



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 awarded subject. Supported by staff who are experts in their field, students are encouraged to challenge themselves and to achieve their very best.

Scholarship students are ambassadors of Sidcot, who share their enthusiasm and encourage fellow students to take an active interest in their subject area.

Scholarships at Sidcot – 2021 entry

New students have the opportunity to apply for a Scholarship which will entitle them to 10% off their tuition fees. They will be asked to provide evidence of exceptional recent achievement and will need to meet the specific criteria as outlined within this brochure. Scholarships will be awarded at the following stages:

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

Current Sidcot students in Year 6 or Year 11 can also apply for a scholarship as they are in transition to Senior School Year 7 and Sixth Form respectively.

To obtain an application form, please contact: Angela Dudley-Warde, Director of External Relations by email scholarships@sidcot.org.uk



Requirements for International Candidates

Applications from International students are welcome up until the end of the Spring term. Interviews may be held online.

International candidates, who are not able to attend in person, must submit photographs, CDs, DVDs etc., to provide evidence of work,

which is supported by references from tutors at their current school.

Any International candidates awarded a Special Talent Scholarship on the basis of photographic or recorded evidence will have their skills tested on arrival.

Categories

There are three categories of scholarship:

- 1. Academic:** This applies to all academic programmes studied within our Sixth Form.
- 2. Talent:** The specialist subjects include, Art, Design Technology, Drama, Music, Sport and Equestrian - criteria for each as included in this brochure.
- 3. All-rounder:** This applies to students who demonstrate significant intellectual potential in more than one area. Assessment will be through a combination of academic papers and tasks around a specialist field. Students will also show a real commitment to the life and ethos of the School.



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

Gifted and talented

Scholars in the Senior School

Scholars in Year 7-11 will be invited to join our Lead Learner Programme alongside students who have been identified as extremely competent in their chosen subject areas.

Academic Scholars and All-rounder Scholars will be encouraged to stretch and challenge themselves in all subject areas. They will be invited to get involved with enrichment activities, both inside and outside the classroom in their preferred subject areas. They will also be expected to get involved with Extra-Curricular activities such as Chess / Debating / Public Speaking / Drama / Music / Sport / Public Speaking and many more. They will have a Mentor in each chosen subject area.

Scholars will be expected to contribute regularly and positively in the area of their Scholarship and to represent the School at every opportunity. They may be asked to take on roles of responsibility within this field and help their peers and support the staff.

Scholars in the Sixth Form

Scholars in the Sixth Form will be invited onto our **Aspire Programme** alongside students who have been identified as extremely competent in their chosen subject areas.

Our Aspire students will become Ambassadors for the School. They will also be invited to take part in an exciting programme of events and activities, both inside and outside of School, related to Oxbridge and top Russell-Group Universities and Careers. They will work with Head of Sixth Form, Tom Ruddle, Alison Pike, Head of Careers, and myself, Clare Winchester-Snell.

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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.

Academic scholars 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.

Assessment Criteria – Below Sixth Form

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of performance in a written test in English and Maths together with evidence contained within the school report and a personal interview.



Assessment Criteria – Sixth Form

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of exceptional performance in scholarship examinations organised by the School, predicted performance at GCSE (or IGCSE), the evidence contained within the school report and a personal interview.

Students applying for an **Academic Scholarship** will sit a range of assessments which will test verbal and non-verbal reasoning skill.

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Art

Art at Sidcot is based in our suite of specialist studios that lead onto a beautiful gallery space. Art scholars have the opportunity to explore a range of processes with specialist teachers using facilities akin to Art College.

As a department we recognise creative potential across the range of subject specialisms and work to nurture and extend students through a broad offer. This begins in the classroom and is enriched by our extracurricular and exhibition programme. Trips and visiting artist workshops give context and depth to students experience of the subject.

Scholars will be selected on the basis of a portfolio of work which demonstrates their creative talent – there is no restriction as to where this talent might lie, whether it is photography, digital art, drawing, painting, printmaking, or three dimensional work. Art scholars will be expected to show interest in the art work of others and be able to articulate how they've been inspired by this. They will be mentored and encouraged by specialist staff to develop their passion for the subject. They will also be given the opportunity to lead on projects and share their expertise with other students. Art scholars will be expected to take a lead role in the annual exhibition for their year group as well as take advantage of the many extra-curricular arts activities and projects. Art scholars will take a Visual Arts course at GCSE.

Assessment Criteria

A portfolio of work containing at least 12 presented sheets or pages of work. These can be in any format or size and in any medium (painting, drawings, print or three-dimensional work - which may be submitted or photographed). Sketchbooks are also



of interest. Candidates should aim to show a range of work which may include work in progress.

On the Scholarship assessment day, all UK candidates will be expected to attend together for a series of short practical exercises run by a member of staff. This is usually directed by the Head of Art, working with a range of different media in a few directed methods. Candidates should bring an image of a chosen art work to discuss in this session.

There will also be a one-to-one interview with the Head of Art for each candidate.

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Design Technology

Design Technology deals with solving problems by designing and making. The subject covers the areas of Computing, Food & Nutrition, Textiles and Product Design so it is a very wide field and runs from Technical coding at one end of the spectrum to Creative Arts at the other.

A Scholar should enjoy making and creating and showing enthusiasm for the subject in technological activity beyond the classroom.

For Year 9 entry the successful Scholar will take up a place on their choice of one of the Design Technology options to GCSE.

DT Scholars will be given the opportunity to complete specialist projects during lunchtimes and after school. They can expect to have these projects included in the school's annual Art and Design exhibition and showcased throughout the year around the School and featuring in the school's social media and newsletter.

Assessment Criteria – below Sixth Form

Each candidate is required to bring the following to the interview:

1. A portfolio of photographs and drawings of products made (Food, crafts, clothing, Products, Computing examples). Any actual models that are transportable would also be beneficial. A CD, USB or cloud link to images/video is also acceptable.
2. The work from a Design or Computing problem which will be sent to the applicant prior to the interview.

On the Scholarship Assessment Day, all UK candidates will be expected to attend for a series of practical technological exercises run by a member of staff.



Assessment Criteria – Sixth Form

Each candidate is required to bring the following to the interview:

1. A portfolio to offer evidence of technological capability by showing artefacts, systems or other outcomes which have been produced. These should be supported by project folders which demonstrate the graphical, investigative and problem-solving ability of the candidate.
2. The candidate will be expected to explain the background of the projects offered to the Head of Design Technology, as well as the principles involved.
3. Evidence of GCSE coursework.



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Drama

Drama at Sidcot provides a diverse range of opportunities for those who enjoy performing, directing, designing or a combination of all disciplines. Classical drama, musical theatre and extensive Outreach projects with Sidcot's theatre company 'Hurly Burly' are just some of the opportunities a scholar will encounter.

It is an expectation that Drama Scholars opt for Drama to GCSE level and preferably one of our post sixteen courses if a sixth form scholarship is awarded. Scholars are Ambassadors for Drama and as such, full participation and involvement in the exciting range of School Productions and other Drama opportunities is a requirement. Drama Scholars should also be working towards achieving Arts Award and LAMDA at a level suitable to their age and ability.

In addition to the above, Sixth Form Scholars help lead Drama Clubs and take on assistant director / designer / stage management roles for the many productions staged at Sidcot. As part of our Sidcot theatre company Hurly Burly, you will learn the skills to work in a professional environment, with recent... being a trip to New York to perform to other schools and our biannual trip to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe to perform in one of the top venues.

Assessment Criteria:

On scholarship assessment day, students will be asked to present a two minute monologue and spend some time with the Director of Drama working with their interpretation of the monologue. They will then have a short interview and participate in a group improvisation. All Drama courses require academic as well as practical ability, students are therefore also asked to produce a written review of a performance they have seen.

Please note: the piece to be performed should be a monologue from a published playtext. Candidates should be able to demonstrate an understanding of their character and have an understanding of the whole play.

Assessment Criteria – below Sixth Form

Years 9, 10 and 12 candidates should produce a personal portfolio of their involvement and interest in Drama and Theatre.

Assessment Criteria – Sixth Form

Sixth Form candidates will be asked to perform **two** monologues.



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Music

The Music Department at Sidcot is a thriving hub of exciting opportunity. Wherever your interests lie, there are musical groups, choirs and ensembles or individual development of your talents available to you.

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.

Assessment Criteria

An interview is arranged during the visit to the Music School, giving an opportunity for the Head of Music to talk with the potential scholar.

Each candidate is required to prepare the following for the interview:

1. First Instrument

- (a) Two pieces of a contrasting nature should be offered. **The standard should be working towards:**

Grade 5 for Year 7

Grade 6 for Year 9 or 10

Grade 7 for Sixth Form

although, it is most important for candidates to show musical potential.

- (b) Sight-reading.

2. Second Instrument (if available). One piece (sight reading on this instrument will be optional).

3. Aural / Musicianship Tests

As appropriate to the standard of performance being offered.



Where a pupil has not taken formal examinations, the school will look for a demonstrably high quality of musicianship on the assessment day.

Candidates may also choose to offer a song of any style (if Voice is not one of the instruments offered above), although this is not a requirement. On the scholarship assessment day, all UK candidates will be expected to attend for a series of practical assessments as listed above.



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Sport

Sport Scholarships are awarded to students who have the potential to make an outstanding contribution to Sport at Sidcot. They demonstrate the ability to be a 'game changer' through their ability and performance. They will have a good, positive sporting attitude on all occasions both in practice and matches and be a positive role model both in and out of School. Candidates should already be playing Sport both inside and outside school, whether at a club or at County level.

We offer a broad range of Sports at Sidcot and the heart of our offer is the major games of Hockey, Football, Rugby, Cricket, Rounders, Netball and Athletics. Our students:

- develop the character to be successful in PE and Sport
- feel confident to play sport, in lessons and in regular physical activity outside School
- develop the knowledge, understanding and experience to choose a fit and healthy lifestyle
- are responsible for themselves and others
- develop fundamental movement, sports and fitness skills to feel successful and perform at their highest level

As a Sports Scholar, you will receive:

- Strength and conditioning sessions throughout the year,
- Access to the Gym and Studio for training
- A number of enrichment activities throughout the year including:
 - > meetings with a mentor or high level performing student
 - > talks from Professional Sports People and experts on topic such as performance, nutrition, performance psychology
- A visit to The University of Bath Sports Training Village
- Support for time off school to compete or train

Assessment Criteria – below Sixth Form

Candidates will be invited to attend Sidcot for a day of practical assessment during which they will be expected to demonstrate a range of abilities. Assessment will be made by various members of the PE Department as the candidates take part in tests of co-ordination, speed, balance, tactical awareness and the ability to work in a team.



Assessment Criteria – Sixth Form

Candidates will be invited to attend Sidcot for a personal interview with the Director of Sport. A successful candidate will be expected not only to contribute strongly in all three terms of sport, but also to lead by example in training and matches. This may be reflected by representative honours already achieved or being worked towards. A practical assessment may also be required. It is not always essential for candidates to have studied PE at GCSE, although this would be an advantage.

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Equestrian

The Equestrian Centre offers a rare combination – a livery yard at the heart of a thriving school. For students who already ride, or who want to learn, Sidcot prides itself on a friendly atmosphere for both beginners and experienced riders alike.

Sidcot has Team representation at each level and height across all disciplines, including dressage, show jumping, arena eventing and jumping with style.

Our Equestrian Scholars will have many opportunities: Sidcot Equestrian is affiliated to both the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) and British Show Jumping Just for Schools (BS JFS) where the School has been incredibly successful at both regional and national level competition.

Equestrian Scholars will be expected to be active members of the Sidcot Equestrian Team; regularly training for and competing in NSEA and other competitions in the Schools name. They will be active role models for other aspiring Sidcot Equestrian members, displaying the organisational skills, commitment and attention to detail that is required to succeed in this field. Equestrian Scholars will be expected to have access to a horse of their own (owned or loaned) and will need to continue their engagement with the Equestrian Centre in order to maintain their Scholarship.



Assessment Criteria

A Scholar will need to be at Novice Level Dressage, competing at 90cm Show jumping and/or British Eventing 90cm standard.

A demonstration at Sidcot with our Equestrian Centre Manager, or video recorded evidence, plus an interview.

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Bursaries and deadlines

Bursaries take the form of means tested discounts for new students. These are intended to help a student enter the School and the majority will continue for the duration of their time at Sidcot. Hardship Bursaries are sometimes available to existing students, where a family's financial situation changes unexpectedly during their time at the School.

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 2021 must be made by Friday 8 January 2021. 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.



Scholarship dates

Sixth Form:

- **Application Deadline:** Mon 26 Oct 2020
- **Written Papers:** (Exam and interviews)
Tues 10 Nov 2020
- **Special Talent Assessments in:**
DT/Music/Sport: Wed 11 Nov 2020
Art/Drama/Equestrian: Thurs 12 Nov 2020
- **Results Announcement:** Fri 20 Nov 2020

All other scholarships:

- **Application Deadline:** Fri 8 Jan 2021
- **Written Papers:** (Exam and interviews)
Sat 16 Jan 2021
- **Special Talent Assessments in:**
DT/Music/Sport: Wed 20 Jan 2021
Art/Drama/Equestrian: Thurs 21 Jan 2021
- **Results Announcement:** Fri 29 Jan 2021

PLEASE NOTE: Without supporting evidence, applications will be rejected.



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