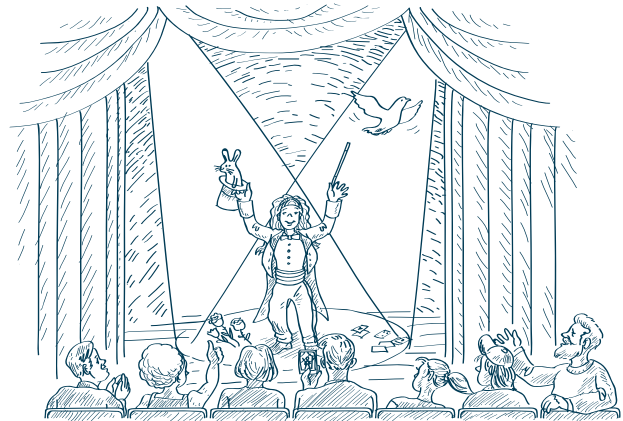
and in each Games and PE Lesson. When there is a fixture approaching the Sports department ensure students know all the important details including venues, times and the required kit.

In order to be considered to represent a School team students must attend after-school training sessions and Games sessions on Thursday afternoons during PASS. Training sessions and fixtures should be booked using SchoolsBuddy.

# Extra-curricular activities

At Sidcot we're lucky to be situated in a beautiful rural location and have excellent facilities for sport, arts, crafts and environmental studies, as well as links with local community groups, charities and businesses.

Activities run at lunchtime and after School. We ensure our students have a wide range of opportunities to try new things as well as developing existing interests. The activities available can be found on SchoolsBuddy.



# Sixth Form Ball

The Sixth Form Ball is one of the highlights of the academic year. It is usually held off campus and is a chance for both Lower and Upper Sixth Form students to celebrate with their friends, tutors and teachers.

# Sixth Form games/PASS (Programme of Activities for Sidcot School)

On Thursday afternoons, our Sixth Form students are given the opportunity to train and play for the School first team in the seasonal sports being played. Alternatively, they may choose from a variety of fun physical activities being held both

on and off campus. Students must come to School wearing their House t-shirt and Sidcot branded sports kit on Thursdays and book their PASS activity through SchoolsBuddy.

## SchoolsBuddy

SchoolsBuddy allows our parents and students to view the range of activities available. The system allows you to easily book onto our lunchtime and after-school activities, our prep sessions, supper and PASS activities. It's important that this system is used so that the School knows what students are doing throughout the day.

If students are remaining on campus after School, they must be signed up to an activity or prep.

All new parents and students will receive a SchoolsBuddy activation email, so please look out for it in your mailbox. This system will be activated on the first week of term. As this is a new software system, you will be required to click on the link in the email to activate your SchoolsBuddy account.

Once you have registered you will be able to view the co-curricular activities and prep sessions available.

Please activate using the Google Chrome Web Browser. Once your account is activated, you can then download the 'SchoolsBuddy' app on iOS or Android.

SchoolsBuddy is very simple to use, but please find below a link to a user guide:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/uqyo/ktbv/#p=1>

SchoolsBuddy may be accessed via **My School Portal**.

Should you have any questions please contact: [itsupport.parents@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:itsupport.parents@sidcot.org.uk)

# Study periods

No matter which course or subjects a student chooses, there will be times on their timetable when they are not in lessons. These are referred to as 'study periods'. Acutely aware that our students will soon be in a university or workplace environment, we want to help foster good learning habits from the outset. As well as study skills sessions with their tutors in the first term, they

will have workshops from Elevate Education in order to know how to spend those study periods wisely. For this reason, we expect Lower Sixth students to be in School each day between 8:30am and 3:50pm. For Upper Sixth day students, who have shown they have healthy study routines, there is the option of spending some of those study periods working at home.

# Monitoring progress

Grade reports are issued electronically on a termly basis, to keep parents up to date with students' progress. They include effort and achievement grades. Once a year, parents receive a full written report.

There is an annual face-to-face parents' consultation evening in November for Lower Sixth, and during the spring term for Upper Sixth students. It provides an opportunity for parents to meet tutors and Head of Sixth Form, and to hear about their progress in more detail.

Parents create a login to access **My School Portal** where they can access information about their child's timetable, and keep up to date with their homework, performance and attendance.

Lower Sixth students sit their mock exams in the summer term. In Upper Sixth these exams are taken before Christmas.

# Homework

Homework is referred to as prep, and can be completed in School if preferred. Day students should book a place on SchoolsBuddy if they plan to stay for prep/supper. Prep finishes at 17:45. Sixth Formers may use the Sixth Form study areas until 21:00. There is no extra charge for prep and supper.

Sixth Form students will be given set prep tasks by each subject each week via Teams. As well as this they will need to use their study time to consolidate their notes and utilise revision techniques which will be taught in our Study Skills sessions in the first term of Lower Sixth.

# Additional fees

## Specialist tuition

Sidcot School offers specialist tuition in a wide range of subjects and activities including Music, Drama and Sports. Learning Support is available for those with a desire for booster lessons or with specific learning needs. If you would like or need specialist tuition please email the relevant Department Head to organise and book the lessons for the following term.

## Additional charges for individual and group lessons

For Music lessons, charges are payable in arrears. Lessons missed through School trips will, wherever possible be rescheduled. However, lessons that are missed without notification to the relevant member of staff or due to pupil sickness or non receipt of payment will not be rescheduled. A four-week notice of cessation is required in writing to the Director of Music, Sidcot School, Oakridge Lane, Winscombe, North Somerset, BS25 1PD or email: [paul.woolley@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:paul.woolley@sidcot.org.uk)

Your child's instrumental music lesson timetable may be found via the Involve link on the **My School Portal** dashboard.

The rate for all individual lessons is £47.00 (except for horse-riding), including Learning Support. The rate for group lessons is £27.00. Lessons usually last for 50 minutes.

Information about our Equestrian offer, including costs, may be found here:

[www.sidcot.org.uk/equestrian](http://www.sidcot.org.uk/equestrian)

## Examination charges

Examination Board charges and any access administration charges for external exams (GCSEs, Leiths etc.) which are incurred by the School, are charged to parents. They are billed in advance or in arrears, depending on the exam. The total cost currently averages around £500 - £600 for GCSEs and around £600 - £700 for A Levels.

For those taking IB, the examination charge is approximately £750. University application fees are also passed on to parents through our billing system, if the student/parent does not pay for their application directly.

## School Bank details

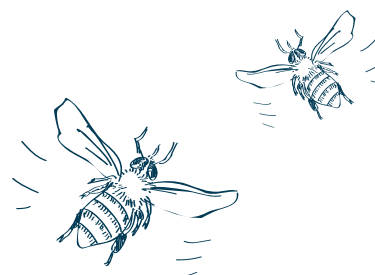
The School will let you know in writing if they are going to change their bank details. To avoid the potential of fraudulent activity, if you do receive such a notification, please ensure that you check the details against those held on the parent portal.

## SCPTA

Each year a voluntary £10.00 donation to the Sidcot Community Parent and Teacher Association fund will be added to your spring term extras invoice to support the initiatives of this highly important organisation in School.

## Extras

Parental permission will be sought for any trip or activity which incurs a charge of more than £25.00.



# Senior School Floor Plan

## Ground Floor



## First Floor



## Key

- Classroom
- Corridor / Common Place
- Office / Clerical
- Toilet
- Storage / Technician's Area / Housekeeping
- Boarding House
- Sixth Form



# Sidcot

Live Adventurously

- 1 Senior School Reception
- 2 Junior School Reception
- 3 Sports Centre
- 4 Equestrian Centre
- 5 Arts Centre
- 6 Sixth Form Centre
- 7 Trevelyan Library
- 8 Teaching Block
- 9 Science Block
- 10 Meeting House
- 11 Health Centre
- 12 Rose Cottage - Wellbeing Hub
- 13 School House Girls
- 14 School House Boys
- 15 Wing House
- 16 Newcombe House
- 17 Combe House
- 18 Main Car Park
- 19 Junior Car Park
- 20 Senior Drop-Off & Pick Up
- 21 School Garden
- 22 Forest School
- 23 James O'Connell Peace Field
- 24 Junior Sports Field
- 25 Meeting House Bungalow / Facilities Office



## For Safeguarding Reasons

Please report to our Senior School Reception (1) if you are visiting our campus.

# Key contacts



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# Policies

Full details of our School policies may be found at [sidcot.org.uk/policies](https://sidcot.org.uk/policies)

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