



Moving Up To Sidcot Sixth Form

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An introduction

Sidcot Sixth Form

We are excited to soon be welcoming you into Sidcot Sixth Form. Moving to Sixth Form, whether you're progressing from Year 11 at Sidcot or joining us from a different school, is an exciting and significant step up. To ensure you feel fully prepared, both academically and pastorally, we've crafted a comprehensive transition programme. Our central aim is simple: to help you achieve your personal best by supporting you through the 'step-up' to A Level, IB, or BTEC, encouraging you to discover new passions both inside and outside the classroom, and making sure you take advantage of every unique opportunity Sidcot has to offer.



Calendar of events

Pre-joining Sixth Form

- Sixth Form Options Evening, September
- Sixth Former for a Day, November

Once you've joined

- Induction Day, first day of term
- Brean Down Walk, September
- Sixth Form Christmas Party, December
- Sixth Form Socials, Throughout
- Opportunity to volunteer at School events such as Open Mornings, Race for Life etc
- Sixth Form Ball, June

We have no doubt that you'll have lots of questions and we welcome you to ask them! You can get in touch any time at thomas.ruddle@sidcot.org.uk



Thomas Ruddle

Head of Sidcot
Sixth Form

TESTIMONIAL: Grace, Day Student



“Taking part in all the clubs and opportunities outside of the classroom is great for unwinding, but also looks good on my personal statement too.”

Transition Events

SIXTH FORM OPTIONS EVENING

The first step in your transition programme is Sixth Form Options Evening. This evening is a chance to discover all your course options, find out more about the subjects on offer, and narrow down what you would like to study in Sixth Form based on what you most enjoy, where your talents lie, and what your future ambitions are.



INDUCTION DAY & STUDY SKILLS

From the start of your Sixth Form experience we will be sharing with you everything you need to thrive and make the most of your final two years at School. Our induction day helps you settle in and get to know your tutor, new classmates and how Sixth Form is different to the rest of the school. There are study skills workshops from Elevate Education and follow up sessions with your tutors to ensure you have the skills to be efficient with your time and energy, as you step up to Sixth Form study.



SIXTH FORMER FOR A DAY

In our Sixth Former For A Day event, we invite all who are considering joining Sixth Form the following September to experience what life is like in Sixth Form. That includes spending the day in our Sixth Form Centre, wearing non-uniform, taking part in taster lessons, enjoying a delicious lunch, and meeting key members of staff and new students.



SIXTH FORM SOCIALS

From the beginning of Year 12 through to your last day in Sixth Form, we continuously provide social opportunities. This starts with the Brean Down Walk in your first week in Sixth Form, providing a perfect opportunity to get to know your new classmates in a relaxed setting, with fish and chips on us! You can also look forward to casual quiz nights, karaoke nights, pizza nights and more, as well as formal events, such as the Christmas Party and Sixth Form Ball. Not only is this a great way to develop friendships throughout your time in Sixth Form, but these events also provide ample opportunity for day and boarding students to socialise outside of school time, which our Sixth Formers love!

Life In Sidcot Sixth Form

Life in Sidcot Sixth Form is the perfect balance of independent college life and the community and support that comes from being in a school environment.

This unique setting encourages students to take greater ownership of their education and daily routine. You'll enjoy the freedom to express your individuality through wearing your own clothes, increased flexibility in going to lunch or the ville at any free time, and exclusive facilities, such as the Sixth Form Centre and 'Pasta Paradise'.

Yet, this independence is thoughtfully complemented by Sidcot's strong community spirit and excellent support system. Academically, you benefit from tailored teaching support designed to meet your specific needs and ambitions. Socially, while you have your own space, you remain a vital part of the wider school, participating in whole school events and an abundance of extracurricular activities. This woven-in approach ensures that you are part of a community that genuinely cares for one another, offering a supportive and encouraging atmosphere as you prepare for university and beyond.

SPOTLIGHT: International Community

One of the most exciting aspects of joining the Sixth Form is the chance to meet a whole host of new faces! While you'll continue your journey with familiar friends, every year, many students join us for Sixth Form, injecting the environment with fresh energy and diverse perspectives. This includes a vibrant group of international boarding students, meaning your friendship circle will expand to include people from around the world, making the experience truly global.



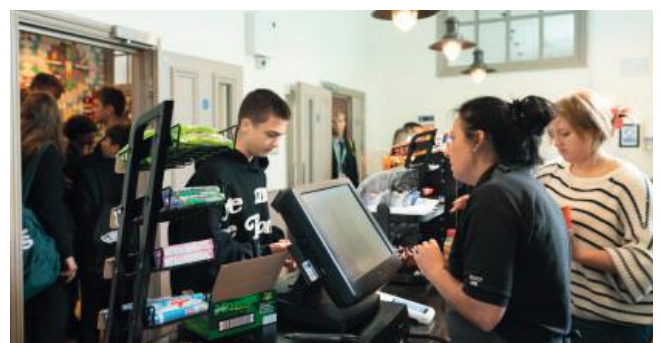
SPOTLIGHT: Academic Support

Every student in Sidcot Sixth Form receives tailored support to help them achieve their very best. For our most academic students, we run the ASPIRE programme providing specialist guidance in applying to the most competitive universities. We also have a highly qualified Learning Support department, who ensure that every student can fulfil their potential. Our students also enjoy small classes and 1-on-1 tutoring opportunities, allowing for bespoke teaching.



SPOTLIGHT: Building Your CV

Outside of the classroom, we provide multiple opportunities for our students to 'build their CV' for university and future careers. This includes on-site work experience at The Hub (our cafe) or as a lifeguard, leadership opportunities working as an Office Holder, and extracurricular qualifications, like the Duke of Edinburgh award and EPQ.





SPOTLIGHT: Clubs and Activities

While Sixth Form has a huge emphasis on study, it's so important that you have a chance to explore new hobbies and practise old ones. All of our Sixth Formers still come off timetable on a Thursday afternoon to complete a sporting or adventurous activity in Sixth Form Games – from skateboarding to bouldering, yoga to golf, we have over 50 options available. Sixth Formers also take part in team fixtures (we currently have an unbeaten basketball side!), lead drama productions and musical concerts, take part in Model United Nations, international societies, debating opportunities like our famous Dymond Speech – and more.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sixth Formers can stay until 9pm on the School site to enjoy our facilities and/or study.

SPOTLIGHT: Careers support and university preparation

While studying with us (and even after you've recently left), you'll receive extensive, personalised support to help you prepare for life after Sidcot. Mrs Pike, our Head of Careers, and Tutors work with you and your family to advise you through university, apprenticeship or job applications. You will also attend seminars and meetings with speakers on specialist topics such as improving personal statements, studying abroad and gap year opportunities. On top of this, we have a whole programme of Careers activity, including psychometric

testing, careers interviews, university visits, skills workshops, student budgeting sessions and more.

95% of graduates in the last year have gone on to their chosen choice of university, pursuing their passions across a broad range of courses including:

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| ENGLISH 01 | BUSINESS MANAGEMENT 08 | SCIENCES 04 | FINANCE/ECONOMICS 03 |
| | MATHEMATICS 02 | | |
| | FASHION 02 | MUSIC 02 | |
| MEDICINE 02 | MARKETING 01 | HISTORY & POLITICS 03 | INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 01 |
| | AERONAUTICS & ASTRONAUTICS 01 | | |
| | COMPUTER SCIENCE 02 | PRODUCT DESIGN 01 | |
| | SOCIAL SCIENCES 02 | | |
| | EQUINE SPORTS SCIENCE 01 | SPORTS 02 | PPE 02 |
| | PSYCHOLOGY 01 | | |
| | LAW & CRIMINOLOGY 04 | | |

We also offer flexi-boarding opportunities to help our Sixth Form students prepare for university life. Students stay in single rooms, gaining crucial life skills such as managing their own laundry, keeping their room tidy, and basic cleaning, all within a supportive environment with dedicated boarding staff. Flexi-boarders especially appreciate the chance to study productively in their private room or collaboratively with friends in the common areas, alongside the benefit of additional academic support from boarding tutors. It's also an excellent solution for students with sports fixtures or after-school clubs who wish to avoid a late commute.



Where you'll be: Sidcot Sixth Form

Sidcot Sixth Form is based right in the heart of the School campus because you are a core part of the community. Fully renovated in 2023, it is designed by students and designers to provide a study and social space that primes our Sixth Formers for life post-18. The space combines cutting-edge learning technology with proven pedagogical techniques aligned with our School emphasis on collaboration and encouraging a love of learning. While with us, you will enjoy quiet and social study areas, a social common room, dedicated classrooms for IB, BTEC and A Level lessons and the Leiths Cookery Course, as well as bookable rooms that can be used for holding meetings or extra study.

TESTIMONIAL: Onno, Boarder



The different nationalities mean I am learning about new cultures and languages. I'm building friendships and connections all over the world.

TESTIMONIAL: JJ, Boarder



I get to experience an independent lifestyle, which prepares me for university and life in general. There's also lots of careers support and help with next steps.

TESTIMONIAL: Charlotte, Day Student



It's a wonderful environment, with a friendly atmosphere that contributes to and supports my work ethic.



Find out more...

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