

# Scholarships at Sidcot

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# What does scholarship mean at Sidcot?

A Sidcot scholarship is not just about celebrating and nurturing excellence, it's about sharing it.

Our scholarship students are given the opportunity to engage in tailored enrichment activities and extra support in their chosen area of talent. They are supported by staff who are experts in their field, and encouraged to challenge themselves to achieve at the very highest level. But it doesn't end there. Scholarship students also act as ambassadors within the school, sharing their enthusiasm and encouraging fellow students to take an active interest in their subject area.



# Scholarships at Sidcot – 2020 entry

## Scholarships

New pupils have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship worth up to 10% off tuition fees on the basis of evidence of exceptional recent achievement, performance in the scholarship test and an interview with a scholarship panel at the stages outlined below.

- Senior School – on entry to Years 7, 8, 9 and 10
- Sixth Form – on entry to Year 12

Sidcot students currently in Year 6 or Year 11 can also apply for a scholarship as they are in transition to Senior School and Sixth Form respectively. There are three categories of scholarship:

1. Academic: this includes the International Baccalaureate scholarship.
2. Talent: Art, Drama, Music, Sport, Equestrian. This includes the Tim Bevan Creative Arts Scholarship.
3. All-rounder: where a student demonstrates significant intellectual potential as well as providing evidence of exceptional talent in these areas.

Please see the website for full details of our Scholarships Policy and Procedure: [sidcot.org.uk/scholarships](http://sidcot.org.uk/scholarships)



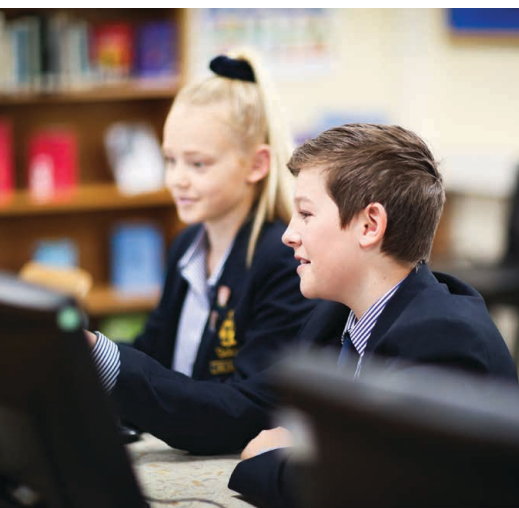
# Academic

Academic scholars at Sidcot will demonstrate exceptional intellectual potential. They are expected to provide a positive role model for fellow students and maintain excellent standards of academic progress and conduct at all times. They will be academically stretched by their teachers and will benefit from attendance at guest speaker events. They will contribute positively and significantly to the academic life of the school. Sixth Form students wishing to take the International Baccalaureate are invited to apply for the IB Scholarship, which will be judged on academic potential.

# Talent

## Music

Music scholars will be eligible for a complementary 30-minute instrumental/ vocal lesson per week. They will have the opportunity of belonging to a musical group, leading a musical ensemble and attending external concerts. Music scholars will be expected to take part in at least two musical ensembles, play in music assembly once a term and perform at the annual Scholars' Concert.



## Drama

Drama scholars will take part in workshops and student-led performances where casting, directing, design and 'gifted' teams of students lead performance. Scholars can join the School's theatre company 'Hurly Burly' and be involved with the wide and varied set of performances in School and further afield. Drama scholars are expected to fully immerse themselves in the life of the Drama Department and participate in at least two performances over the year. They will show a keen interest and involvement with activities provided, including trips, workshops, visiting theatre companies and Hurly Burly.

## Art

Art scholars will be selected on the basis of a portfolio of work which demonstrates their talent – there is no restriction as to where this talent might lie, whether it is photography, digital art, fine art, drawing, painting, printmaking, or three dimensional work in ceramics or other media. They will be expected to have a good knowledge of artists and be able to articulate how they've been inspired by the work of others. Art scholars will be mentored and encouraged by specialist staff to develop their passion for art and be given opportunities to display and curate their work around the school. They will be expected to take advantage of the many extra-curricular arts activities and spend lots of time in the department, collaborating and inspiring others.



## Sport

Sport scholars will represent the School and be ambassadors of the School's sporting values in their chosen field. They are offered a strength and conditioning programme, dedicated access to Sidcot's gym and privileged access to the School's sporting facilities. They will be allocated a mentor and offered one to one coaching and support to prepare them for competition. Sports scholars will undertake a leadership role within their chosen sport to inspire others and to be a peer mentor to a fellow student.

## Equestrian

Depending on the level and discipline of the rider, Equestrian scholars will train in a team environment or in an individual capacity. Equestrian scholars will be expected to represent Sidcot School in NSEA and other competitions and will be a role model at the stables, displaying the organisation, commitment and attention to detail that is required to succeed in this field. Equestrian scholars would over time need to have a horse, or have a horse on loan, on which they can compete on behalf of the School.



# Scholarship dates

- Sixth Form applications by Monday 28 October 2019.
- Scholarship assessment Tuesday 12 November with interviews taking place during November.
- Senior School Scholarship applications by Monday 6 January 2020.
- Scholarship assessment Saturday 18 January 2020 with interviews taking place in February.

Without supporting evidence, applications will be rejected.

# Bursaries

Bursaries take the form of means tested discounts for new (and sometimes existing) students. 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.

Sidcot School obtains funding for bursaries from a number of different sources including income from several trusts and endowment funds. The bursary funds are limited so it is not always possible to meet all the requests for support.

Applications for September 2020 must be made by Monday 6 January 2020. 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.

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