



# Sidcot School Key Information for International Students

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**Sidcot**  
Live Adventurously





# 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.

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**James Jones**  
Head of Sidcot School

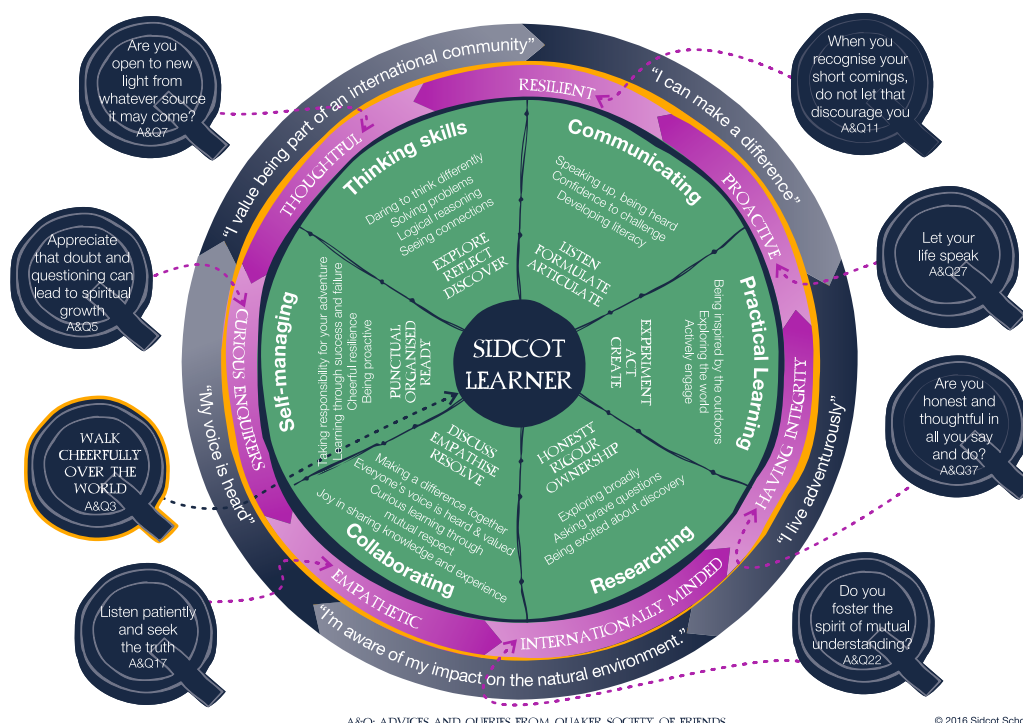


# At a glance

<b>Age range of boarders:</b>	11 to 18	<b>Educational programmes:</b>	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
<b>Total number of students:</b>	620 Percentage of international pupils 24%   139 students in Sixth Form	<b>Outstanding reputation:</b>	Creative Arts, Maths and Science
<b>Number of boarders:</b>	115	<b>Extras:</b>	Onsite Equestrian Centre and top class equestrian team competing at national level. Centre for Peace and Global Studies.
<b>Fees:</b>	Visit <a href="http://sidcot.org.uk/admissions/fees">sidcot.org.uk/admissions/fees</a>	<b>Nearest airport:</b>	Bristol – 7 miles
<b>Religion:</b>	Quaker. We accept students and staff of all faiths and none.	<b>Nearest railway station:</b>	Yatton – 8 miles and Bristol Temple Meads – 20 miles
<b>Setting:</b>	Rural		
<b>Nearest cities:</b>	Bristol and Bath		
<b>Travel time to London:</b>	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.



A&Q: ADVICES AND QUERIES FROM QUAKER SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

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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

# ACADEMIC PATHWAY

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

During the first three years of Senior School, prior to commencing study for national examinations, we aim to keep the curriculum as broad as possible. Sidcot Students will study the following:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science – Biology, Chemistry & Physics
- Geography
- History
- Religious Education
- Modern Languages
- Creative Arts
- Music
- Drama
- Design Technology – Product Design, Food Technology, Textiles & Computing

Pre-GCSE Pathway: Specialist English Language Course

The Pre-GCSE Pathway programme is a EAL (English as an Additional Language) Foundation Course for international students.

It has been designed to offer younger international pupils 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. Pupils 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 7

Ages 11 to 12

YEAR 8

Ages 12 to 13

Y9

Ages  
13 to 14

Pre-GCSE  
PATHWAY

Year 12 A LEVELS

A Level courses are rigorous, two-year long courses that lead to university entrance. They are specialist academic courses and are therefore an excellent preparation for the demands of top-class universities. Students will normally select three A Levels to study from the below options:

- Accounting
- Art & Design
- Art & Design: Photography (For Native Speakers)
- Art & Design: Textile Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Design & Technology: Product Design
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Literature
- Languages
- Italian, Chinese, Russian (For Native Speakers)
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Music
- Music Technology
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies (Philosophy & Ethics)

In addition to A Levels some students will select the EPQ, or Extended Project Qualification. The EPQ offers students the opportunity to produce a project on a topic of their choice and provides the equivalent of half an A Level.

Year 12 IB

The IB, or International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, is an internationally recognised alternative to A Levels.

It allows students a greater breadth to their Sixth Form studies as they study six subjects: three at higher level and three at standard level. The subject choices are organised to maintain a breadth of study across English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Languages and Arts.

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, IB 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 10

Two Year GCSE Course  
Ages 14 to 15



Y11

Ages  
15 to 16



Y11 PATHWAY

Ages  
15 to 16



YEAR 12

Two Year Sixth Form  
Courses

Ages 16 to 18

A Level | IB | BTEC



YEAR 13

	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
3	History	Standard, Higher
	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 been 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.





# 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.

## NO EXEATS

There are no exeat weekends at Sidcot and no formal lessons on Saturdays. During the weekends, boarding students can participate in various activities such as basketball, swimming, and ceramics, and an exciting programme of weekend trips also takes place throughout the year.





# 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

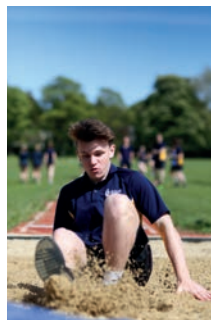
Our excellent rural location, top-class facilities, and strong links with community groups, charities, and businesses mean we can offer an extensive co-curricular programme with over 100 different activities!

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

## Gunes, Year 13

Merhaba, benim adım Güneş ve 2021'den beri Sidcot'ta yatılı öğrenci olarak kalıyorum. Şu anda 13. sınıftayım ve A-Level düzeyinde Matematik, Ekonomi ve Psikoloji dersleri alıyorum.



Sidcot'un uluslararası topluluğu, farklı arka planlara ve kültürlere sahip insanlarla tanışmamı sağladı ve bu da benim daha açık görüşlü olmama yardım sağladı.

Akademik çalışmalarımın yanı sıra, kaldığım yurdun başkanı olarak görev yapmaktan onur duyuyorum. Bu rol, arkadaşlarıma destek olma ve liderlik becerilerimi geliştirme fırsatı sundu. Yurt içinde pozitif bir atmosfer yaratmaya katkıda bulunmaktan ve her öğrencinin kendini hoş karşılanmış ve değerli hissetmesini sağlamaktan büyük gurur duyuyorum.

Buraya katıldığım günden bu yana uzun bir yol katettim. Genç yaşta yabancı bir ülkede ailemizden uzakta olmanın zor olduğunu anlıyorum, ancak unutmamalıyız ki hepimiz aynı durumdayız. Arkadaşlarım ve hocalarımdan aldığım destek ilk haftamı atlatmama yardımcı oldu.

Buradaki zamanımın sonuna yaklaşırken, son dört yılımı asla unutmayacağımı güvenle söyleyebilirim. Tüm iniş ve çıkışlarıyla, beni bugün ben yapan şeyin Sidcot olduğunu söyleyebilirim.

## Doruk, Year 10

2024 Yazında lise eğitimini İngiltere'de almak istedim ve opsiyonlarım arasında Sidcot'u seçmemin sebebi, müfredat eğitiminin yanında geniş bir aktivite olanağı sağlamasıydı özellikle spor ve sanatı eğitimi başarılı bir şekilde yürütmeyi ve öğrencileri sosyal ve fiziksel olarak gelişmeye iten bir sisteme sahip.



Ayrıca farklı bir ülkede ve farklı bir okulda yaşamının zorlukları var, bende ilk 1-2 ayımda dil ve kültür açısından sıkıntılar çektim, en çok yurttan kalmada zorlanacağımı düşündüm fakat Sidcot yurttan kalanlar için diğer okullardan çok daha geniş olanaklar sunuyor.

Ben şu anda Year 10 eğitimimi tamamlıyorum seneye GCSE sınavına gireceğim ve sixth form'da eğitimime burda devam etmeyi düşünüyorum. Aktif olarak okulun basketbol ve futbol takımında oynuyorum okul sonrası basketbol antrenmanı ya da spor salonuna gidiyorum.

## 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

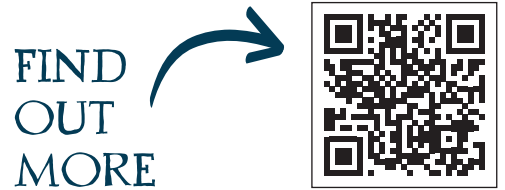
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