

Junior School Useful Information

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This is your guide to Sidcot Junior School where you'll find everything you need to know if your child is thinking of joining the School.

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The application process

From enquiry to application, our Admissions Team is happy to help you discover whether Sidcot is the right place for your child. The following steps outline our application process, though the order may vary according to individual circumstances.

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Apply

Complete the application form and return with the registration fee of £102 along with your child's most recent school report and a copy of their passport and birth certificate. If your child requires learning support, please also supply the relevant reports about their specific needs - for example, an Educational Psychologist report, or IEP (Individual Education Plan). Upon receipt of an application, a reference will be requested from your child's current setting.

Taster Sessions

Taster sessions are an entry requirement for the Junior School, following an application. For Junior School pupils, the Taster Programme lasts two consecutive days. For Pre-School pupils and pupils for Reception, it's two half day sessions.

Offer

As soon as possible after the application and taster sessions, we will be in touch to let you know whether a place is offered.

Acceptance

To accept your place at Sidcot, please read the Parent Contract and return the completed Acceptance Form with the deposit and completed Medical Card. Shortly afterwards, we'll email our joining instructions, which will include all the practical details you will need.

Term dates

Autumn Term 2025

Induction day	Friday 29 August
Boarders return	Friday 29 August
Term begins	Monday 1 September
Half term begins	Friday 17 October
Boarders return	Sunday 2 November
Term resumes	Monday 3 November
Term ends and Boarders depart	Friday 12 December

Spring Term 2026

Boarders return	Monday 5 January
Term begins	Tuesday 6 January
Half term begins	Friday 13 February
Boarders return	Sunday 22 February
Term resumes	Monday 23 February
Term ends and Boarders depart	Wednesday 1 April

Summer Term 2026

Boarders return	Monday 20 April
Term begins	Tuesday 21 April
Half term begins	Friday 22 May
Boarders return	Sunday 31 May
Term resumes	Monday 1 June
Term ends and Boarders depart	Thursday 2 July

Fees 2025/26

Junior School

Pre-School

Morning Session – 08:45 to 11:45	£31.00
Lunch for Pre-School pupils	£3.70
Afternoon Session – 12:45 to 15:45	£31.00

Termly fee

Reception to Year 2	£3,520
Year 3 to Year 4	£4,430
Year 5 to Year 6	£5,380

Senior School

Day fees

Year 7 to Year 9	£7,430
Year 10 to Year 11	£7,710

Termly fee

Boarding fees

Year 7 to Year 9 UK/Non Visa Students ¹	£12,960
Year 7 to Year 9 Non-UK/Child Visa Students ²	£13,330
Pre-GCSE Pathway (Year 8 to Year 9) UK/Non Visa Students ¹	£14,730 ³
Pre-GCSE Pathway (Year 8 to Year 9) Non-UK/Child Visa Students ²	£15,080 ³
Year 10 to Year 11 UK/Non Visa Students ¹	£13,980
Year 10 to Year 11 Non-UK/Child Visa Students ²	£14,350
Year 11 Pathway UK/Non Visa Students ¹	£16,680 ⁴
Year 11 Pathway Non-UK/Child Visa Students ²	£17,030 ⁴

Termly fee

Sixth Form

Day fees

Year 12 & Year 13	£8,190 (£7,710) ³
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Termly fee

Boarding fees

Year 12 & Year 13 UK/Non Visa Students ¹	£15,550 (£13,980) ³
Year 12 & Year 13 Non-UK/Child Visa Students ²	£15,930 (£14,350) ³

The figures above are inclusive of VAT and exclude lunch.

- 1 UK/Non-Visa Students - Those students with a UK Passport (and those with settled/pre-settled status) or Students joining the school for 6 months or less.
- 2 Non-UK/Child Visa Students - Those students without a UK passport who require a Child Visa in order to study in the UK.
- 3 Loyalty Discount – Students who have taken the two year GCSE course at Sidcot will continue to pay the Year 10/11 rate if they continue their studies into the Sixth Form. Junior Pathway students will receive a £3,500 loyalty discount if they continue their studies at Sidcot after completing the full 1 year Pathway programme. This discount will be applied to the fees of the first term after completion of the course.
- 4 Cost includes a portable touch screen computer to assist with teaching and learning.

Summary of fees

UK bank account holders can pay fees on a monthly basis if you wish. Many parents find it helpful to spread the cost of fees by paying 10 monthly instalments by direct debit. The Direct Debit application deadline is 30 June. You can also pay by debit card. Please contact feesenquiries@sidcot.org.uk for further information.

Deposit

For Pre-School, Junior and Senior Day places, a deposit of £1000 is payable. This is non-refundable if a child leaves Sidcot School before the end of their Reception year.

This deposit is in addition to the termly fee and is refunded when the student finally leaves the School, once all fees and extras have been settled.

Registration fee

To be considered for a place at Sidcot Junior School or Pre-School, a registration fee of £102 is payable to cover the administration costs of the application.

All registration fees are non-refundable.

Pre-School fee

Pre-School is charged at £65.70, as follows:

08:45 - 11:45: £31.00
Lunch: £3.70
12:45 - 15:45: £31.00

Junior day fee

The Junior day fee includes snacks and the majority of after school activities. Lunches are now chargeable at £240 per term. After School Care is free for the first hour up until 16:30 and £2.50 is charged per half hour from 16:30 until 18:00. Those in After School Care are welcome to have supper at a cost of £2.50 in the Refectory at 17:30. Breakfast Club provides supervision from 07:45 to 08:30 and includes a varied breakfast at a cost of £3.70.

Extras

Parental permission will be sought for any trip or activity which incurs a charge of more than £20.00.



Additional fees

Specialist tuition

Sidcot School offers specialist tuition in a wide range of subjects and activities including Music, Drama, Sports and EAL. 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 see your child's teacher 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 paul.woolley@sidcot.org.uk.

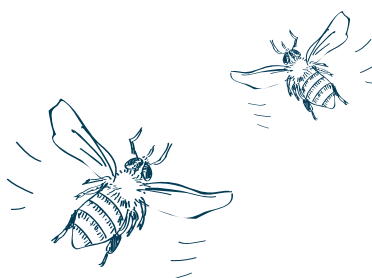
The hourly rate for all individual lessons is £51.00, including Learning Support. The hourly rate for group lessons is £29.00.

School Bank details

The School will let you know in writing if it is going to change its 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.

Sibling discounts

A 10% discount is given to children who already have one sibling at the School and will be deducted from the lowest fee at that time.



Opportunities to visit

We want to give you the opportunity to get know Sidcot, to find out if it feels the right place for you and your child. We offer various open events and tasters where you take a good look around, experience life at the School, and meet the pupils and staff.

Open Mornings

Open Mornings provide a chance to visit the Junior and/or Senior School. You can explore the campus, see the facilities, meet pupils, parents and staff, take a tour of a boarding house and get a feel for the unique Sidcot atmosphere. We have one Open Morning each term, see our website for the latest details.

Junior School Discovery Morning

Our Discovery Morning is an excellent way for you and your child to experience Sidcot first hand. This event is for children currently in Reception to J5. The morning includes fun taster lessons and activities, meeting our teachers, exploring our facilities, and making friends. Children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Personal tours

If you'd prefer a personal tour we are happy to arrange a date and time to suit your requirements. Contact the Admissions Team to book your appointment.

Please refer to our website for the latest schedule of events and opportunities to visit the School.

To contact our Admissions Office

+44 (0)1934 845236
admissions@sidcot.org.uk
sidcot.org.uk to register online

Junior School timetable

Registration	08:30
Lesson 1	08:40 – 09:30
Lesson 2	09:30 – 10:30
Break	10:30-10:50
Assemblies/Meeting for Worship	10:50 – 11:10
Lesson 3	11:10 – 12:05
Lunch	
Pre-School & Reception	from 11:50
J1 to J6	12:05 – 13:15

Afternoon registration:	13:15
Lesson 4:	13:20 – 14:00
Lesson 5:	14:00 – 14:50
Lesson 6 – Pre-School to J2:	14:50 – 15:30
Lesson 6 – J3 to J6:	14:50 – 15:40
Activities/Early Prep:	15:40 – 16:25
After School Care:	15:30 – 18:00
Late Prep for J5 and J6:	16:30 – 17:20
Evening Meal	17:30
Last collection time:	18:00

Food

Pupils at Sidcot enjoy a wide variety of tastes and flavours from around the world and parents can relax knowing there are plenty of fresh and healthy options available at all meal times. The light and spacious Refectory ensures a pleasurable dining experience on every occasion.

The School provides three meals per day during term time. There is a wide choice of dishes at main meals, including a vegetarian option. Provision is also made for special dietary, medical or religious needs. Alongside main meals, pupils can also enjoy our salad bar, including pasta and baked potatoes.

During morning break, Junior School pupils enjoy a varied options of fresh fruit, vegetables and/or biscuits alongside a refreshing beverage.

Fulfilling potential

Bursaries

Bursaries take the form of means tested discounts for new (and sometimes existing) pupils. These are intended to help a child enter the School and the majority will continue for the duration of their time at Sidcot. Others offer short-term support and may be available in cases of unexpected financial hardship.

Applications for September must be made by early January (please see website for deadline dates). Bursaries are reviewed annually and are awarded in line with our Bursary Policy and Procedure. The Bursary Policy and Procedure document and application form are available to download on the Admissions section of our website under Scholarships and Bursaries.

Academic Enrichment

At Sidcot School we recognise children are all at different stages in their learning and development. Whilst some pupils may need additional support, others are more able and need to be stretched and challenged. As a team, we carefully monitor the academic progress and attainment of our pupils throughout the year and adapt our provision accordingly. Some pupils are identified as gifted and talented in a particular subject area, and some pupils in J5 and J6 may be encouraged to be a Lead Learner in a particular area. Those who are Lead Learners are supported by the subject lead teacher and given extra opportunities to further develop their understanding, knowledge and broaden their experiences in their area of skill.

Learning Support

Our Learning Support Department forms a strong part of the pastoral system and reflects the caring ethos for which Sidcot School is well known. The School is highly experienced in providing support to pupils with mild to moderate learning support needs. The department provides extremely high quality specialist teaching and support. The focus is on improving literacy and/or mathematical skills to enable pupils to engage with the mainstream curriculum and to become independent learners. Staff in the department also act as advocates for individual pupils in their relationships with teaching staff and other pupils.

We request that parents supply reports relating to their child's specific learning needs – for example, an Educational Psychologist report, or IEP (Individual Education Plan), plus a school report. These reports need to be submitted early in the admissions process – certainly prior to interview. Learning Support is charged on a pay as you go basis at the end of each term.

Learning adventurously

At Sidcot we're lucky to have a stunning rural location and excellent facilities available for our Junior School pupils to use where appropriate to heighten their learning experience.

Arts

Sidcot Arts Centre bridges the traditional genres with the latest technology and state of the art facilities for fine art, music, drama, sculpture, photography and digital media. Our music school has a dedicated performance hall, practice rooms, a recording studio and music technology suite. Our drama department has the facilities to produce performances on stage, radio or film.

We are delighted to have been awarded the Arts Council England's most prestigious Gold Award which recognises Sidcot's success in developing pupils' creativity.

Sports

A whole range of sports are on offer at Sidcot: football, rugby, hockey, cricket, netball, tennis, athletics, horseriding, fencing, golf, basketball, table tennis and many more. We have a busy fixtures list throughout the year playing competitively against local schools with some excellent results. In the Sports Centre pupils have use of a superb 25-metre indoor heated pool, a multi-gym and sports hall.

Extra-curricular

At Sidcot the classroom is just the beginning. During lunchtime or after the school day, pupils can take part in a wide range of activities.

Working in the community

Working to support charitable organisations is part of our Quaker values. Pupils are involved in organising events for Red Nose Day, Children In Need, Macmillan Cancer Support and local charities. We believe this experience is essential to develop maturity and empathy.

Science Labs

Our Science Labs have recently been renovated providing a modern facility for pupils in all year groups to use. Junior School pupils are able to visit for Physics, Chemistry, and Physics lessons to utilise the high-quality equipment and spacious laboratories for interactive lessons.

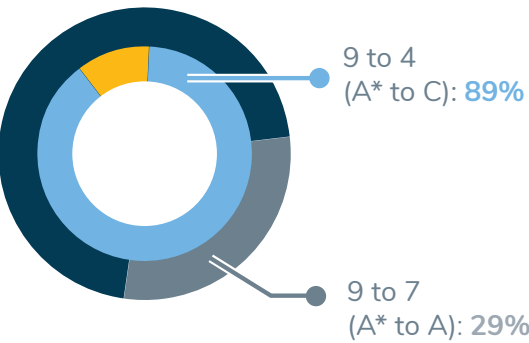
Equestrian

Sidcot Equestrian Centre is another gem the School has to offer to pupils who pursue riding as a sport. Our Early Years pupils are able to take part in pony riding on-site weekly with Mango and Poppett, our Shetland ponies. Junior School pupils from J1 to J6 are invited to take part in horse riding and stable management lessons, either on-site with one of our school horses, or at our partnered local Equestrian Centre, Urchinwood Manor. Pupils can also board their own horses on-site and we encourage everyone involved in our Equestrian programme to join the School team and compete in local and national competitions.

Student success 2025

This information gives an indication of how the School has performed in external examinations.

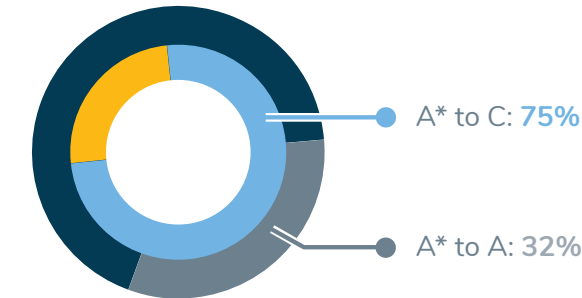
GCSE 2025



Year 11 GCSE students achieved higher than the national average across all grade boundaries.

Year 13 Results 2025

- Across our range of pathways (IB, A Level and BTEC), Year 13 students have received the equivalent to:



One student secured a place to study at the University of Cambridge and two accepted places to study Medicine.

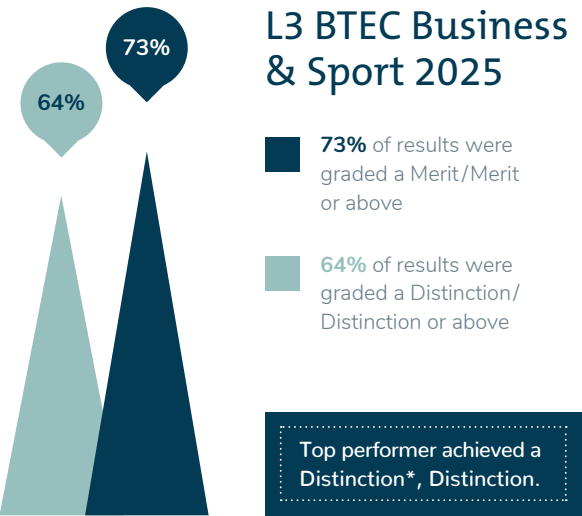
International Baccalaureate 2025

Sidcot continues to significantly overachieve the world average.

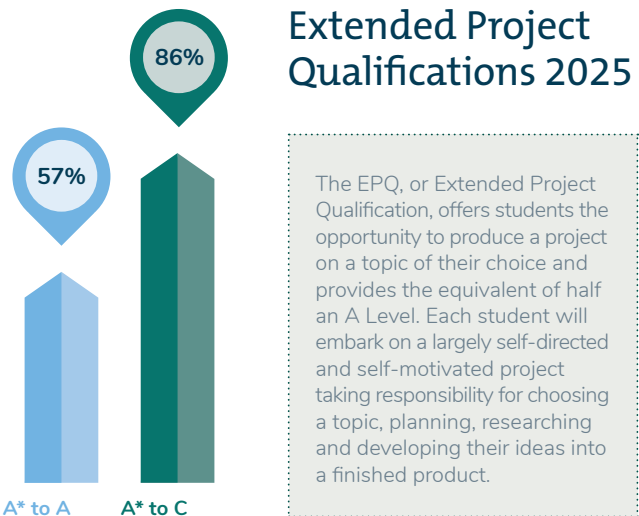


- Sidcot mean score for students who received the diploma: 33
- Top score of 43 out of a possible 45

L3 BTEC Business & Sport 2025



Extended Project Qualifications 2025



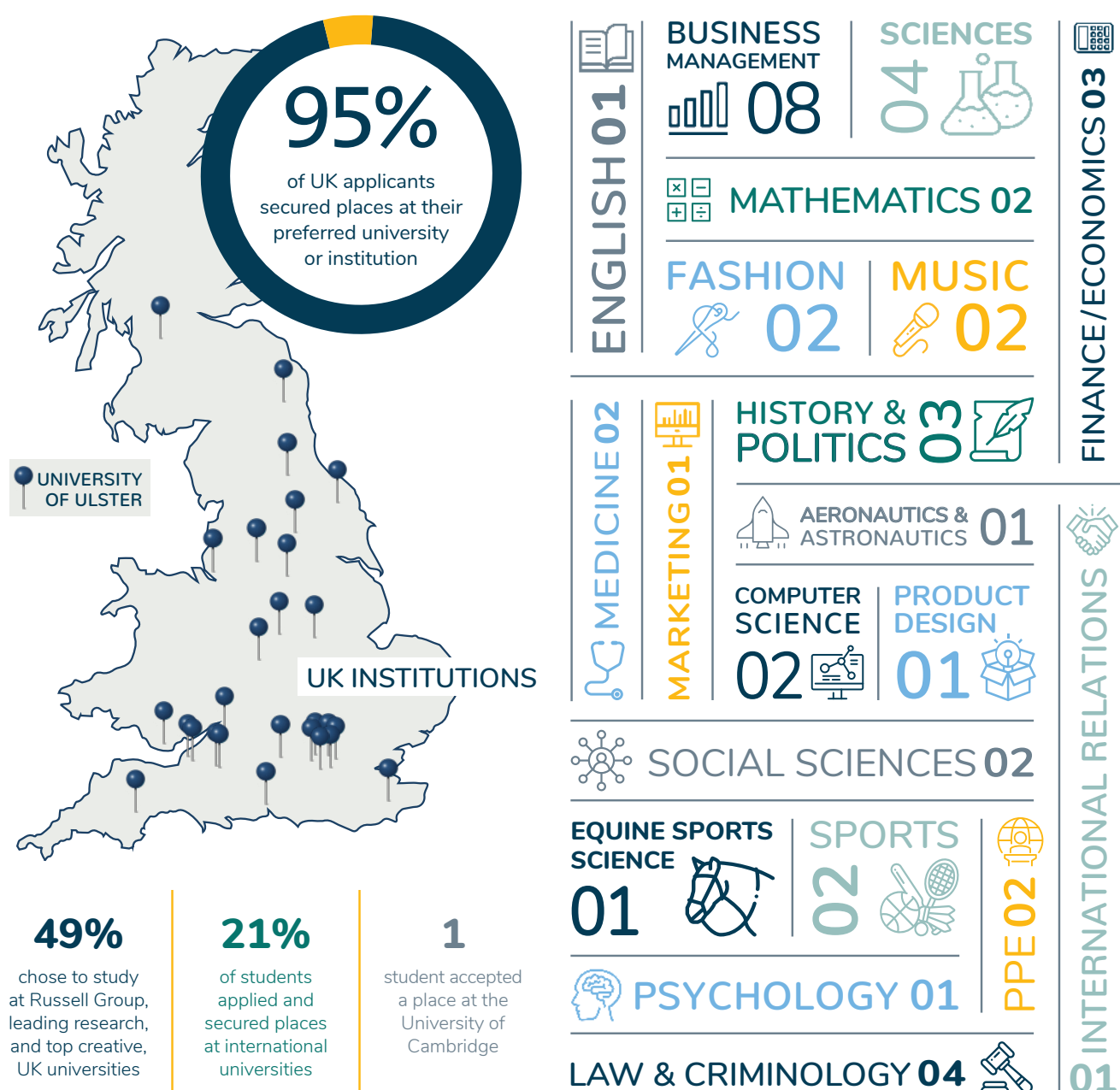
- 95% of UK applicants secured places at their preferred university or institution
- 49% of students studying in the UK are attending Russell Group, Times Top 10, or specialist universities
- 22% of students secured places at international universities

Please note that the results were correct at the time of printing

Leavers' destinations 2025

Students at Sidcot have a wide range of strengths and abilities, and every year, they delight us with their results and chosen paths after they finish their studies. We take great pride in supporting students in progressing to employment or the next stage of their academic journey.

Below is a summary of the higher education institutions and courses Sidcot students pursued last year.



Please note that the destinations and student profiles listed were correct at the time of printing, though students may choose to change courses post-enrolment.

Location

Sidcot is in the South West of England only 15 miles from the city of Bristol and within one hour's travel of Bath.

On the edge of the village of Winscombe, Sidcot benefits from being situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty, set within the stunning Somerset countryside, whilst being within easy access of the two major cultural centres of Bristol and Bath. The coast at Weston-super-Mare is only 8 miles away.

Transport

We currently operate a number of minibuss services covering the surrounding area. Children need to be in Year 3 or above to travel on our school buses.

On arrival at the School, pupils are escorted to the Junior School by our fully trained bus drivers.

Every weekday school buses run a return service from Bristol, Portishead, Clevedon and Weston. with other buses picking up from Burnham, Blackford, Uphill, Wedmore, Worle, the Chew Valley, Wells, Mendip and Winford.

Full details of our bus routes are available on our website. These routes are reviewed regularly. **Spaces are limited and we encourage parents to register their interest with schoolbus@sidcot.org.uk as soon as possible to reserve a place.**



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