



The impact of your support

SUMMER 2026

2025/6 Fundraising Review

Total raised: **£158,062**

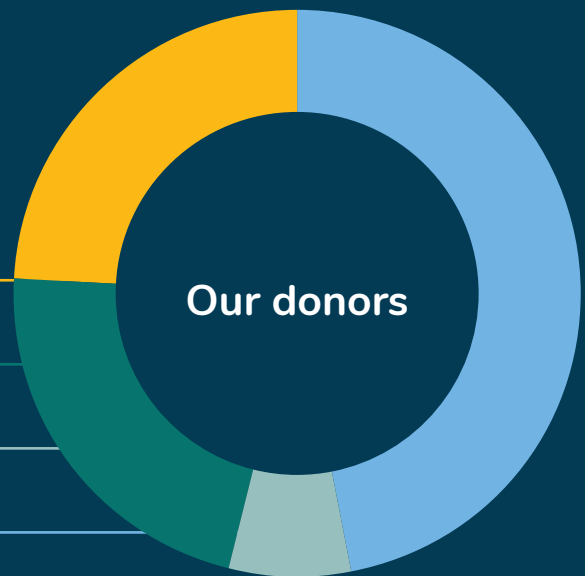
(plus a further £350,000 pledged for this academic year)

24% Sidcot Trusts

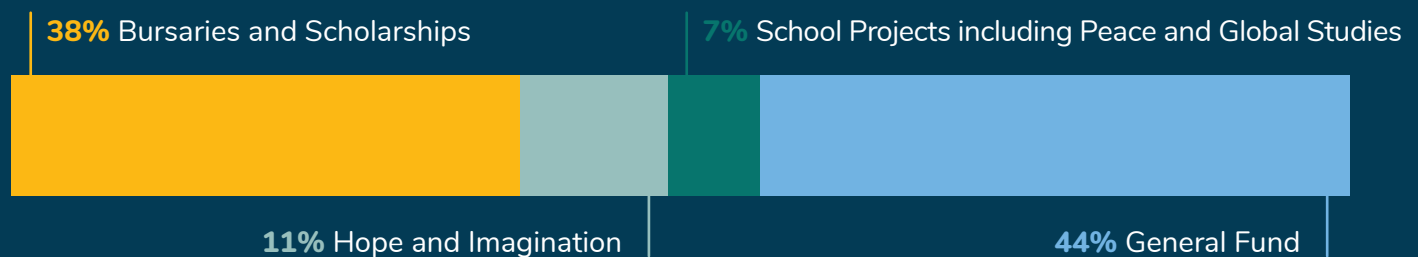
22% Old Scholars/Sidcotians

7% Current and Ex parents/relatives/staff

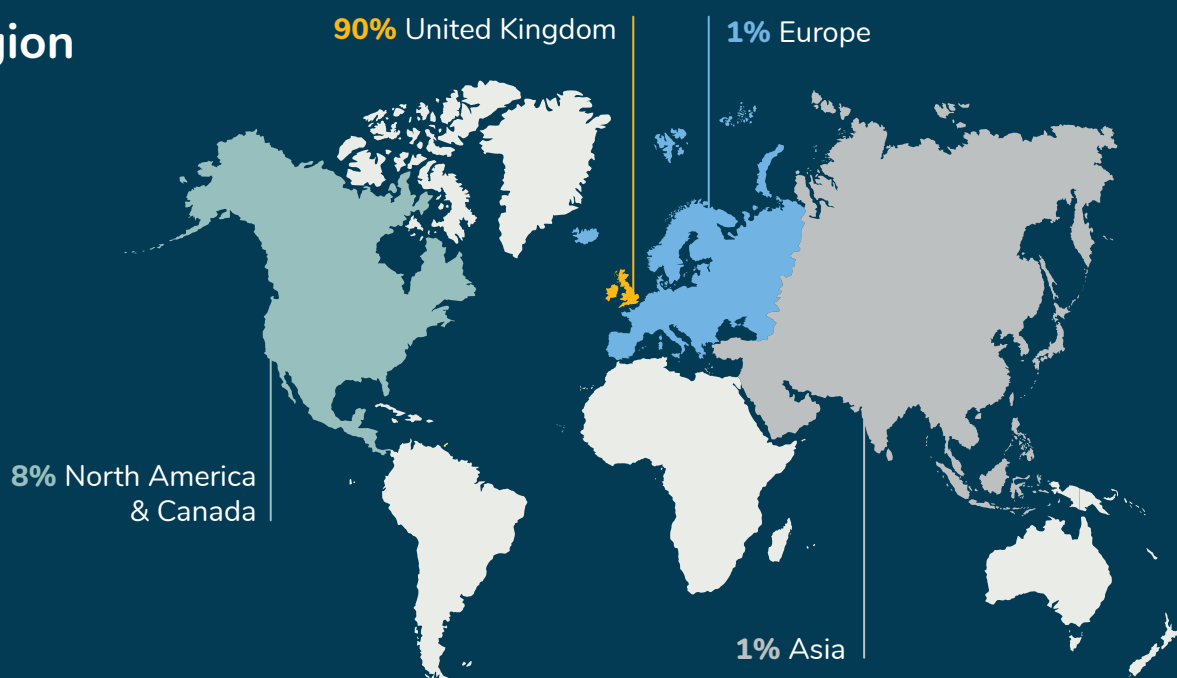
47% Grants or Charitable Organisations



Raised per fund



By region





Head's Report: A Note of Gratitude

Dear fellow Sidcotians – Welcome to our Impact Report for 2025/26, Sidcot's annual publication for our donors, volunteers, and friends.

Your support enables us to preserve the best of our wonderful School, and, above all, to fulfil our core mission of providing a world-class education to all who might thrive here. I hope what follows will demonstrate the real difference that philanthropic gifts are making to our students and school community.

Now more than ever, are we seeing the need for that support. We continue to witness the impact of the introduction of VAT on school fees last year, leaving many of our families squeezed financially. We thank those among our community who have already contributed generously to our Hope and Imagination Fund or bursaries, providing vital support to those students who might not otherwise have been able to continue their Sidcot education. We have also pledged to absorb as much of the impact of VAT as we can, passing on only half to our families.

We are also pleased to have been able to invest in our School site, using funds released by the governors following the sale of Meadowside and Kidborough. We have updated our School gym with a Strength and Conditioning suite in response to student feedback, and over the summer, will see much-needed improvements made to our Teaching Block Quad. More on this can be read on page 5. For the latter, we are extremely grateful for the charitable donations made that enabled us to meet the brief drawn up from discussions with our student body.

We know not everyone is in a position to give. Inspired by George Fox's Quaker advice to "Be patterns, be examples...", I choose to personally donate to the School I love, and have been inspired to see how my contribution has been able to support the work outlined in the following pages. If you were

among the many hundreds who did make a gift over the past year, thank you so much. You are following in the footsteps of past philanthropists who have helped make Sidcot the happy and flourishing place it is now. I hope we can continue to count on your support during these challenging times, and that it will inspire many others from the wider Sidcotian family to follow your example this year.

Thank you as always for your generous support of Sidcot School. We are tremendously grateful.

In friendship,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Jones', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

James Jones
Head





The Impact of Philanthropy - Bursaries

Education transforms lives. With equality as core to our School's Quaker ethos, it remains a guiding principle of our means-tested bursary programme to enable fair access to a Sidcot education.

In our Donor Report 2024, we included some case studies from current and former bursary students who cited the impact their financial support had upon their lives. One of these students was Joshua, who – with his twin sister Jasmine – spoke about the difference that a Sidcot education made for them. Seizing every opportunity at School, the twins performed with our theatre company, Hurly Burly, as well as in music concerts and Joshua took up leadership positions as Head Student and Quaker Elder.

Following the twins' outstanding results at International Baccalaureate in summer 2025, they have both gone on to pursue their preferred careers, with Joshua now studying Medicine at university. We welcome him back for our Donor Celebration event 2026 to address donors in thanks. He says, *"Receiving a bursary at Sidcot didn't just ease the financial pressure - it gave me the freedom to focus fully on my studies and take up opportunities I never thought possible. Without that support, I wouldn't be on my way to studying Medicine today; it truly changed the direction of my future."*

We are indebted to the George Cadbury Trust and Sir James Reckitt Charity, which also support our means-tested bursaries.

Scan the QR code to watch Joshua and Jasmine's bursary testimonial while at Sidcot:



Working with SpringBoard

Royal National Children's SpringBoard Foundation (RNCSF) is a UK-wide children's charity creating life-changing pathways for children and young people facing barriers to opportunity. They work with local authorities, schools and partners across the country to support children - particularly those with experience of the care system - to achieve greater stability, access high-quality education, and build strong foundations for their future. This year, we have been working with the charity to support a student into Third Form at Sidcot, after a period of getting to know each other. To find out more, visit www.royalspringboard.org.uk

Scholarships

We are proud to support outstanding students in a range of disciplines. Thanks to a generous gift from Canada-based Roger Croker (S: 1948-54), we have supported six students with 'Living Adventurously' Sixth Form Scholarships. These are students who have shown particular aptitude for adventure in their learning, evidenced by self-directed exploration in their studies, being courageous, or demonstrating an international mindfulness within the scope of their work.

For more information, please visit www.sidcot.org.uk/scholarships.



£742,000

spent by Sidcot School on scholarships and bursaries in 2025/6 (up from £610,000 in 2024/25)

9%

is funded by private donations, grants and legacies

44

bursary recipients

Values between

10% and 110%

The educational impact of a bursary

As a School, we monitor the academic progress of our students. The average value-added (V/A) progress scores of our bursary students in the examination years of Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth (Years 11 and 13) meet our Whole School targets and even exceed the average of those of their peers. This means that as a result of their Sidcot education, they are on average achieving over half a grade higher than they might otherwise have been predicted to do.

- The average V/A score for bursary students in Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth over the last three years is 0.58
- The average V/A score for all students in Upper Fifth and Upper Sixth over the last three years is 0.49
- The national average V/A score (0)



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“My small regular contributions enable me to repay the School, in part, for providing me with some of the most enjoyable experiences of my life – plus, I should add, a broad education and some lasting friendships. My hopes are that they will help, in a small way, to provide others - particularly those with a tight budget – with a similar experience.”

Roger Reynolds (S: 1946-53)



Investing in our School Site

Looking after what we're given is just as important as receiving it - stewardship ensures that resources, opportunities, and belongings can be sustained and passed on to benefit others long after us.

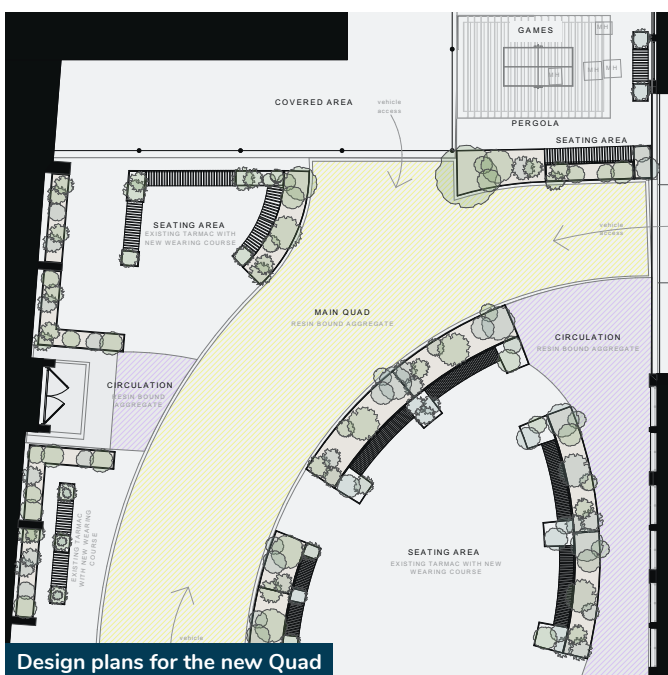
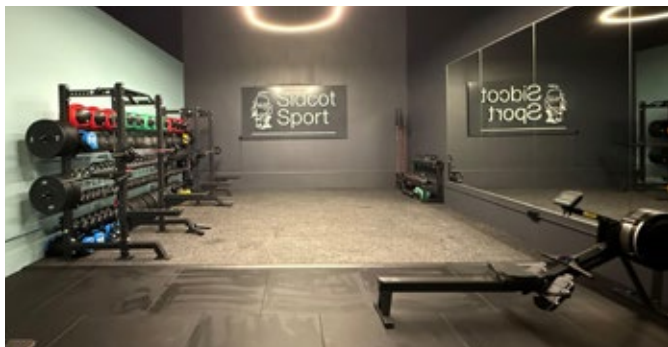
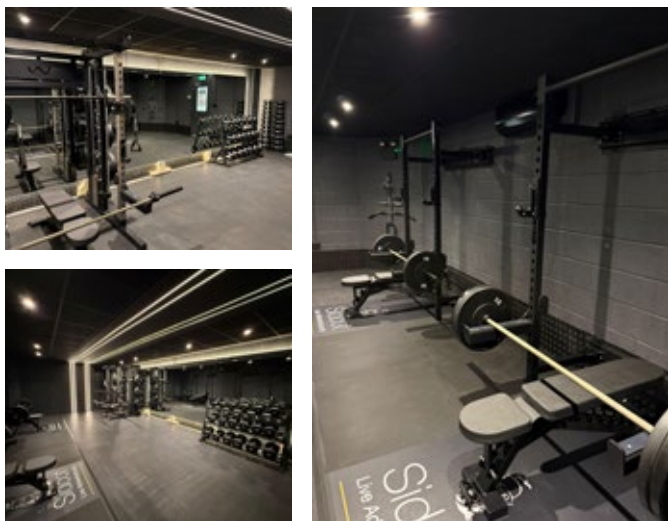
Mindful of this responsibility, governors have approved the reinvestment of some of the proceeds from the sale of Meadowside and Kidborough into meaningful improvements across the School. These enhancements are already making a tangible difference to the daily experience of our students.

Among the key developments is the transformation of the School gym into a state-of-the-art Strength and Conditioning suite, providing modern facilities that support both performance and wellbeing. This summer we will also be refurbishing the School quad, creating a welcoming and versatile space at the heart of campus life where students can gather, reflect, and connect.

Importantly, each of these projects has been shaped by student voice. By listening carefully to their ideas and priorities, we have ensured that these spaces not only meet current needs but also inspire and support future generations. Our thanks to the George Cadbury Trust and Sidcot School PTA for their support to enable these projects, and we welcome further offers of funding. Your generosity continues to have a lasting and visible impact across the School.

"My decision to support Sidcot School was not difficult. Although I attended over seventy years ago in a challenging post-war environment, Sidcot not only provided me with an excellent education but also helped me to explore my interests, discover my talents and decide for myself the sort of person I wanted to be. It equipped me with the skills, confidence and resilience to deal with whatever life had in store for me and I remain grateful to this day for all of it. Supporting Sidcot is my way of saying thank you and ensuring that current and future Sidcot Scholars are given the same opportunities I was so long ago."

Roger Croker, S: 1948-54, generous donor to both the Sidcot Science Laboratories and the Sixth Form Scholarship programme.



A Spotlight on the Sidcot Building Trust Fund (SBTF):

The SBTF was set up by alumni of the School in January 1959 with the primary purpose to make grants to Sidcot School for purchasing or erecting property for, or improving the property of the School.

IMPACT:

Over the years, the SBTF has had a transformative impact on the Sidcot School site and buildings. Among many others, it has significantly contributed towards the creation of the following:

- the School Swimming Pool
- the beautiful Arts Centre Building
- the original Sixth Form buildings in 1967 and the transformation of the Sixth Form Centre in 2022/23 (pictured)

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the SBTF also supported the upkeep of the School premises with significant emergency funds.



HOW DO I GIVE TO THE SBTF?

More information, including contact details and the SBTF's Annual Report and Accounts, can be found at <https://bit.ly/Sidcot-Building-Trust-Fund>

Trustees:

- Keith Kerton (Chair)
- Varut Dechpokket
- Nigel Gardner
- Timothy Reynolds

Secretary: Elizabeth Marks
Fund Manager: John Highfield



Community Support and Outreach

In line with our charitable status, we work closely with our local multi-academy trust (MAT) partner ELAN's primary schools to provide educational experiences and opportunities across multiple disciplines throughout the School.

For Sidcot students, partnerships work is part of their life at School, not volunteering or community service. Our Lead Learners and Scholars involved in the projects gain vital leadership and communication skills experience, as well as building resilience needed to thrive in the modern world. They come to love and value the work for the opportunities it provides to help other pupils flourish.

We are delighted that we have been recognised by the prestigious Pearson Teaching Awards for our outstanding Partnership and Outreach work in 2025.

To find out more about supporting our outreach projects across 2026/7 or beyond, please contact the Development Office on development@sidcot.org.uk.

Art Outreach

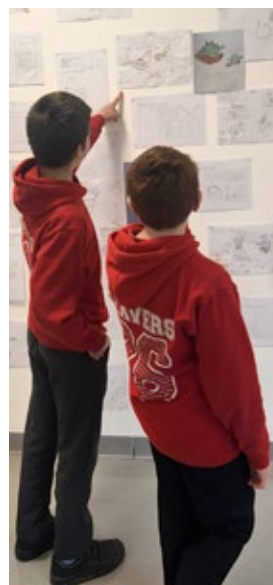
We were delighted to welcome over 200 students from our local primary schools to celebrate the output of their work in the latest of our annual Art Outreach Projects.

The students explored ideas around identity, creativity and community through the medium of pottery and text. Each School was then provided with a practical teaching resource pack to enable the delivery of the project.

The resulting work from all eight schools was then put on display in the Sidcot Art Gallery, accompanied by a class poem written collaboratively to enrich the visual element of the work. The children visited to see their work and to make use of the Sidcot Art Rooms for an additional artistic project exploring the use of pattern, led by the Sidcot student Art Scholars. They were also given certificates to celebrate their work.



Festival of Peace



Winscombe Primary enjoy the night sky in our observatory and the Science laboratories

Community Sports

At regular intervals throughout the year, we host and provide transport for the ELAN schools for a range of sporting activities, including gymnastics, cricket, tennis, swimming and athletics. There are always some closely-contested races and games (a favourite will always be the much-loved swimming 'noodle relay'), but the students always make their schools very proud of their tireless hard work.

Our thanks to all of the participating schools at all of these events, including: Banwell Primary, Bournville Primary, Locking Primary, Oldmixon Primary, Mead Vale Primary, Mendip Green Primary, Milton Park, Walliscote Primary and Windwhistle Primary Schools.

Science Observatory Outreach

We were so pleased to be able to make the most of a clear, starry night to welcome Winscombe Junior School to join our own pupils for a practical Physics lesson led by our Science Lead Learners, followed by a sky-watching session in our School Observatory. We were very impressed by their observations and planet-related knowledge! We are indebted to our charitable partners including the Ganton Trust for providing grants to enable this work.

Sidcot's Festival of Peace 2026

In 2026, our biennial Festival of Peace will coincide with Quaker Week, creating a meaningful and inspiring programme across the whole School. We are developing exciting plans to embed the theme of Peace throughout lessons and activities, working in partnership with Old Scholar Pip Rush Jansen and his Arcadia Reach team to bring an ambitious and creative vision to life.

We warmly invite you to join us for a special open event on Thursday 1st October, from 4–7pm, where the community will come together to celebrate.

The Festival will then draw to a reflective close with a Peace Vigil on Friday. We are grateful for the generous support of the Sir James Reckitt Charity, which has helped make these plans possible.

To join the event, please contact Sarah Simms, alumni@sidcot.org.uk.

A Spotlight on the Sidcot School Education Trust (SSET)

The Sidcot School Education Trust CIO was founded in 2024 with the purpose of advancing education for children at Sidcot School.

It is an amalgamation of the Sidcot Bursary Trust (founded in 1983) and the Sidcot Education Trust (set up in June 1927), which have both supported education at Sidcot (through the provision of means-tested bursaries and educational grants) for many decades.

IMPACT:

In addition to the annual Travel Awards, the Sidcot School Education Trust has also provided vital technology for the teaching classrooms, support for our Hope and Imagination Fund, cameras for our Photography students, and a significant grant towards the refurbishment of the Science Labs, made possible by a generous legacy from Dorothy Thomson née Woolley (S: 1936-1943), over the last few years.

The René Isaac Fund (in memory of OS 1934-1942), overseen by the SSET, supports educational trips and visits, enabling all students to live adventurously, as René chose to do in his lifetime. We are grateful to his daughter Nancy and Jeanne for their continued support of Sidcot in his name.

HOW DO I GIVE TO THE SIDCOT SCHOOL EDUCATION TRUST?

If you are interested in giving to Sidcot School Education Trust, or in finding out more, please contact one of the Trustees listed below, or get in touch via the Development Office on +44 (0)1934 845238. More can be read at www.sidcotiansconnect.org.uk/pages/sidcot-school-education-trust.

TRUSTEES:

- David Sadler
- Sally Harvey
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- Andy Flint



Sidcot's 1699 Society: Leave your Legacy

Legacy gifts have always played an important part at Sidcot. These are deeply personal donations and have provided bursaries, restored historic buildings, and funded sports, caving and other educational activities.

A gift to Sidcot in your Will or outlined in your Letter of Wishes plays a significant role in shaping our School and to recognise your generosity, you'll be invited to join the 1699 Society. Gifts via the 1699 Society may be made directly to the School, or via the Sidcot Trusts.

For more information, please read our Legacy Guide at www.bit.ly/LeaveASidcotLegacy

Or contact: Sarah Simms, Director of Marketing and Development, sarah.simms@sidcot.org.uk or +44(0)1934 845238.

You may also wish to speak in confidence with our Sidcotian Legacy Ambassadors, Sally Harvey and Christopher Marriage for their experience.

DID YOU KNOW?

Giving 10% or more of your taxable estate to charity reduces the rate of tax paid on your estate from 40%* to 36%.

*Normal inheritance tax where there is no exemption



Christopher Marriage
Class of 1961

"Sidcot School has played a profound role in shaping our lives. The friendships we formed, the values we embraced, and the lessons we learned continue to guide us. For many of us, Sidcot was more than just a School - it was a home, a community, and a foundation for a meaningful and fulfilling life.

I believe most Old Scholars have found their niche in life and our Sidcot education has made us all well-rounded individuals, many of whom promote the Quaker ethos we cheerfully absorbed at Sidcot. It is on this solid foundation that those of us who can, must ensure that future generations of Sidcotians enjoy the meaningful and wide education we had by leaving a Legacy to the School at the end of our lives."

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- Friends Schools
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- The Ganton Trust
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Gifts of time and expertise

Governors

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- Alan Taylor (Vice Chair)
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Alumni Office and Outreach Support

- Angela Cary-Brown
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- Wendy Haslam
- Pip Rush Jansen
- Michael Marks
- Christine Peacock

We have now over 300 alumni volunteers delivering career advice, mentoring, lectures and workshops to our students and recent leavers. It means that our students and young alumni have never been better prepared for what lies ahead after their time at Sidcot.

If you are interested in finding out more about our Careers programme or to volunteer, please contact alumni@sidcot.org.uk or update your profile on Sidcotians Connect.

Careers Day volunteers

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- Joseph Beynon
- Lucy Blatchford
- Matt Brindley
- Chloe Brutto
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www.sidcotiansconnect.org.uk
– all in our community are welcome!

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