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The Sidcot Parent Planner

FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2021

Whole School Information **Actions** 1. The Blue Book – All students have been emailed an electronic version of the 1. A copy of the Blue Book is Blue Book. In this book they will be able to find all the information they need attached for your reference. about being a student at Sidcot School, including celebrating success, behaviour expectations, uniform guide and the mobile phone policy. 2. Reporting sickness – some of our students have particular allergies or conditions that require specialist treatment. There are particular risks if exposed to COVID-19, Measles, Mumps, Chickenpox or Shingles. It's also important that we are made aware if any student has diarrhoea, vomiting, flu like symptoms or slapped cheek. The health and well-being of our pupils is at risk if we are not notified about any of the above conditions. Please ensure you make us aware when registering absence with the school. 3. Firefly – We are aware that some parents have been having issues with the **3.** If you continue to experience Firefly mobile applications. We're pleased to report Firefly have fixed the issue. problems try reinstalling the app or For reference the school code is SIDCOT. contact itsupport.parents@sidcot.org.uk 4. IT Webinar – On Monday 13 September we held a Webinar for new parents to **4.** A recording of this webinar cover any IT related issues, particularly around Firefly and Schools Buddy. A can be found <u>here</u> recording of this webinar can be found here 5. Activities & PASS - The activities programme is now in full swing and we wanted to answer some frequently asked questions; 1. Students can wear their own clothes to Pass activities. For outdoors activities, they should be appropriate for the weather and conditions. For indoor activities, either school uniform or jeans and a sweatshirt is fine. 2. For After School Clubs, students should wear school uniform or PE Kit unless told otherwise. 3. It is possible for your child to do an activity, eat supper and then get the late bus home. The teachers in charge of the activities will ensure that students are able to eat and the bus drivers will wait for students. This all needs to be booked in advance. 6. Equality & Diversity Group - A new student equality and diversity group will **6.** The first meeting is on start this term run by the Equalities office holder, Daisy-Mae Penfold. All students Monday 20th September in are welcome to voice their opinions on matters that are important both within C1/11 at 1.15pm. and outside of the School, such as race, gender, sexuality and class. This is a chance for students to voice their ideas about ways to make Sidcot a more accepting and welcoming place for everyone, as well as to raise awareness of issues such as discrimination. 7. School Production Rehearsals – There will be a rehearsal on Monday 20 7. For more information view September, 4pm - 5:50pm, cast as called and another on Friday 24 September the Firefly page here 4pm – 5:50pm for the whole cast. Both rehearsals will take place in the Meeting

- **8. Sports Fixtures** Interested to find out when sports fixtures are? Want to see if your child has been selected? What to know what to bring to the match? Want to know if the match is home or away? Want directions to the venue? Want to know what time the team will be back? Go to The Sidcot School Sports Fixtures Webpage. If selected your child is EXPECTED to be playing. If for a good reason they cannot play, this need to be communicated to the teacher in charge well before the day. Parents are more than welcome to come and watch and support our teams playing
- **9. 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.

- **8.** You'll find the Fixtures webpage here: https://sport.sidcot.org.uk/
- **9.** To enter please contact alex.smith@sidcot.org.uk

	Announcements	Actions
THIRD FORM YEAR 7	No announcements this week	
FOURTH FORM YEARS 8/9	No announcements this week	
FIFTH FORM YEARS 10/11	Sixth Form Options Evening Tuesday 28 September 6:45pm This event offers students and parent in Year 11 the opportunity to find out more about what Sidcot offers in Sixth Form and provides the chance to talk with teachers representing all of the subjects on offer to students.	Please find an invitation attached from Thomas Ruddle, Assistant Head (Upper School), with further details
	Exams update - Following the events of the last 18 months we feel that it is important to make sure that students facing public exams this academic year are kept well informed of exam board arrangements. Please be assured that you will be drip-fed information as and when you need it, but a brief overview of key dates is attached to this email.	Review the attached timetable and contact exam@sidcot.org.uk with any questions.
SIXTH FORM YEARS 12/13	Exams update - Following the events of the last 18 months we feel that it is important to make sure that students facing public exams this academic year are kept well informed of exam board arrangements. Please be assured that you will be drip-fed information as and when you need it, but a brief overview of key dates is attached to this email.	Review the attached timetable and contact exam@sidcot.org.uk with any questions.

Upcoming Events

- 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
- 18 November, 6pm Let's Talk... Homework. Parental Engagement Evening in the Drama Studio
- 25, 26 and 27 November: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe Production

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. 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.