

Whole School Information	Actions
<p>1. Pupil Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) - Pupils have been issued with LFT packs this week and are requested to test twice weekly until notified further. As a suggestion, tests could be conducted before returning to school on a Monday and then halfway through the week. Please follow the guidance in the testing packs. Test results do not need to be reported to the School but parents may wish to report results to the NHS using www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. If a test is positive, the pupil should isolate and undertake a PCR test as soon as possible. If the PCR test is negative, the pupil should return to school. The School would be grateful if parents inform us if a pupil has a positive PCR test.</p>	<p>1. Students should take a Lateral Flow Test twice a week on Sunday and Wednesday</p>
<p>2. Parental Engagement Evenings - We're really excited to be able to offer our Parental Engagement evening programme again. Throughout the year we will be running sessions on a range of topics. We kick off on Tuesday, 14th September at 6pm, with "Let's Talk about Teaching and Learning" in the Drama Studio. This is an introduction to our Sidcot Learning Wheel and how it works within the classroom and the whole school. It is also an opportunity to consider how you might want to support the work of the school with your children at home, through a shared use of language and approaches.</p>	<p>2. We welcome parents of both Junior and Senior School students. If you would like to join us, please RSVP to Reception at info@sidcot.org.uk</p>
<p>3. Scientific Calculators - At Sidcot, all students sit the Pearson Edexcel IGCSE in Maths. This consists of two papers, both of which require the use of a scientific calculator. It is therefore important that all students from Year 7 upwards bring a calculator to their Maths lesson so that they are familiar with all the functions. We recommend the Casio FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator and this is what we will be modelling in lessons. The older version is suitable (fx-85GT) if students already have one. They can be purchased from the library and are a similar price online.</p>	<p>3. Students required to bring a calculator to maths lessons.</p>
<p>4. Parent & Student Touch Rugby - To kick off the rugby season in style we would like to invite Parents and Players in ALL YEARS to come and play a fun touch rugby tournament on Thursday 16th September 4 - 6pm.</p>	<p>4. Please let Mr Lloyd know at matthew.lloyd@sidcot.org.uk if you are keen to play.</p>
<p>5. Sidcot Golf Day – Our annual golf day will take place at Burnham & Berrow Golf Club on Saturday 25th September from 1pm. Students, parents, family and friends are welcome with a range of prizes available. Costs £30 per adult, pupils go free.</p>	<p>5. To enter please contact alex.smith@sidcot.org.uk</p>
<p>6. Clothing and Shoe Bank - We are delighted to inform parents that the School now has a 'Clothing and Shoe Bank'. The bank is located in the top playground (pupil drop off/collection point). Please bag any item including clean clothing, paired shoes, sheets, towels, curtains and blankets before placing them in the bank. The current bank is supporting the UK Fire Fighters Charity.</p>	
<p>7. The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Casting / Rehearsals - The casting list will go up on Wednesday outside of Drama. Our First Rehearsal is Friday 17/09/21 after school 16:00-18:00. The performances will take place in the Large Meeting House, tickets will be available after half-term.</p>	<p>7. The required cast for the rehearsal will be available from Wednesday here</p>
<p>8. Music Tech Club - Want to be a music producer? Interested in music production? Audio manipulation? Sampling? Sequencing? MIDI? Looping? Have fun creating EDM (that's electronic dance music)!</p>	<p>8. Come to the Music Tech room (A1/10) after school on Tuesdays, 4:00pm – 4:50pm.</p>

9. Madrigal Group - If you are interested joining a singing group focussed on performing medieval folk-songs, then this is the group for you!

10. Devices - Your support in ensuring students bring their devices fully charged is much appreciated. We strongly encourage your son/daughter to make use of the lockers to ensure their devices are secure. If there are any IT issues please do alert their tutor.

11. Public Speaking Clubs – If you like debating and would like to become a Model United Nations delegate, come to Public Speaking Club on Tuesday lunchtimes; Junior Club, Year 7 to Year 10 - 1.15-1.55 in C1/12. Senior Club, Year 11 to Year 13 - 1.15-1.55 in the Marquee. You can get involved with inter-school competitions and discuss loads of fascinating topics.

12. Co-Curricular Activities – our full range of after school activities are now available to book on Schools Buddy.

13. Drop everything and read - On a Tuesday and a Thursday in afternoon registration students will be doing silent reading. Students are required to bring a reading book every day in their bags.

14. New Parent IT Induction Webinar – Monday 13 September, 6pm. For parents wishing to know how to log into SchoolsBuddy and FireFly join us for short webinar.

9. Please come along to the Concert Hall after school on Monday's 4pm-4:50pm

11. Students should contact Clare Winchester-Snell to get an early lunch pass each week

12. A full list of activities accompanies this email.

13. Students should bring a book with them to read.

14. Click [here](#) to join

	Announcements	Actions
THIRD FORM YEAR 7	No announcements this week.	
FOURTH FORM YEARS 8/9	<p>1. Lower Fourth Camp - There will be a Lower Fourth Camp information Webinar on Monday 13th September at 5:30pm.</p> <p>2. PSHE - On a Thursday students have 'PSHE'. Both Lower Fourth and Upper Fourth will be exploring the topic of 'addictive behaviours' this half term engaging with issues around drugs and alcohol, but also gaming, screen time and online safety.</p>	<p>1. To join the webinar click here</p>
FIFTH FORM YEARS 10/11	No announcements this week.	

SIXTH FORM YEARS 12/13

1. Welcome to Sixth Form - For parents of Year 12 students there will be a webinar hosted by Thomas Ruddle, David Hewer and Alison Pike on Thursday 16th September at 5:30pm - 6:00pm to welcome all Sixth Formers.

2. Graphical calculator for Sixth Form Maths - An advanced calculator is an essential requirement for both A level Mathematics, Further Mathematics and IB. On recommendation from the exam boards we are offering the Casio CG50, a calculator that provides all the necessary matrices, statistics and equation solving functions needed for the courses and has a graphical display screen. We have had an excellent deal and we can sell the calculators at cost at the heavily discounted price of £85.

3. Brean Down Walk - There is a long tradition of Lower Sixth students walking to the top of Brean Down at the start of the academic year. A great activity for students to get to know each other better, this year we will be doing this on Wednesday 15th September at 4pm returning at 7:15pm. A fish and chip supper is included and there is no charge for this trip.

1. Click link to join webinar;
[Join Here](#)

2. If you would like us to supply your child with a calculator please e-mail john.parry@sidcot.org.uk with your permission to add the cost to the school bill. Please put "graphic calculator" in the subject line. (Applies to students in the following classes - 12AA/Ma, 12AA/MaFM, 12AC/Ma, 12IF/maSL and 12IF/MaHL)

3. For further questions or if your son/daughter is unable to attend, then please let me know by email.
Thomas.ruddle@sidcot.org.uk

PTA News

Second Hand Uniform Sale - 15th October, 3rd December, 14th January, Senior School Hub - All items are under £10 and are non-refundable, massive reductions compared to the RRP. Senior and Junior uniform available. Hopefully if tech prevails, we should be able to take card payments, but please bring cash just in case. Please sign in at Senior School reception on arrival.

Should you have any outgrown uniform, and you'd like to donate it to the PTA, it would be much appreciated. If you could wash all items remove any name labels, and bring them along to the sale, much appreciated.

PTA Choir - We're hoping to be able to revive the PTA Choir. You don't have to read music, nor do you have to be an amazing singer, this is a fun activity to be enjoyed by all, it's not too serious, and somehow, we end up being able to perform rather well! If you'd like to join this merry bunch, contact chantelleparker-mills@hotmail.co.uk

May Ball – 20 May 2022 - Due to Coronavirus, we've really missed this fun event. We have re-scheduled it in anticipation for 20 May 2022. At this stage none of us know what the situation will be like next year so for now, it's a simple 'save the date' and we will re-evaluate as we go along.

Join us in The Hub - We have resumed our informal Parent/Guardian/Carer get-togethers every Friday morning after drop off in the Hub. It's a lovely way to meet and make new contacts and of course, coffee and cakes are available to buy from the Hub cafe. Please enter via the Senior School Reception area to sign in, we meet from 8.30 to 10.30 every Friday and would love to see you there.

Upcoming Events

14 September, 6pm: Let's Talk About – Teaching & Learning

15 September – Lower Sixth Brean Down Walk

28 September, 7pm – Sixth Form Options Evening for Year 11, details to follow

11 October, 5pm – Fourth Form Meet the Tutors evening, details to follow

12 October, 5pm – Fifth Form Meet the Tutors evening, details to follow

13 October, 5pm – Sixth Form Meet the Tutors evening, details to follow

14 October, 5pm – Third Form Meet the tutors evening, details to follow

25, 26 and 27 November: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Production