

2024/25

Year 11 Pathway Handbook

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Term dates

Autumn Term 2024

Induction day	Friday 30 August
Boarders return	Friday 30 August
Term begins	Monday 2 September
Half term begins	Friday 18 October
Boarders return	Sunday 3 November
Term resumes	Monday 4 November
Term ends and Boarders depart	Friday 13 December

Spring Term 2025

Boarders return	Monday 6 January
Term begins	Tuesday 7 January
Half term begins	Friday 14 February
Boarders return	Sunday 23 February
Term resumes	Monday 24 February
Term ends and Boarders depart	Friday 4 April

Summer Term 2025

Boarders return	Tuesday 22 April
Term begins	Wednesday 23 April
Half term begins	Friday 23 May
Boarders return	Sunday 1 June
Term resumes	Monday 2 June
Term ends and Boarders depart	Thursday 3 July

Year group nomenclature

Sidcot	National Curriculum	Sidcot	National Curriculum
Reception	Reception	Lower Fifth (L5)	Year 10
J1 to J6	Year 1 to Year 6	Upper Fifth (U5)	Year 11
Third Form (3)	Year 7	Lower Sixth (L6)	Year 12
Lower Fourth (L4)	Year 8	Upper Sixth (U6)	Year 13
Upper Fourth (U4)	Year 9		

Introduction

The Year 11 Pathway is a great introduction to the UK education system for international students.

The course allows students to sit up to six (I)GCSEs whilst also preparing them for either A Levels or IB. There is a focus on developing English for those in need and the stretch and challenge of completing two year programmes of study in just one year.

Coupled with this are experiences that broaden students' appreciation of the world and introduce them to new ways of thinking and learning, giving them lifelong memories to take on their ongoing educational journey.

Please contact me for any further information and I look forward to meeting you if you are able to visit us.



James Milne
Head of Pathway and
Housemaster of Wing House

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Induction & first day of term

Induction

Year 11 Pathway students should arrive at Sidcot on Friday 30 August. During that day and over the course of the weekend boarding staff will provide an full induction for students to ensure they are prepared for the start of term on Monday 2 September.

First Day of Term

On the first day of term students should report to their tutor in their classroom at 08:30. They will be shown where this is during their induction.



Parents' social events

Boundary Walk – Thursday 6 September, 15.00-16.00

The Boundary Walk is a long standing tradition where students walk around our beautiful campus together during the first week of term. Parents are also invited to enjoy the walk with us and refreshments are served afterwards.

New Parents Drinks & Hog Roast – Friday 7 September, 17.30 - 20.30

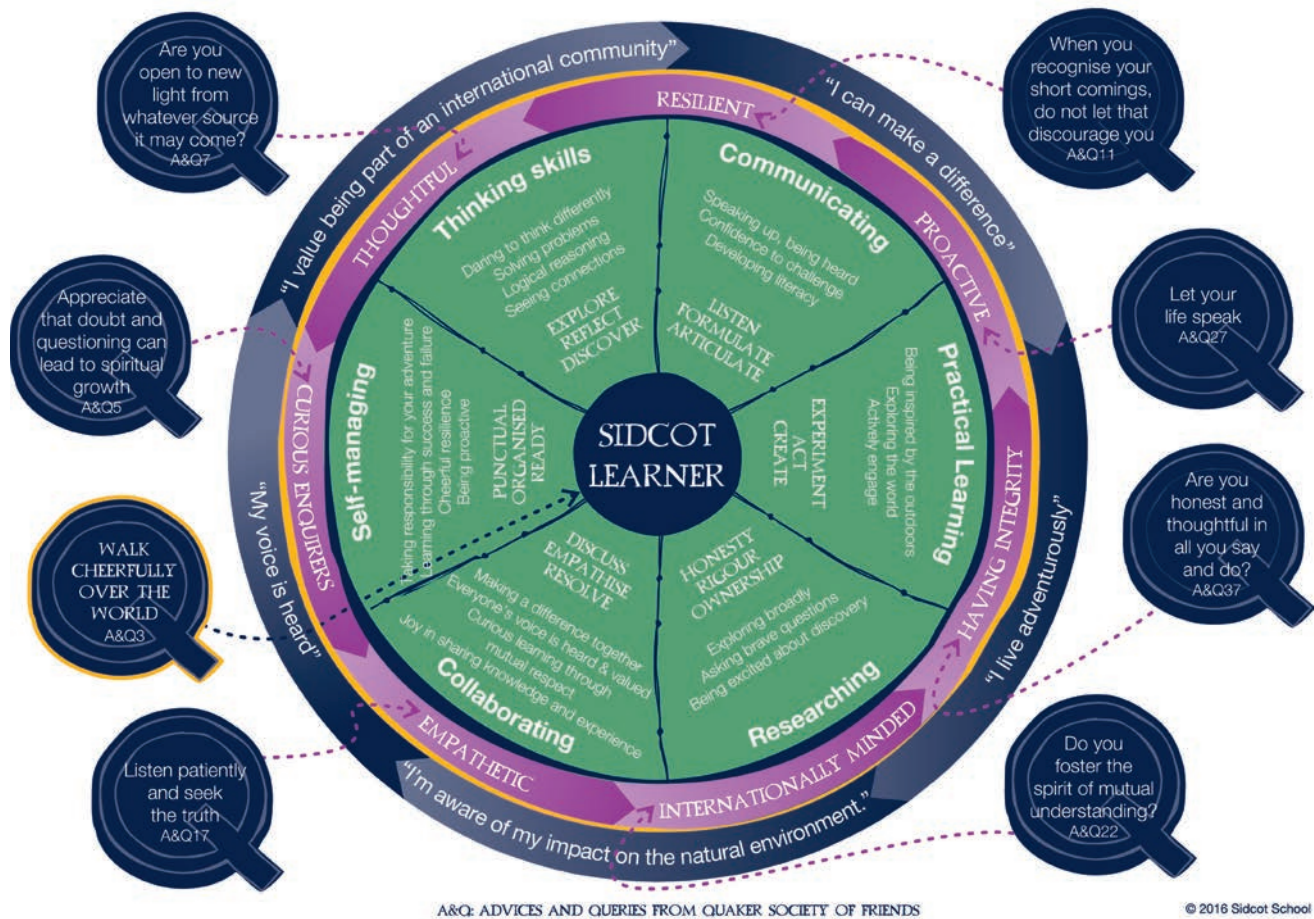
To introduce parents to the School, and each other, we invite all new parents to join the Head and other members of staff for drinks. This is followed by a Hog Roast to which all parents are invited.

Please be aware that this is an adult only event.

An invitation with further details will be sent nearer the time.

Our approach to teaching and learning

The Sidcot Learning Wheel



Monitoring progress

Grade reports are issued electronically on a termly basis, to keep parents up to date with students' progress. They include effort and achievement grades as well as written comments from teachers. Once a year, parents receive a full written report.

In the first half of the Autumn term our Meet the Tutors Evening is an opportunity to talk to pastoral staff about how students are settling in at the start of the year. There is also an annual face to face parents' consultation evening during

the Spring term. It provides an opportunity to meet students' subject teachers, tutor and Year Head, and to hear about their progress in more detail.

Parents are given a log-in which enables them to view the School intranet, where students and teachers share information and homework. They can access information about their child's timetable and keep up to date with their homework, performance and attendance.

Year 11 Pathway Courses

Year 11 Pathway is a special one-year course that gives international students an excellent preparation for entry into the Sixth Form.

To achieve up to six (I)GCSEs in a year, students will study in specialist classes with experienced teachers to help them achieve the best results. These classes are dedicated Year 11 Pathway lessons to ensure students receive the necessary intensive support to cover all the material in one year.

In order to encourage integration, all other activities and some subjects, including tutor groups and sport, are taken with the rest of Year 11.

When students arrive at Sidcot we assess them and place them in English and Maths classes according to ability. The number of (I)GCSEs that they take will depend on their ability, their level of English and their plans for the next stage.

Below shows an outline of the available courses.

CORE

IGCSE
English
Language

OR

IGCSE
English as a
Second Language

IGCSE
Maths
Extended

OR

IGCSE
Maths Core

OPTIONS

IGCSE
Physics

OR

IGCSE
History

IGCSE
Chemistry

OR

IGCSE
Art

IGCSE
Biology

OR

IGCSE
Business Studies

ENRICHMENT

Global Studies
Sidcot Certified Course
.....

IGCSE
In your own Language (If available)
.....

The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award



What to bring

Stationery

The basic stationery students require is as follows:

- 2 black or blue pens
- 1 purple and 1 green pen
- 2 pencils
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Ruler
- Compass
- Protractor
- Calculator - Casio CLASSWIZ FX-83GT X

The following are also useful to have:

- Coloured pens or pencils
- Glue stick
- Highlighters

All of the above items are available from the library stationery shop and can be added to the termly extras bill.

Extras

- Lanyard/photo ID
- Fully charged device
- Refillable named water bottle

Sports Kit

On days when students have Games lessons they will be responsible for bringing the correct clothing. There are some compulsory elements of sports clothing and other optional elements. Some elements will also vary depending the season.

On Thursdays students should attend School wearing their House t-shirt and Sidcot tracksuit bottoms or leggings in preparation for PASS. Students should bring their sports kit on the first day of term. A full sportswear guide can be found at sidcot.org.uk/uniform.

Boarding students will be provided with an additional list in their Boarding Handbook to ensure they have everything they need for life in a boarding house.



Photo ID cards

All students have a photo ID card which must be carried at all times. The School is a secure site and the card allows access to different parts of the School which has keypads at all entry points.

Students must email a photo of themselves as soon as possible to arrival in September to admissions@sidcot.org.uk.

Lost cards can be replaced, at a cost of £5.00, your children arrange this through their tutor.

Students who have provided their photos will be issued with their ID card when they arrive.

Lockers

Each student is allocated a locker where they can keep their study materials. They will need to bring a lock with two keys or a combination lock.

The shackle should have a diameter of no more than 5mm. At the end of each term students will be asked to clear their lockers completely.

Uniform

Please do not order any uniform before arriving at Sidcot. We understand that sizes can be hard to guess when you do not have the exact measurement. Our matrons will help our new boarders try different sizes to ensure that the right order is placed. This will be part of the induction programme.

Details of our uniform can be found at sidcot.org.uk/uniform

The House system

All students and staff at Sidcot are assigned to a virtual house when they join our School community (North House, East House, South House and West House). The House system helps students to build friendships across the year groups and provides a focus for School events and activities throughout the year.

These include House sports, 'Sidcot's Got Talent', team building activities, Inter-House Music competitions, charity fundraising and much more.

Food

Students have break at 11.05 where they can have a drink, a biscuit and fruit. Lunch is at 13.05.

Our menus are varied, balanced and healthy and full of fresh local ingredients. You can view a sample of our weekly menu on the website:

www.sidcot.org.uk/parent-information/food

Straight after School, students may help themselves to tea, coffee, hot chocolate, milk or juice in the Refectory. Break, lunch and supper are all included within the School fees.

The Hub is Sidcot's café where students can buy drinks and snacks, smoothies, paninis and fruit pots. Access to the Hub is limited to certain days of the week for each year group. Students can use their photo ID card to make purchases from the Hub. Credit can be added to the ID card using WisePay – parents can access this via

www.sidcot.org.uk/parent-information/sidcot-intranet

Log in details will be sent during the first week of term.

Digital technology in the classroom

Fees for Year 11 Pathway students include a device which will be provided by the School. This will be ready for your child to collect when they arrive.

Is my child allowed to bring a mobile phone to School?

Following a period of discussion and research on the use of mobile phones in schools, we have taken the decision not to allow any student below Sixth Form to have phones in School during School hours.



The Blue Book

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, students will be given 'The Blue Book' which clearly outlines rules and guidelines for behaviour at school.

It is important that students carefully read this booklet, so they are clear about expectations at Sidcot which will help them settle in smoothly.

Meeting for Worship

On Fridays, the School community participates in Meeting for Worship. Our Year 11 students and Sixth Formers gather together with their tutors, teachers and other members of staff. The student Quaker Elders lead the meeting. This starts with a quote which is then reflected upon in silence. During this period, anyone can stand up and 'minister' or speak if they feel moved to do so.



Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom is one of the highlights of the academic year. It is usually held off campus and is a chance for the students to celebrate with their friends, tutors and teachers.

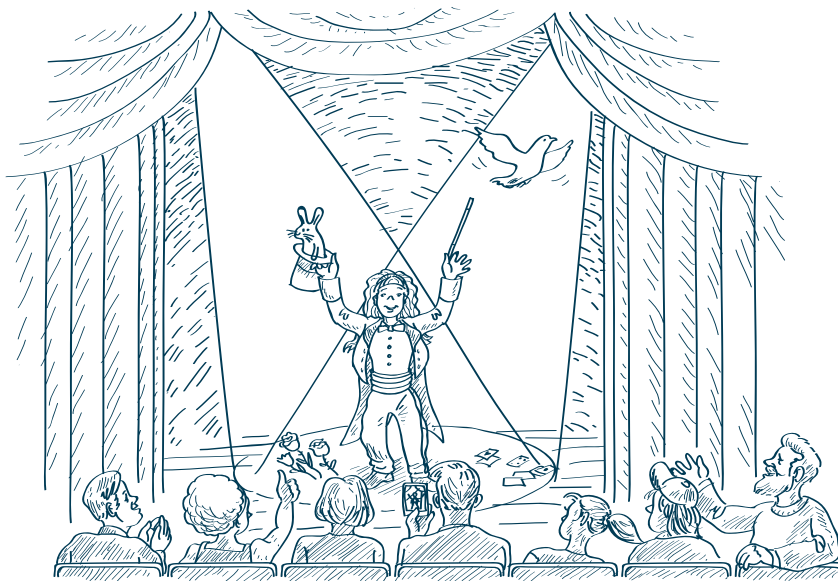
Extra-curricular activities

At Sidcot we're lucky to be situated in a beautiful rural location and excellent facilities for sport, arts, crafts and environmental studies, as well as links with local community groups, charities and businesses.

Activities run at lunchtime, after school, after tea and into the evening. With activities ranging from archery to photography, maths club to riding, we make sure our students have plenty of opportunities to try new things as well as developing existing interests.

Below is a sample list of activities. This list is updated every term and will also include a full range of sport activities depending on the season.

- Riding
- Archery
- Climbing
- Caving
- Open Mic Club
- Glass Making Workshop
- Singing Group
- Music Tech Club
- Painting
- Photography
- Drama Rehearsals
- Multi-Gym
- Lane Swimming
- Fencing
- Art – Open Studio
- Book Club
- Tennis Club
- Music Theory Club
- Tabletop Games Club
- Circuits
- Mixed Golf
- Ceramics
- Design & Technology Club
- Free Swimming
- Library Study
- Maths Café
- Pottery



School routine

Monday

08:30 – 08:35	Tutor Time
08:35 – 09:25	Period 1
09:25 – 10:15	Period 2
10:20 – 11:00	Assembly
11:05 – 11:25	Break
11:25 – 12:15	Period 3
12:15 – 13:05	Period 4*
13:05 – 13:55	Lunch
13:55 – 14:10	Tutor Time
14:10 – 15:00	Period 5
15:00 – 15:50	Period 6
16:00 – 16:50	Activities/Prep
17:00 – 18:00	Activities/Prep
17:45 – 18:30	Boarders' Supper

Tuesday

08:30 – 08:35	Tutor Time
08:35 – 09:25	Period 1
09:25 – 10:15	Period 2
10:15 – 11:05	Period X
11:05 – 11:25	Break
11:25 – 12:15	Period 3
12:15 – 13:05	Period 4*
13:05 – 13:55	Lunch
13:55 – 14:10	Tutor Time
14:10 – 15:00	Period 5
15:00 – 15:50	Period 6
16:00 – 16:50	Activities/Prep
17:00 – 18:00	Activities/Prep
17:45 – 18:30	Boarders' Supper

Wednesday

08:30 – 08:35	Tutor Time
08:35 – 09:25	Period 1
09:25 – 10:15	Period 2
10:15 – 11:05	PSHE/ Pastoral Time
11:05 – 11:25	Break
11:25 – 12:15	Period 3
12:15 – 13:05	Period 4*
13:05 – 13:55	Lunch
13:55 – 14:10	Tutor Time
14:10 – 15:00	Period 5
15:00 – 15:50	Period 6
16:00 – 16:50	Period 7 Activities/Prep
17:00 – 18:00	Activities/Prep
17:45 – 18:30	Boarders' Supper

- PSHE = Personal, Social, Health and Economic lesson
- Meeting for Worship: The School community gathers in the Quaker Meeting House and sits in stillness to listen and reflect.

Thursday

08:30 – 08:35 Tutor Time

08:35 – 09:25 Period 1

09:25 – 10:15 Period 2

10:15 – 11:05 Period X

11:05 – 11:25 Break

11:25 – 12:15 Period 3

12:15 – 13:05 Period 4*

13:05 – 13:55 Lunch

13:55 – 14:00 Tutor Time

14:00 – 16:00 PASS
(Co-Curricular
Time)

16:00 – 16:50 Period 7
Activities/Prep

17:00 – 18:00 Activities/Prep

17:45 – 18:30 Boarders' Supper

Friday

08:30 – 08:35 Tutor Time

08:35 – 09:25 Period 1

09:25 – 10:15 Period 2

10:20 – 11:00 Meeting for Worship

11:05 – 11:25 Break

11:25 – 12:15 Period 3

12:15 – 13:05 Period 4*

13:05 – 13:55 Lunch

13:55 – 14:10 Tutor Time

14:10 – 15:00 Period 5

15:00 – 15:50 Period 6

16:00 – 16:50 Activities/Prep

17:00 – 18:00 Activities/Prep

17:45 – 18:30 Boarders' Supper

- 'PASS' (Programme of Activities for Sidcot School); a wonderful co-curricular programme based on our key themes of Living Adventurously, living out our Quaker values, being an Ashoka Changemaker school and providing opportunities to develop leadership skills and team building. Students will have the opportunity to choose the activities that they wish to join in throughout the year. Students across the whole school will participate in the activities alongside each other thus promoting community spirit through the vertical structure of the programme.

Year 11 Boys' PE and Games

This programme is subject change.

COMPETITION PATHWAY

S	Term 1a		Term 1b		Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
	Rugby – Sports Fields and 3G	Res Run	Rugby - Sports Fields and 3G	Football - Sports Fields/3G	Football - Sports Fields/3G	Hockey- Astro Turf	Student Choice	
Pr	Baseline Fitness and Training Methods - Sports Hall		Swimming		Student Choice	Student Choice	Student Choice	

HEALTH AND FITNESS PATHWAY

S	Term 1a		Term 1b		Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
	Rugby Activities Sports Fields and 3G	Res Run	Rugby Games – Sports Fields and 3G	Football - Sports Fields/3G	Football/Games - Sports Fields/3G	Hockey/Games – Astro Turf	Student Choice	
Pr	Swimming		How To Train in a Gym – Types and methods of training		Student Choice	Student Choice	Student Choice	

HEALTH AND LEISURE PATHWAY

S	Term 1a		Term 1b		Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
	Fun Rugby Activities Sports Fields and 3G	Res Run	Fitness Games – Sports Hall		Ball Games – Sports Hall	Games Activities – Fields	Striking Games - Playing Fields/Astro	
Pr	Swimming		How To Train in a Gym – Types and methods of training		Student Choice	Student Choice	Student Choice	

Year 11 Girls' PE and Games

This programme is subject change.

COMPETITION PATHWAY

Term 1a		Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
G	Hockey Astro Turf	Football Sports Fields	Netball Courts	Rugby Sports Fields	Student Choice	
	Res Run					
PE	Fitness & SAQ Training Sports Hall	Gymnastics/Fitness Sports Hall	Student Choice	Student Choice	Student Choice	

HEALTH AND FITNESS PATHWAY

Term 1a		Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
G	Hockey Astro Turf	Football Sports Fields	Netball Courts	Rugby Sports Fields	Student Choice	
	Res Run					
PE	Fitness Gym/Studio	Gymnastics/Fitness Sports Hall	Student Choice	Student Choice	Student Choice	

HEALTH AND LEISURE PATHWAY

Term 1a		Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
G	Fun Hockey Sports Hall	Fun Games Sports Fields	Fun Netball Sports Hall	Fun Games Sports Fields	Student Choice	
	Res Run					
PE	Fitness Class Studio	Gymnastics Sports Hall	Student Choice	Student Choice	Student Choice	

Sports fixtures

Sports fixtures are finalised in the first week of each term and go live for parents to see on our sports fixtures site which can be accessed via sport.sidcot.org.uk

When the team is selected you will be able to view it using the Password **TeamSidcot**.

A hard copy of the fixture and team list is also posted on the notice boards in the Sports Centre

and in each Games lesson. When there is a fixture approaching the Sports department ensure the children know all the important details including venues, times and the required kit.

In order to be considered to represent a School team students must attend after-School training sessions. Training sessions and fixtures should be booked using SchoolsBuddy.

PE & Games

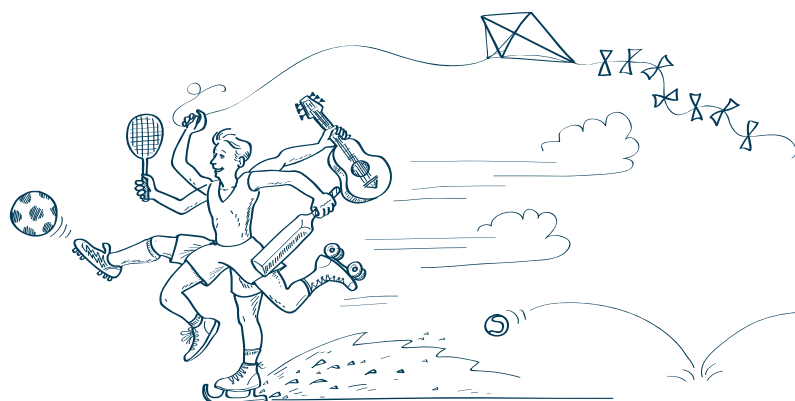
In Year 11, students have the option to choose between a competition or health and fitness pathway. This allows students to select a pathway which best suits their personal goals. The difference between these are shown below.

Competition Pathway

- Sports and playing
- Develop skills and tactics for sport
- Develop fitness for sport
- How to train and get fit
- Develop team skills
- Prepare to play for the School

Health and Fitness Pathway

- Being fit and healthy
- Playing sports to learn fitness
- Playing games
- Developing movement skills
- Learning how to be fit and healthy
- Collaboration skills



SchoolsBuddy

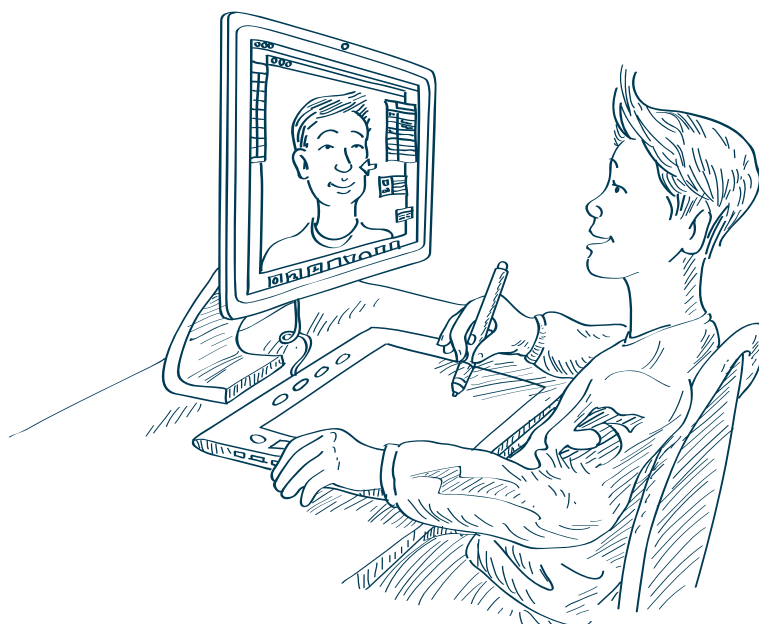
SchoolsBuddy allows our parents to view the range of activities available to our students. The system allows you to easily book your child onto our lunchtime and after-school activities and into our early and late prep sessions. It's important that parents use this system to let the school know what your child will be doing after school.

All new parents and students will receive a SchoolsBuddy activation email, so please look out for it in your mailbox. This system will be activated on the first week of term. As this is a new software system, you will be required to click on the link in the email to activate your SchoolsBuddy account.

Once you have registered you will be able to view the co-curricular activities and early and late prep sessions available.

Please activate using the Google Chrome Web Browser. Once your account is activated, you can then download the 'SchoolsBuddy' app on iOS or Android.

Should you have any questions please contact:
ITSupport.Parents@sidcot.org.uk



Senior School Floor Plan

Ground Floor



First Floor



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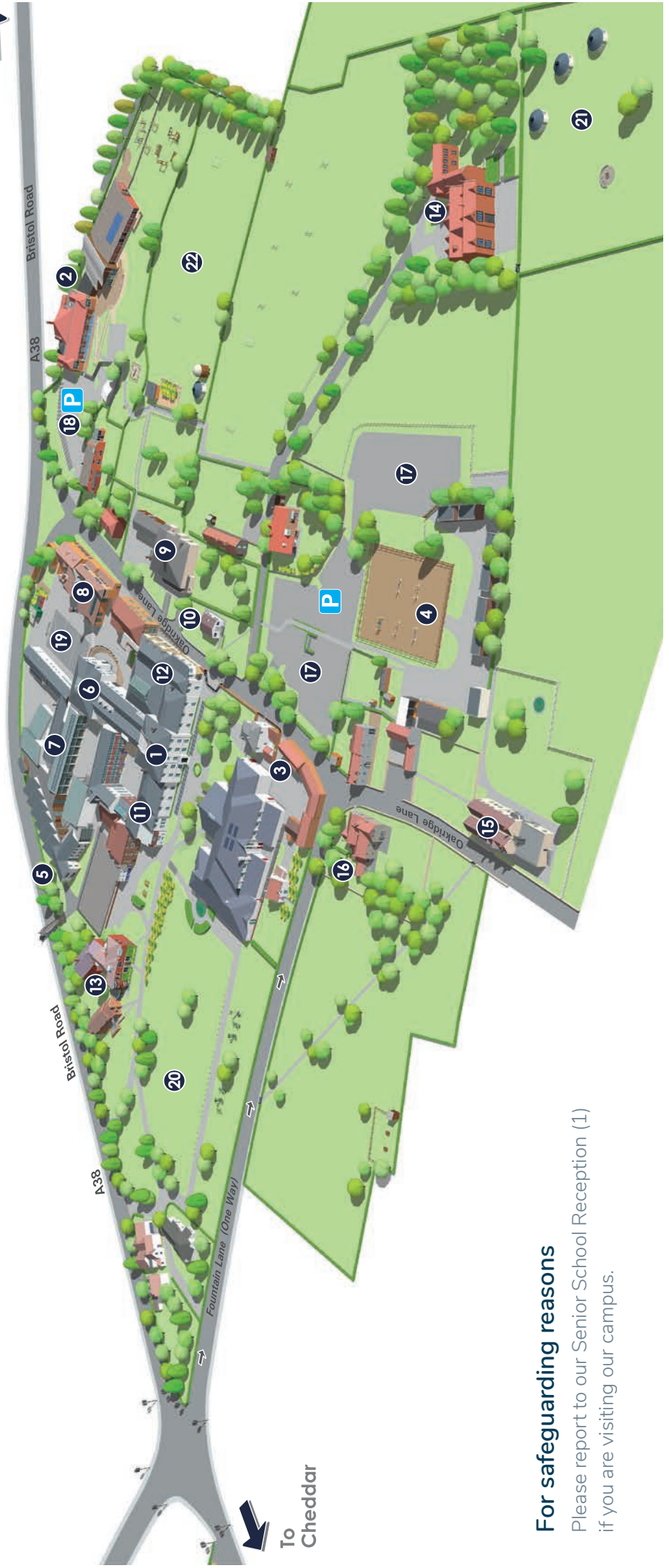
- Classroom
- Corridor / Common Place
- Office / Clerical
- Toilet
- Storage / Technician's Area / Housekeeping
- Boarding House
- Sixth Form



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- 1 Senior School Reception
- 2 Junior School
- 3 Sports Centre
- 4 Equestrian Centre
- 5 Arts Centre
- 6 Trevelyan Library
- 7 Teaching Block
- 8 Science Block
- 9 Meeting House
- 10 Health Centre
- 11 School House Girls
- 12 School House Boys
- 13 Wing House
- 14 Newcombe House
- 15 Combe House
- 16 Meadowside
- 17 Main Car Park
- 18 Junior Car Park
- 19 Senior Drop-Off & Pick Up
- 20 School Garden
- 21 James O'Connell Peace Field
- 22 Junior Sports Field



For safeguarding reasons

Please report to our Senior School Reception (1) if you are visiting our campus.

Key contacts



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Deputy Head (Pastoral)
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Head of Pathway
James Milne
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Useful contact information

School reception: reception@sidcot.org.uk | 01934 843102

Health centre: health@sidcot.org.uk | 01934 845263

Uniform queries: uniform@sidcot.org.uk

IT queries: itsupport.parents@sidcot.org.uk

Policies

Full details of our School policies may be found at
sidcot.org.uk/policies

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