

Whole School Information	Actions
<p>1. Sports Fixtures - Restart Following the most recent period of local restrictions we are happy to say that our sports matches against other schools will be restarting from the week beginning 15th November! We are all very happy about this and excited to get started again. To see the matches we have already planned check out the sports pages – www.sport.sidcot.org.uk</p> <p>2. Parental Engagement Evening – 18th November, Drama Studio “Study Skills” Following on from our introduction session to Teaching and Learning in September, our parental engagement evening on the 18th November will have a Senior School slant, but of course parents from any year group are welcome to attend. We will be looking at study skills, the teenage brain, and how to support your children at home. In response to last session’s feedback, you will also have the chance to hear from some of our students about their experiences and a post-session chat with the attending staff. We look forward to seeing you there.</p> <p>3. Christmas Concert – Thursday 2nd December, 7pm Following the success of last year’s Christmas Concert, it has been decided that this year’s event will again be held online. This year’s Concert will feature over 80 students performing your favourite carols, complete with subtitles to ensure everyone can sing along! The Concert also includes a number of solo performances, both vocal and instrumental, and some festive readings. So, pour a glass of festive tippie, prepare the mince pies and join us at 7pm on Thursday 2nd December to welcome in the Christmas season.</p> <p>4. Family Swim – Family Swim takes place every Saturday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. For availability and to book please contact the Sports Centre via email: sportscentre@sidcot.org.uk</p> <p>5. E-cigarettes - It has been brought to our attention that a number of students are bringing e-cigarettes (vapes) into school. This is against our school policy and we take this matter very seriously. We would appreciate your support with this matter.</p>	<p>2. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Reception@sidcot.org.uk where your name will be added to the register.</p> <p>3. A link to join the event will be sent out in due course.</p>

	Announcements	Actions
<p>FOURTH FORM YEARS 8/9</p>	<p>1. Year 9 GCSE Options Evening, Tuesday 16th November from 7:00-9:00pm.</p> <p>Please join us in the Large Meeting House, where presentations will start promptly at 7:00pm after which you will have the opportunity to speak to representatives from all of the available courses. Please could we ask that all staff and students wear masks during the event (unless exempt).</p> <p>The process of selecting GCSE options at Sidcot will be explained in detail at the Options Evening.</p>	<p>1. GCSE Course Book On Wednesday 17th November, you will be sent a link to the GCSE Options Consultation Form. The deadline for completing this is Friday 3rd December 2021.</p>

Meanwhile, please find a link in the Actions column to the GCSE Courses prospectus, which provides comprehensive details of all our GCSE courses for September 2022, plus an exciting new opportunity with our introduction of the BTEC Sport course.

On Wednesday 17th November, you will be sent a link to the GCSE Options Consultation Form with further instructions and advice on how to complete this form with your child.

Your responses made using the GCSE Options Consultation Form will be used to help us construct the best possible timetable blocks of GCSE option subjects for next year's Lower Fifth (Year 10). We would like to collect your ideas regarding which GCSEs your child may wish to study before we prepare the confirmed option blocks from which final GCSE choices will be made. We will then ask for final GCSE choices to be made during the Spring Term.

The deadline for completion of GCSE Options Consultation Forms is Friday 3rd December 2021.

- Exam Dates, Year 9** - All of the exam boards that we will be using next summer have now published their confirmed Summer 2022 timetables (see link to files in the Actions column). Where a candidate appears to have more than one exam to sit at any given time, these will be resolved, but this will happen in 2022.
Individual timetables for exam candidates will be emailed to candidates and their parents in January 2022.
Please note that in addition, **Wednesday 29th June** has been allocated as a 'contingency day'. In the event of national disruption to a day of examinations, affected examinations could be rescheduled to dates up to and including the contingency day. While we cannot insist on candidates being available throughout the entire timetable period, you should be aware that candidates who choose not to be available for the rescheduled exam(s) will not be eligible for any allowance made for their absence, unless the reason is one that would apply for absence from a scheduled exam. **Please take this into account when making plans for the summer.**

- [Exam timetable Year 9, 10, 11](#)

**FIFTH
FORM
YEARS
10/11**

- Sixth Form Options** - The Options process for Sixth Form continues with the consultation phase for subject choices. Please find a letter from Tom Ruddle, Head of Upper School and a document explaining the processes with a link to the form to complete in the Actions column.
- Study Buddy** - On Thursday 18 November during PSHE, Nathan McGurl from 'The Study Buddy' will be coming to talk to the Year 11's about study skills, revision techniques and practical solutions for planning and preparation for exams. The week after in PSHE will provide an opportunity to put these skills into action. For more information about Study Buddy, please take a look at www.thestudybuddy.com

- Please submit the preliminary options form using the provided link by Friday 26 November.
[Parent Letter](#)
[Options Process and Form](#)

3. Year 11 - Arkwright Scholarship

Applications are now open for the prestigious Arkwright Scholarship Programme. Open to all students in Year 11 who are interested in a future career in Engineering or Product Design and are planning to study at Sidcot for A Level. Successful students will be able to receive sponsorship (£300 per year for the next two years of A Level), a dedicated mentor, access to National and local enrichment events and possibly work experience with their sponsor (past companies have been Rolls-Royce, BAE Systems etc). See the Arkwright Scholarship website for more details: www.arkwright.org.uk

4. **Year 11** - Next week all Year 11 GCSE students will take part in a psychometric assessment tool known as the Morrisby Profile. The Morrisby Profile is an online interactive careers tool based on a series of psychometric assessments designed to help and inspire young people to explore different career and education options. The assessments are taken in exam conditions using ICT only. They are timed and cover aptitudes (verbal, numerical, abstract, spatial & mechanical), interests, preferred working styles and personality type. The assessments take around 100 minutes to complete including time for a break. Once completed, a detailed online report is generated providing an analysis of the student's personal profile followed by a list of suggested careers, recommended subjects and higher education options. Students, tutors and the Head of Careers are able to view the student's report and add interview notes and action points. Parents can have access to their child's report via the student account, providing the relevant permissions have been selected by the student. See www.morrisby.com/parents for further information. There is no additional charge for this service. Once registered, your child will have lifetime website access. The assessments will take place on Wednesday, 17th November during periods 3 and 4.

5. **Exam Dates GCSE** - All of the exam boards that we will be using next summer have now published their confirmed Summer 2022 timetables (see link to files). Where a candidate appears to have more than one exam to sit at any given time, these will be resolved, but this will happen in 2022. Individual timetables for exam candidates will be emailed to candidates and their parents in January 2022. Please note that in addition, **Wednesday 29th June** has been allocated as a 'contingency day'. In the event of national disruption to a day of examinations, affected examinations could be rescheduled to dates up to and including the contingency day. While we cannot insist on candidates being available throughout the entire timetable period, you should be aware that candidates who choose not to be available for the rescheduled exam(s) will not be eligible for any allowance made for their absence, unless the reason is one that would apply for absence from a scheduled exam. **Please take this into account when making plans for the summer.**

3. Interested students should come along to a quick meeting on Thursday, 11 November at lunchtime - 1.00 pm in the DT Product Design Room. If you can't make it, please message Mrs Chapman through TEAMS.

4. If you have any questions about the Morrisby Profile, its administration or follow up arrangements, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me: alison.pike@sidcot.org.uk

5.  [Exam timetable Year 9, 10, 11](#)

**SIXTH
FORM
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12/13**

1. Exam Dates A Level - All of the exam boards that we will be using next summer for A level have now published their confirmed Summer 2022 timetables (see link to files). Where a candidate appears to have more than one exam to sit at any given time, these will be resolved, but this will happen in 2022. Individual timetables for exam candidates will be emailed to candidates and their parents in January 2022.

Please note that in addition, 'contingency days' have been designated. For IB, this is **the afternoon of Friday May 20th**, and for all other exams it is **Wednesday 29th June**. In the event of national disruption to a day of examinations, affected examinations could be rescheduled to dates up to and including the contingency day. While we cannot insist on candidates being available throughout the entire timetable period you should be aware that candidates who choose not to be available for the rescheduled exam(s) will not be eligible for any allowance made for their absence, unless the reason is one that would apply for absence from a scheduled exam. **Please take this into account when making plans for the summer.** Dates for BTEC National externally assessed units have not yet been published.

1. [Exam timetable A Level](#)

Upcoming Events

16 November, 7pm – GCSE Options Evening

18 November, 6pm - Let's Talk... Homework. Parental Engagement Evening

30 November, 5pm – Year 9 Parent Consultation Evening

2 December, 7pm – Christmas Concert (Online Event)