

## Term dates

#### **Autumn Term 2023**

Induction day
Boarders return
Term begins
Half term begins
Boarders return
Term resumes
Term ends and Boarders depart

Friday 1 September Friday 1 September Monday 4 September Friday 20 October Sunday 5 November Monday 6 November Thursday 14 December

#### Spring Term 2024

Boarders return
Term begins
Half term begins
Boarders return
Term resumes
Term ends and Boarders depart

Sunday 7 January Monday 8 January Friday 9 February Sunday 18 February Monday 19 February Thursday 28 March

#### Summer Term 2024

Boarders return
Term begins
Half term begins
Boarders return
Term resumes
Term ends and Boarders depart

Monday 15 April Tuesday 16 April Friday 24 May Sunday 2 June Monday 3 June Thursday 4 July

# Year group nomenclature

Sidcot	National Curriculum	Sidcot	National Curriculum
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 offers students the next step as they move on from 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 schools ethos of "Live Adventurously".

Sixth Formers have the chance to choose their academic disciplines. This gives the opportunity to select specialised areas of academic interest and focus on them in a way they have never had the chance to before.

At Sidcot we offer our students a wide range of subjects at A Level, the International Baccalaureate Diploma or BTEC.



Thomas Ruddle Head of Sixth Form

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## Curriculum outline

Sixth Form is an exciting time in your academic career that will lay the foundation for your further education and future employment. It is also a challenging time that will require reflection and careful contemplation on what you wish to do in the future and which path you will choose to reach your destination.

To help you on your journey at Sidcot, we have an excellent range of challenging and stimulating subjects perfectly complemented by a comprehensive extracurricular programme to provide a broad, diverse and academic education. We have extensive experience in teaching A Level, the International Baccalaureate (IB) and BTEC courses with a history of excellent results.

Students usually take three A Levels, alongside the Extended Project Qualification. In the IB, students study six subjects plus a core curriculum. Students who opt for either the BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Sport or Business (equivalent to two A Levels) must choose to study one A Level alongside the BTEC course.

Below is a list of our Sixth form Courses:

#### A Level Courses

- Accounting
- Art & Design
- Art & Design: Photography
- 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)

#### **IB** Courses

- IB: Group 1 First Language
   English Language A: Literature
   German A: Language and Literature
   Italian A: Literature
- IB: Group 2 Second Language Modern Languages
- IB: Group 3 Individuals & Society
  Economics
  History

Geography Psychology

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• IB: Group 4 – Experimental Science
Biology

Chemistry

**Physics** 

- IB: Group 5 Mathematics
- IB: Group 6 The Arts

Drama

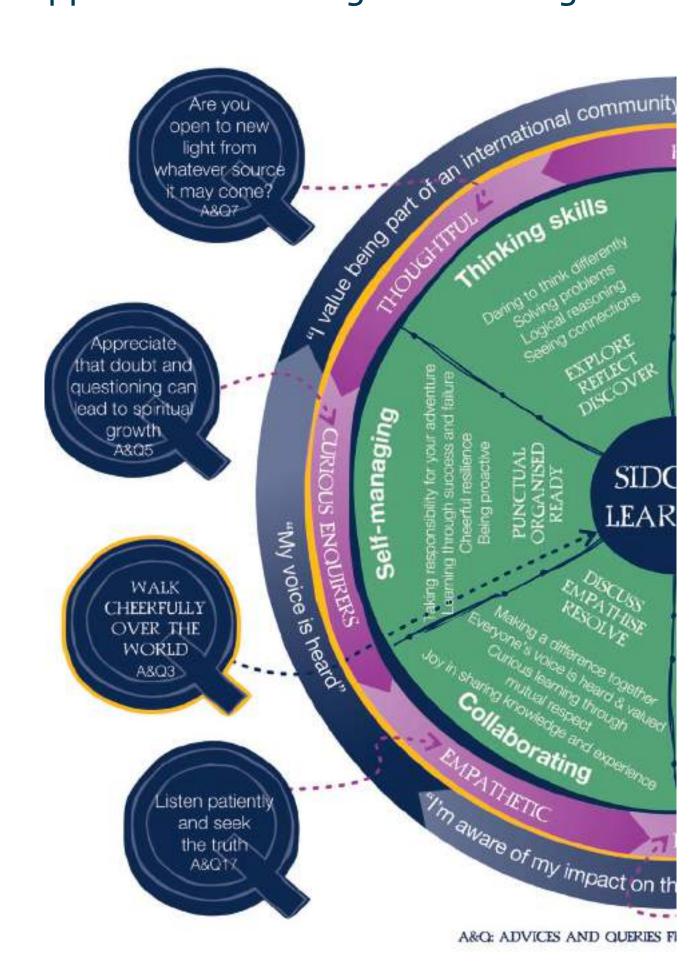
Music

Visual Arts

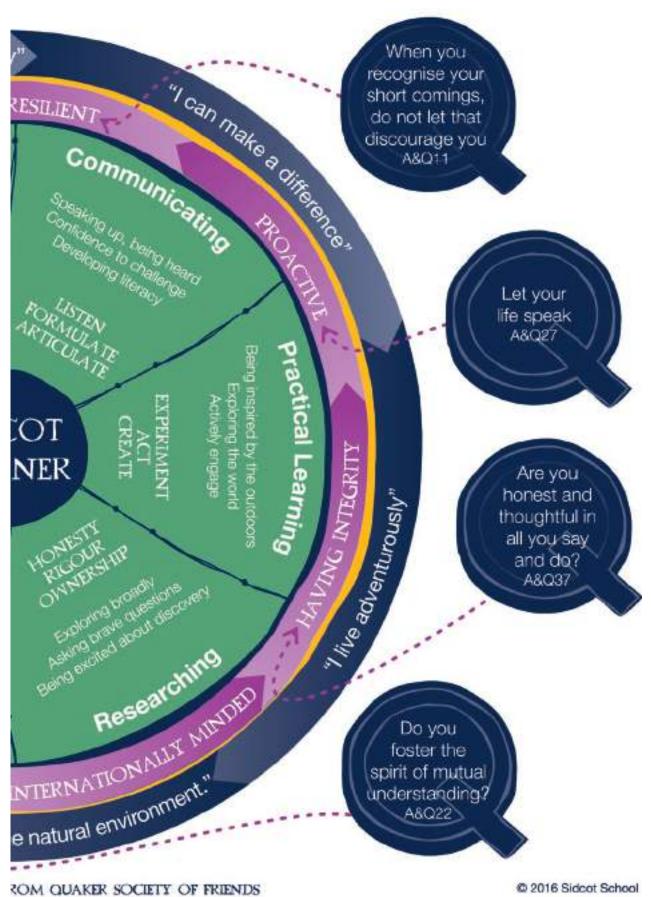
#### **BTFC Courses**

- BTEC Level 3 Business
- BTEC Level 3 Sports

### Our approach to teaching and learning



### The Sidcot Learning Wheel



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## School routine

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesda	ıy
08:30 – 08:35	Tutor Time	08:30 – 08:35	Tutor Time	08:30 – 08:35	Tutor Time
08:35 – 09:25	Period 1	08:35 – 09:25	Period 1	08:35 – 09:25	Period 1
09:25 – 10:15	Period 2	09:25 – 10:15	Period 2	09:25 – 10:15	Period 2
10:20 – 11:00	Assembly	10:15 – 11:05	Period X	10:15 – 11:05	PSHE/ Pastoral Time
11:05 – 11:25	Break	11:05 – 11:25	Break	11:05 – 11:25	Break
11:25 – 12:15	Period 3	11:25 – 12:15	Period 3	11:25 – 12:15	Period 3
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15:00 – 15:50	Period 6	15:00 – 15:50	Period 6	15:00 – 15:50	Period 6
16:00 – 16:50	Activities/Prep	16:00 – 16:50	Activities/Prep	16:00 – 16:50	Period 7 Activities/Prep
17:00 – 18:00	Activities/Prep	17:00 – 18:00	Activities/Prep	17:00 – 18:00	Activities/Prep
17:45 – 18:30	Boarders' Supper	17:45 – 18:30	Boarders' Supper	17:45 – 18:30	Boarders' Supper

- \* Y7 & Y8 go to lunch slightly earlier.
- PSHE = Personal, Social, Health and Economic lesson
- Meeting for Worship: The School community gathers in the Quaker Meeting House and sits in stillness to listen and reflect.

Thursday		Friday	
08:30 – 08:35	Tutor Time	08:30 – 08:35	Tutor Time
08:35 – 09:25	Period 1	08:35 – 09:25	Period 1
09:25 – 10:15	Period 2	09:25 – 10:15	Period 2
10:15 – 11:05	Period X	10:20 – 11:00	Meeting for Worship
11:05 – 11:25	Break	11:05 – 11:25	Break
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14:00 – 16:00	PASS (Co-Curricular Time)	14:10 – 15:00	Period 5
		15:00 – 15:50	Period 6
16:00 – 16:50	Period 7 Activities/Prep	16:00 – 16:50	Activities/Prep
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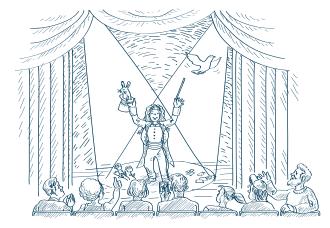
 'PASS' (Programme of Activities for Sidcot School); a wonderful co-curricular programme based on our key themes of Living Adventurously, living out our Quaker values, being an Ashoka Changemaker school and providing opportunities to develop leadership skills and team building. Students will have the 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.

## Extra-curricular activities

At Sidcot we're lucky in having an excellent rural location and top-class facilities for sport, arts, crafts and environmental studies, as well as links with local community groups, charities and businesses.

Activities run at lunchtime, after school, after tea and into the evening. With activities ranging from archery to trampolining, maths club to riding, we make sure our students have plenty of opportunities to try new things as well as developing existing interests.

Below is a sample list of activities. This list is updated every term and will also include a full range of sport activities depending on the season.



- Riding
- Archery
- Climbing
- Caving
- Open Mic Club
- Glass Making Workshop
- Singing Group
- Music Tech Club
- Painting
- Photography
- Drama Rehearsals
- Multi-Gym
- Lane Swimming
- Trampolining

- Fencing
- Art Open Studio
- Book Club
- Tennis Club
- Music Theory Club
- Tabletop Games Club
- Circuits
- Mixed Golf
- Ceramics
- Design & Technology Club
- Fee Swimming
- Library Study
- Maths Café
- Pottery

# SchoolsBuddy

SchoolsBuddy allows our parents to view the range of activities available to our students. The system allows you to easily book your child onto our lunchtime and after-school activities and into our early and late prep sessions. It's important that parents use this system to let the school know what your child will be doing after school.

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 early and late 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.

Should you have any questions please contact: **ITSupport.Parents@sidcot.org.uk** 



# **Sports Fixtures**

Sports fixtures are finalised in the first week of each term and go live for parents to see on our sports fixtures site known as SOCS.

#### sport.sidcot.org.uk

All fixture details can be found on SOCS. When the team is selected you will be able to view it using the Password **TeamSidcot** 

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 the children 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. Training sessions and fixtures should be booked using SchoolsBuddy.

# Induction Day & First Day of Term

Monday 2 September is the first day of term, and the whole day is set aside to provide an induction to the Sixth Form for all new and existing students.

Students will get the chance to 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 the process of establishing friendships.

Students should arrive at 08:30 at the Senior Drop Off and Pick Up point.



## Opportunities to Visits

#### Boundary Walk – Date TBC

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

## New Parents Drinks & Hog Roast – Date TBC

To introduce parents to the School, and each other, we invite all new parents to join the Headmaster and other members of staff for drinks. This is followed by a Hog Roast to which all parents are invited.

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

# What to bring

#### Stationery

The basic stationery students require is as follows;

- 2 pens black for exams but blue is fine for classroom use
- 1 purple pen
- 1 green pen
- 2 pencils
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Ruler
- Compass
- Protractor
- Calculator If you are taking a Maths based course you will need a specialist calculator.
   Your teachers will be able to provide advice on the best options.

The following are also useful to have:

- Coloured pens or pencils
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Highlighters

All of the above items are available from the library stationery shop and can be added to the termly extras bill.

#### **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 the season.

On Thursdays, students should attend School wearing sports kit in preparation for their PASS activity in the afternoon, unless otherwise notified. This should include tracksuit trousers or leggings.

A full Sportswear Clothing Guide can be found at **sidcot.org.uk/uniform** 

## Photo ID cards

All students have a photo ID card which must be carried 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 must email a photo of themselves prior to arrival in September to admissions@sidcot.org.uk.

Lost cards can be replaced, at a cost of £5.00, your children arrange this through their tutor.

Students who have provided their photos will be issued with their ID card on their induction day.

## Lockers

Each student is allocated a locker where they can keep their study materials. At the beginning of the year, students should bring a lock with two keys or a combination lock. The second key/copy of the combination should be given to the tutor to help when needed. At the end of each term students will be asked to clear their lockers completely.

## Uniform

As a Sixth Form student of Sidcot School, one of the privileges students enjoy is not being required to wear a 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

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

Downloadable guides have been produced to give parents, guardians and pupils all the information necessary about Sidcot's regulations and uniform, dress code and possessions in school. These can be found at **sidcot.org.uk/uniform** 

If you have any queries, please email uniform@sidcot.org.uk

All Sidcot School uniform and sports kit can be bought online. Alternatively, you can purchase through Deane & Sons of Cheddar.

Deane & Sons Bath Street Cheddar Somerset BS27 3AA

Telephone: 01934 742530

Email: info@deanesofcheddar.co.uk

#### Deane & Sons Opening Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 09:00 - 17:00

(closed 13:00-14:00)

Saturday: 09:00 - 16:00

(closed 13:00-14:00)

Friday and Sunday: Closed

# Digital technology in the classroom

#### Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Technology is a significant part of all of 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?

In the Senior School all students are expected to have their own IT device that they bring into school for use in lessons. Many will already have a device, however, if students or parents are unsure whether it meets the required specification, please email **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 child's personal belongings either through the Personal Effects Insurance (offered by the School), or by your own arrangements.

#### Required Device Specification:

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

Can 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.

**Can use a keyboard** - A keyboard is needed to assist with tasks that require more typing e.g. essays or project write-ups.

Be able to run Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Teams/OneNote - These are the core apps needed in school. The mobile version and online version are suitable for most tasks. If more is required, remote access can be used.

Be a Microsoft, Mac (including MAC OS and iOS), or Android OS based device - These are the operating systems we know work well with the school systems.

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

IMPORTANT: Does 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 your child is a student at Sidcot.

# Is my child allowed to bring a mobile phone to school?

Following a period of discussion and research on the use of mobile phones in schools, we have taken the decision to restrict mobile phone usage.

Sixth Form students are allowed a phone in school but they 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.

We do hope we have your support on this, as we strongly believe the benefits are significant from an academic, social and wellbeing perspective.

## The Blue Book

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, students will be given '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.

# The House system

All students and staff at Sidcot are assigned to a virtual house when they join our school community (North House, East House, South House and West House). 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 trips and activities, inter-house music competitions, charity fundraising and much more.

Students are notified during the School holidays before they join which house they have been assigned to.

## Food

Students have break after Period 2 (Period 3 on a Wednesday) where they can have a drink, a biscuit and fruit. Lunch is after Period 4 (Period 5 on a Wednesday), T

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: www.sidcot.org.uk/parent-information/food

Straight after school, students may help themselves to tea, coffee, hot chocolate, milk or juice in the Refectory. Break, lunch and supper are all included within the school fees.

The Hub is Sidcot's café where students can buy drinks and snacks, smoothies, paninis and fruit pots at various times throughout the day. Students can use their photo ID card to make purchases from the Hub. Credit can be added to the ID card using WisePay – parents can access this via www.sidcot.org.uk/parent-information/sidcot-intranet

# Drop off and pick up

Students should be delivered to the top car park by the Science block (which is signposted as the 'drop off point') no later than 08:30 each morning. Lessons finish at 15:50 (16:00 on Wednesday) so students can be picked up then from the top playground.

Day students are welcome to stay for activities, prep and supper every evening if they wish at no extra cost (some activities require additional payment). If you are going to be late, or if your child is going to be absent, please email or telephone Reception (01934 843102) who will forward the information on to tutors and the Year Head.

If your child misses registration, or is leaving early, they must go to Reception to sign in or out.

# 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 £48.00 per night.

Please contact our Admissions Office if you are interested in exploring this option further: admissions@sidcot.org.uk

# Meeting for Worship

Once a week on a Friday morning, the school community participates in Meeting for Worship. This may take place as a whole school community in the Quaker Meeting House, in Form groups, in Houses or in Tutor groups. This period of silence and stillness enables our students space and time to reflect and listen.



# Our policies

Sidcot School is an inclusive learning community; this includes students who are 'gifted and talented' and those with specific learning difficulties.

#### Admissions policy

Sidcot School is not selective beyond our expectation that students will cope with mainstream curriculum. Students can be accepted throughout the year from Pre-School to Year 9 providing space is available. Students are able to join examination Years 10 and 12 up to half a term late, at the School's discretion, but students will not be accepted into Years 11 and 13.

For entry to the Sixth Form students must gain a minimum of 5 'standard' GCSE passes at Grade 4 or above. For those subjects students wish to take at A Level we recommend Grade 5 or above, to study the IB Diploma you must have at least Grade 5 in Maths and English.

#### Waiting lists

Sidcot is a popular school. When there are no available places, students are invited to join the waiting list for their chosen year group.

For a complete version of our Admissions Policy, please see: **sidcot.org.uk/admissions-process** 



#### **School policies**

The following policies are available for prospective parents to view online and/or download from: sidcot.org.uk/policies

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy; Staff Student Code (Staff Behaviour Policy); Missing Child Policy Procedures (Junior School); Missing Child Policy Procedures (Senior School); Supervision of Pupils – (Junior School); Supervision of Pupils (Senior School); Uncollected Child Policy Procedure; Behaviour Policies; Anti Bullying Policy (including cyber-bullying); Behaviour Policy (Senior School); Behaviour Policy (Junior School); Behaviour Policy (EYFS); Behaviour Policy Procedure (Out of School Care and Holiday Clubs); Smoking, Drugs & Alcohol Policy; Reasonable force and physical restraint; Search and Confiscation Policy; Permanent Exclusions Policy; Health and Safety Policy; Medical Policy (including First Aid); Supporting Students with Medical Conditions and Disabilities Policy; Asthma Policy; Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy; Educational Trips and Visits Policy; Equal Opportunities Policy (children); Digital Security and Safety; Acceptable Use Policy – Students; Acceptable Use Policy - Staff; Acceptable Use Policy -Visitors; Digital Security Policy; Privacy Notice - Pupils; Privacy Notice - Staff; Recruitment, Selection and Disclosure Policy and Procedure; Recruitment of Governors Policy; Volunteers Policy; Whistleblowing Policy; Curriculum Policy; Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND); English as an Additional Language Policy; Gifted and Talented Policy; Foundation Stage Policy; Language Policy; Admissions Policy; Attendance Register Policy; Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance Policy; Complaints Policy and Procedure; Fundraising Policy; Hiring and Letting of Facilities Policy; Money Laundering Policy; Anti Bribery Policy; Visitor Policy.

# Sidcot people



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## Admissions team

We would love to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to give us a call or email us. Please see our website for a full staff list: sidcot.org.uk/who-we-are



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Senior Drop-Off & Pick Up Combe House
Combe House
Meadowside
Main Car Park
Dunior Car Park
Senior Drop-Off & Pic
School Garden
Mames O'Connell Pe

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Senior School
 Junior School
 Sports Centre
 Equestrian Centre

James O'Connell Peace Field

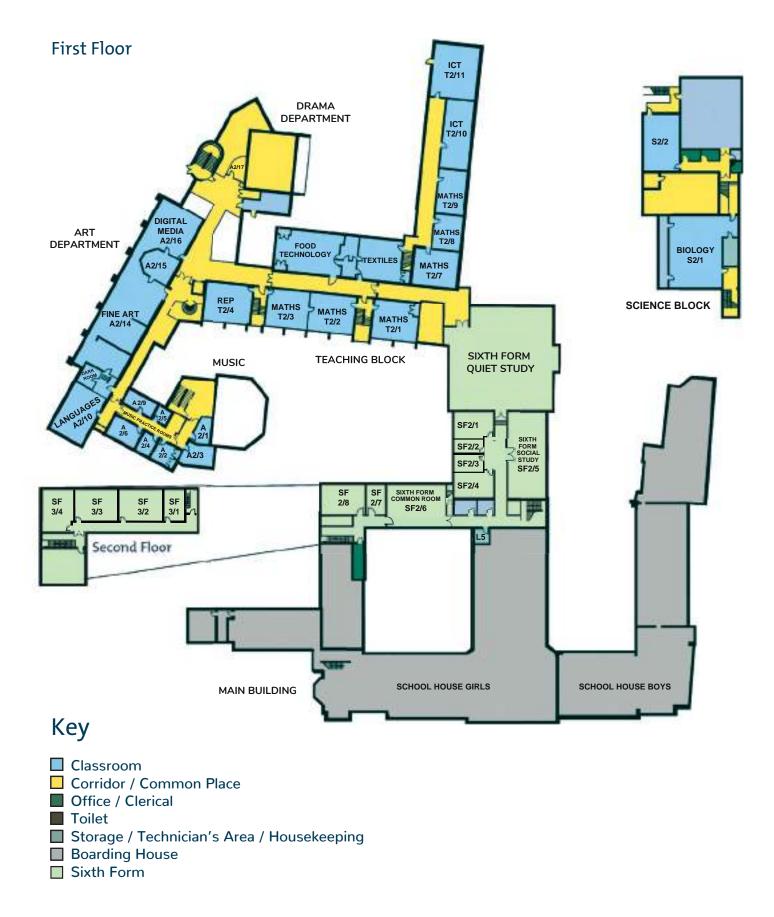






## Senior School Floor Plan





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