

One year (I)GCSE  
Programme

# Year 11 Pathway

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Sidcot  
Live Adventurously

An introduction

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

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



To achieve up to six (I)GCSEs in a year, students will study in specialist classes with experienced teachers to help them achieve the best results. These classes are dedicated Year 11 Pathway lessons to ensure students receive the necessary intensive support to cover all the material in one year.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# Syllabus

## Global studies

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

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

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

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

### PASS Programme

The Programme of Activities for Sidcot Students has been designed to provide all students with exciting opportunities to live adventurously, to live out the School's values, to play an active part in being an Ashoka Changemaker School, to develop leadership skills, and to enhance their ability to be excellent team players. PASS takes place on Thursday afternoons and students choose from a variety of exciting activities which last for a half term.



## The Pathway

### COMPULSORY

**GCSE**  
English Language

OR

**IGCSE**  
English as a  
Second Language

**IGCSE**  
Maths Higher

OR

**IGCSE**  
Maths Standard

### OPTIONS

**GCSE**  
Physics

OR

**GCSE**  
History

**GCSE**  
Chemistry

OR

**GCSE**  
Art

**GCSE**  
Biology

OR

**GCSE**  
Business Studies

### ENRICHMENT

**Global Studies**  
Sidcot Certified Course

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**IGCSE**  
In your own Language (if available)

# The benefits of studying at Year 11 Pathway



## 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 (2 hours to London Paddington).  
Airport transfers available.



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



L to R (clockwise): The annual Bristol International Balloon Fiesta pictured over the famous Clifton Suspension Bridge, the Roman Baths in the World Heritage City of Bath, Cheddar Gorge and Wells Cathedral.