



## Whole School Information

## Actions

### 1. Dropping Off and Picking Up

At busy times, travelling in and out of Sidcot by car can be difficult due to the volume of traffic. Please remember that the lanes are all public highways. We ask you to respect the fact that residents of Sidcot hamlet require access to their homes and businesses at all times.

In order to avoid too many gridlock situations at 'rush hour,' Sidcot has an unofficial one-way system which begins at Fountain Lane from the traffic lights, turning left onto Oakridge Lane (remembering that this is two-way and there may be traffic coming the other way!) passing the Meeting House on the right and then either turning left into the Senior School Drop-off (for the Senior School) or turning right into the Junior School car park (for the Junior School). After dropping off or picking up your children, please re-join Oakridge Lane and make your way out onto the A38.

For safety reasons please do not deliver or collect your children at the front of the Main School building or on Oakridge Lane. For health and climate reasons please switch off engines whilst waiting in the drop-off areas.

Please avoid parking in disabled parking bays unless you are a registered cardholder.

In order to maintain free-flowing traffic in and out of the Senior School, please remember that as you drive up Oakridge Lane and pass the Meeting House (on the right), please give way to traffic re-joining the lane from the exit of the Senior School pick-up (on the left); it is worth letting quite a few cars exit before proceeding along the lane to the entrance thus creating space in the drop-off area.

Sidcot School does not own the Meeting House car park and we respectfully ask you not to park on the grounds of the Meeting House.

Please drive carefully and slowly around the campus and remember that Fountain Lane is a one-way road; vehicles can only return to the A38 at the north end of Oakridge Lane.

**2. Ukraine Refugees** - 9SAB tutor group are collecting donations of items for Ukrainian refugees. We are looking for: Toothbrushes Toothpaste Sanitary products Soap Tissues Plasters Colouring books & pencils Bags of sweets. These will be taken to the Ukrainian Cultural Centre in London on 18 March. If you would like to donate an item, please bring it to T1/3. Thank you!

**3. Wear white for peace – Non Uniform Day** - To support the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, we are holding a 'Wear White for Peace' day on Tuesday 15 March. It will be a non-uniform day, where students are asked to wear something white and make a donation that will go to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal run by the Red Cross.

This event is the first in a series that are being organised by students to do what we can to support this humanitarian disaster. We are also going to donate a proportion of the funds raised for Comic Relief and am sure that the whole Sidcot community will be generous in its support.

1.  [Dropping Off and Picking Up.pdf](#)

#### 4. Disaster Fund Lunch Tuesday 15 March

In addition to 'Wear white for peace' day we will be having a simple lunch of soup, bread, and fruit. The money saved will also go towards the Disasters Emergency Committee Red Cross Humanitarian Appeal.

#### 5. The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe! – Performance details and updates

Performances: Thursday 31/03/22, Friday 01/04/22, Saturday 02/04/22.

Doors open at 6:40 pm for prompt 7 pm start. The performance ends around 9:30 pm.

As we write, the stage is being constructed, the radio mics and lighting are being installed, and a real buzz of excitement is sitting around our talented cast of The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe. We have two weeks before the final performance week of the family-friendly show, and seats can now be reserved at reception - [reception@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:reception@sidcot.org.uk) 01934 843182.

We advise you to book early if you'd like to come as there is always a last-minute flurry and we don't want people to be disappointed!

There are around 70 Senior and Junior School students involved in the performance either as performers, musicians, backstage, or who have helped make costumes and props. We would be delighted to see as many of you there supporting them as possible. This is the first live, whole school production we have been able to put on since the pandemic, and we are all really excited about the chance to perform to a live audience again in the Meeting House.

#### 6. Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2022

This is a nationwide competition open to all year groups. Do you have the imagination to bring to life a civil rights activist, a Tudor princess, or perhaps even a Sidcot student from the 1880s? If so, come along to T1/3 on Monday 14 March from 1.30 pm to find out more.

#### 7. Comic Relief – Non-Uniform

On Friday 18 March the school is coming together to raise money for Comic Relief. The charity officeholders are encouraging all students and teachers to participate in as much as possible in order to raise money for a great cause. We are asking people to wear their best fancy dress or anything red. It will be £1 to wear fancy dress (dress up as the first letter of your name) and £2 for a red clothing item or casuals. We are also running a teachers vs students football game in the sports hall on Friday at 1 pm. This will be £2 to participate and £1 to watch and anyone can play or come along to support. There will be red noses for sale for £1.50 throughout the day. Please make an effort to join in and support this charity as it is for a great cause.

#### 8. Artwork collection

This week students will be able to collect completed/assessed work from the Art Department. KS3 work can be collected in Art lessons and exam work from last year's Y11 and Y13 work can also be collected. Students are able to do this in their art lessons or in free periods or at the end of lunch break. If parents would like to assist with the collection of large heavy work then this can be done with students on Tuesday from 4-5. Alternatively, work can be left at reception for collection. Claire Settle the Art Technician will be available to assist with this as needed. Please email her if you would like to arrange this: [Claire.settle@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:Claire.settle@sidcot.org.uk). As our current exam cohorts are busy making their exhibition pieces we need to make space for this new work. Any unclaimed work will be sold for charity at this year's Peace Festival or recycled.

5. Book your tickets by contacting reception at [reception@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:reception@sidcot.org.uk) or 01934 843182

## Announcements

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### THIRD FORM Year 7

#### 1. Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening: Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 17:00-20:00: Online Appointment Booking and Video Call

I would like to invite you to attend our Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening as indicated above. Appointments will be available from 17:00 to 20:00. The evening provides an opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress with each of their subject teachers. Students are welcome to attend with their parents.

These appointments will take place online via video call, with appointments being made in advance using our Parents' Evening booking system, which will be familiar to many. This system allows you to choose your own appointment times with your child's teachers. You will then receive an email confirming your appointment(s). **Please note that you are due to receive an online copy of your child's report, the week before this Parents' Consultation Evening.**

Please note that all appointments are 7 minutes each in length and that the video call will always finish at the designated end time, regardless of what time the call is started.

Finally, it is essential that you use the same Firefly account to attend the video call appointments, as you used to make the appointments in the first place.

You will be able to make appointments from **11<sup>th</sup> March from 1600. Bookings will close at 20:00 on the day before your appointments are due to take place.**

1. Please visit <https://sidcot.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> to book your appointments. A short guide on how to make appointments is attached.

For more information on how to attend appointments over video call, please visit <https://support.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>.

### FOURTH FORM YEARS 8/9

1. **GCSE Options** - Please find the attached document which outlines the process for making your final GCSE selections for September 2022. Please read the document and make your selections using the link provided.

2. **(Year 9) Berlin Trip (GCSE History/ German)** - October 2022 A consent form was sent on Wednesday 9 March 2022 to all parents who expressed an interest in attending this residential trip in October 2022. If you did not receive this email or would like to join the trip (Year 9 and 10 students only) please email [samantha.bowen@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:samantha.bowen@sidcot.org.uk) Thank you.

1.  [GCSE Option Form for Sept 2022 Internal.pdf](#)

### FIFTH FORM YEARS 10/11



1. **(Year 10) Berlin Trip (GCSE History/ German)** - October 2022 A consent form was sent on Wednesday 9 March 2022 to all parents who expressed an interest in attending this residential trip in October 2022. If you did not receive this email or would like to join the trip (Year 9 and 10 students only) please email [samantha.bowen@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:samantha.bowen@sidcot.org.uk) Thank you.

**2. Year 10 Work Experience Week - (27th June – 1st July)**  
 All Year 10 students are expected to take a week of work experience during the dates above. This can also include volunteering which can help students develop crucial soft skills. Your support is invaluable as they are required to find the placement themselves. Boarders are also able to do the placement close to home or near a guardian. It is key when contacting potential employers to highlight the dates of work experience, a number of schools in the area are doing work experience, however, they have different dates. Once the students have found and confirmed a placement with an employer we request that you fill in a Sidcot Parent and Student Work Experience Microsoft form, please see attached. The deadline for submission is Friday, 25th March 2022. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Also, if you would like to chat about what offering a placement could entail, or offering a placement to another student please do get in contact. With thanks, Alison Pike - Head of Careers  
[Alison.Pike@sidcot.org.uk](mailto:Alison.Pike@sidcot.org.uk)

<https://forms.office.com/r/9ZDn7077xj>

**SIXTH  
 FORM  
 YEARS  
 12/13**

- 1. A Level/BTEC and I.B Options** - Please find the attached documents which outlines the process for making your final A Level/BTEC and IB selections for September 2022. Please read the document and make your selections using the link provided.
- 2. (Year 13) – An Update from the I.B.** Please find attached a letter from the IB team regarding exams in May 2022.
- 3. (Year 12) Lower Sixth UCAS Higher Education Exhibition**  
 Exeter Thursday, 17th March 2022  
 We are looking forward to taking the whole of the Lower Sixth to the UCAS Exhibition. It is an annual event designed to help students find out more about higher education, degree apprenticeships, and other opportunities from 130 providers all under one roof. We have an allocated session of 11.30 – 1.30. We will be leaving school at 9.30 am with an anticipated return time of approximately 3pm. A packed lunch will be provided for every student and there will be additional catering facilities at the exhibition centre. We will be taking a register of students at key points during the day, plus we will have a list of any medical conditions notified to us previously and recorded on the school's SIMS system. We have assumed that this is up-to-date. Please do notify us if there are any changes to this. Students should be reminded to bring any essential medication with them, e.g., epi-pen. If students regularly suffer from travel sickness, they should be encouraged to take appropriate medication before travelling. First Aid Kits will be available on the coach and specific staff are first aid trained. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. Alison Pike, Head of Careers and Higher Education Advice

 [A Level and BTEC Option Guide for Sept 2022 \(Internal\).pdf](#)  
 [IB Option Form for Sept 2022 \(Internal\).pdf](#)

 [M22-letter-to-support-students-and-their-families-en.pdf](#)

For more information visit,  
<https://www.ucas.com/events/exeter-ucas-exhibition-2022-403791>

To see all of our upcoming events, please visit our calendar at [www.sidcot.org.uk/calendar/weekly](http://www.sidcot.org.uk/calendar/weekly)