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SUMMER 2023

2022/23 Fundraising Review

Total raised:

£1,121,194.50

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13% Old Scholars / Sidcotians

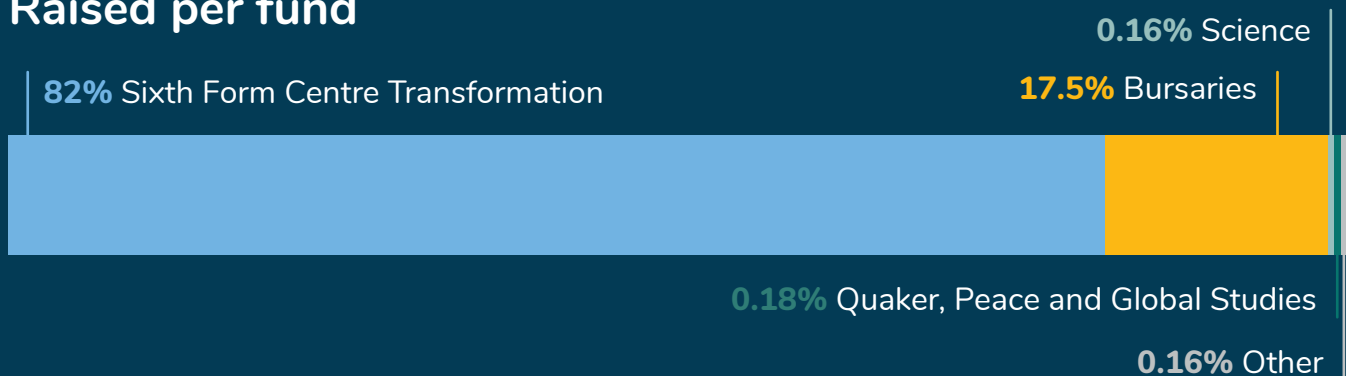
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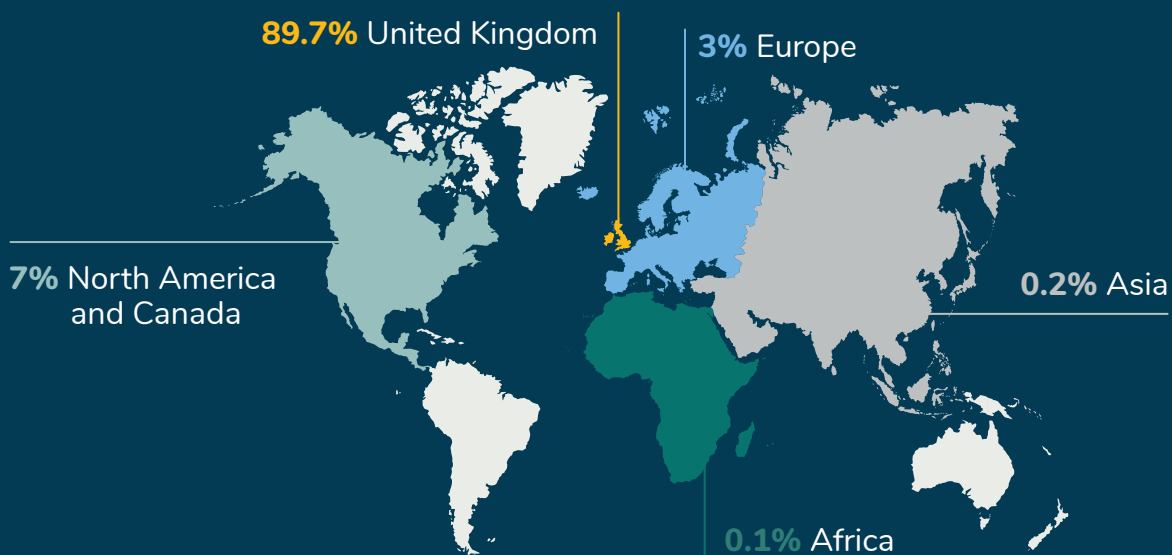
12% Charitable Organisations



Raised per fund



By region



This analysis covers donations from
1 May 2022 to 31 May 2023



A Message from Incoming Head, James Jones

Thank you from our Head

As the academic year draws to a close and our thoughts turn to celebrations, I reflect on the fact that we have a great deal for which to be thankful.

While I walk about the School campus, there is tangible evidence of the generosity of our community in our beautiful, transformed Sixth Form building. Our bursary students are thriving (see pages 4-5 for more details) and those Sixth Form applicants to this year's Travel Awards are busy rehearsing their pitches.

"Never has the School motto - 'Sic vos non vobis', 'Thus we do, but not for ourselves' - felt more apt."

Personally too, it's a time for reflection, and in a way, of celebration. As many of you know, at the end of this calendar year I hand over the reins of our 'white-rob'd Queen' to James Jones, as the 27th Head. I think it is important that I share these pages with him, but wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for supporting Sidcot, and me, over my 11 year tenure. The affection felt for this wonderful School among its Sidcotian community is palpable, and as I head to pastures new in China, I will not forget it.

Iain Kilpatrick BA, MEd, FRSA
Headmaster



"One of the most compelling aspects of Sidcot during both my interview process and my previous visit, in my role as an ISI inspector, was the very obvious air of philanthropy which is present throughout the School. The strength of the community and its generosity could be felt everywhere, from the 'Giving Tree' in Rose Cottage, to the many plaques around the School buildings, to the kind words of the Old Scholars who generously gave their time to interview me.

"I look forward to working with the tremendous Community of Sidcotians who - individually, and through the work of the Sidcot Trusts, have such an important impact on the School and the students of today and of the future. I hope very much to meet many of you at School events between now and when I join the School in January."

To read more about James' appointment, please visit: www.bit.ly/SidcotNewHead



From this



To this

Sixth Form Transformation

We are delighted to announce that after months of renovation work, our beautiful transformed Sixth Form Centre is now fully open!

As many of our Old Scholars and Sidcotian network know, work has been underway over the past few terms to renovate our Sixth Form Centre, which was initially opened by Chairman of the Development Committee, George W. Ford-Smith in May 1965.

This was a much needed project (despite the affection held for the upper-floor studies!), particularly to allow Lower and Upper Sixth students to work and collaborate together, preparing them for life after School. In line with our Quaker values of sustainability,

improvements were made to the existing building, with an emphasis on environmental considerations, including solar panels to generate all of the Centre's electricity, and clever air handling units that were installed to heat and provide fresh air efficiently.

The result of this project is staggering: students, parents and Sidcotians alike have given fantastic feedback on their first impressions, and we have already seen its impact in terms of retention and recruitment into Lower Sixth. Upper Sixth student Caitlin Taylor comments:

"It has been great to be part of the Sidcot Sixth Form Transformation, from start to finish. Our feedback during the design phase was definitely taken on board and the end result is a working and social space that really supports our learning journey at an important time. It's a really great place to hang out too!"

This project has also been an extraordinary one in terms of the scale of the support that we have so generously been given by our Sidcotian community. We were lucky enough to receive a £600,000 grant from the **Sidcot Building Trust Fund (SBTF)** towards the project, and members of the Trust including Wiz Marks and John Highfield joined President Sarah Fulcher at the Easter Reunion to say a few words and "cut the ribbon" to open the new Centre.



We would also like to give our sincere thanks to the Sidcot Education Trust, the George Cadbury Trust, the Sir James Reckitt Trust, the Quartet Foundation and many more individuals who supported our Sixth Form Campaign and enabled the transformation to happen. We thank parents Emma and Julian Sage and their company Complete CNC Solutions for providing the signage throughout the building, and the daughters of Old Scholar René Isaac for donating two beautiful bespoke oak tables (pictured) to enable the 'Harkness' teaching method to be used in the Centre. This proven pedagogical technique holds equality at its core, in line with our Quaker values, and enables all voices (student and teacher) around the table to be given equal weighting.



We also thank OS Roger Croker for enabling new Sixth Form 'Living Adventurously' Scholarships as part of this campaign project, and the Sidcot School PTA for its support. All donors not wishing to remain anonymous have been listed in a plaque within the new Centre and in the final pages of this Report. Without your support, we could not have completed this project, so thank you.

Should you wish to view the new Sixth Form on a private tour, please contact Rachele and Sarah on alumni@sidcot.org.uk and we would be delighted to host you!

Photo credit: Our thanks to OS Dave Harries for the ribbon-cutting photo taken at the Easter Reunion.

Above, bottom right: The trustees of the Sidcot Education Trust admire the learning booths donated by the Trust.



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 (pictured)
- the original Sixth Form buildings in 1967 and the transformation of the Sixth Form Centre in 2022/23

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?

If you are interested in giving to Sidcot Building Trust Fund, or in finding out more, please contact Keith Kerton, Chair, listed below, or get in touch via the Development Office on +44 (0)1934 845238.

Trustees:

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

The Experience of a Bursary

Our bursary programme ensures that young people who would flourish at Sidcot are given that opportunity, regardless of their family's financial circumstances. Nearly a fifth of donations made in 2022-23 supported bursaries at Sidcot and as a School, we provide 10% of our students with means-tested bursarial support annually. Below are a couple of testimonials that illustrate the impact of this support.



Theo Class of 2022

Theo joined Sidcot in Year 7 as a day student from Bournville Primary School in Weston-super-Mare, before becoming a boarder in Year 9. Following his successfully attained International Baccalaureate, Theo progressed to Bath University to study Chemical Engineering. He said:

"Sidcot has helped me to grow so much in self-confidence. Being educated here has allowed me to find myself, to find a second home, to make incredible relationships with people I'd never have met if I'd gone through the mainstream system. Sidcot has absolutely changed my life for the better. I'm just generally so very grateful.

"Sidcot (and particularly, boarding) has broadened my perspectives and allowed me to have more empathy with people. I've also learnt to have faith in my point of view, and to be able to express it. Sidcot has allowed me to feel that I can be myself without judgement. This is in line with the School's Quaker values, to see the good in everyone. It's a principle that is definitely 'lived' here."



Kimu Current J6

Kimu joined Sidcot in J6 from Kenya. His Guardian, Dr Christie Peacock, gives this report following his first few terms:

"Kimu's bursary has been life changing. Sidcot has given him the support he needs at a critical time with his dyslexia/learning needs as well as nurturing his natural talent for sport and design. He now loves learning and his reading and writing is improving fast. Kimu says, "the teachers are kind, patient and encouraging and I look forward to going to school every day". He is really flourishing at Sidcot and immensely proud to be part of the School community.

"He has come so far in a short time and is excited to join the Senior School in September."

Dr Christie Peacock
CBE PhD FRAGS FRSB
Hon DSc



Why I support a Sidcot Quaker Bursary

"When our eldest child was nearing the end of their time at our village primary school we became increasingly desperate in our search for the right secondary provision. None of the local schools provided what we were seeking, and boarding school was beyond our means. Our family has a long Quaker history and a chance conversation with a friend opened our eyes to the potential for bursary support at Quaker schools.

"A visit to Sidcot revealed that the School was exactly what we had been seeking. Financial support we received made it manageable, and our son flourished at the School.

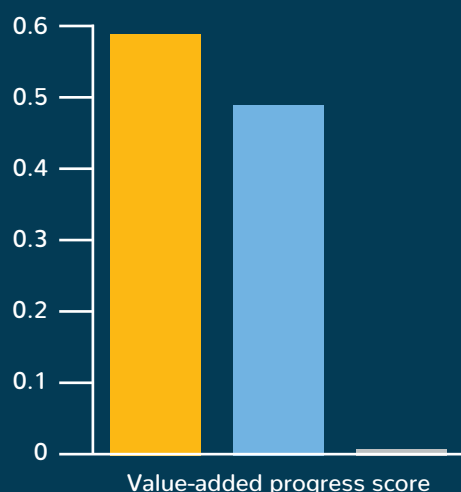
"Now we find ourselves able to contribute to the bursary fund ourselves, so that a Sidcot education can be brought within the reach of other families like us."

Annemarie Green
Quaker bursary supporter

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 Key Stages 4 and 5 meet our Whole School targets and even slightly 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 V/A score for current bursary students Y10-13 is an average of 0.59
- The V/A score for the combined total students in those year groups is an average of 0.49
- The national average V/A score



A Spotlight on the Sidcot Bursary Trust (SBT):

The SBT was set up in September 1983 to provide means-tested bursary support to Sidcot School students - from either Quaker or non-Quaker families - who are in need of financial assistance.

Typically, the SBT supports eight pupils annually who would not otherwise have been able to continue their education in the Sidcot tradition. It has a General fund and a Watkins fund, which was bequeathed for use in cases of sudden family emergencies. Grants from the General fund are normally no more than 20% of the standard fees, whilst those from the Watkins fund are as necessary and as available.

Impact:

Over the last 10 years, the Sidcot Bursary Trust has supported 63 students, who went on to work in a range of industries, including the Third Sector, the arts and film creative industries, engineering, and more.



HOW DO I GIVE TO THE SBT?

If you are interested in giving to Sidcot Bursary 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.

Trustees:

- Sally Harvey (Chair)
- Ian Harbottle (Treasurer)

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. Below are some examples in the past year. To find out more about supporting our outreach projects across 2023/24 or beyond, please contact the Development Office on development@sidcot.org.uk.



Building ceramic pots in Art

Throughout the Autumn term 2022, we were delighted to work with ELAN students to create some beautiful neolithic ceramic pot artwork.

Our Head of Art, Johannah Egan, gave a masterclass to representatives from each of the schools and provided the materials for creating some beautiful pots in their lessons in school. Their creations were fired in our kiln and the participating students then came together for the grand unveiling of an exhibition showcasing their work, complete with photos of the art-making process.

The students said how proud they were to see their work showcased – and rightly so! Pictured is a photo of the resulting exhibition.



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.



Beyond our Borders

In May 2023, a delegation of 15 of our students visited Brummana High School, our fellow Quaker school in Lebanon to celebrate our shared Quaker heritage. As a particular highlight of our trip, our students took part in a Model United Nations Conference which Brummana High School hosted this year as part of their 150th anniversary celebrations. For this event, our students joined in with Lebanese schools and other international schools from as far as Oman and Luxembourg.

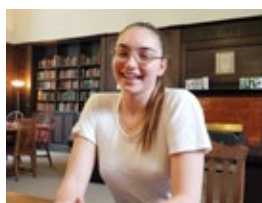
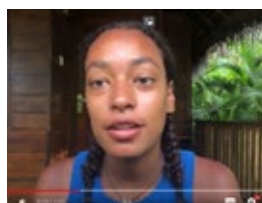
The trip ran as a cooperation of our International Baccalaureate programme and our Centre for Quaker Peace and Global Studies, to consolidate the relationship and intercultural learning between our two schools that has been growing over the past few years.

Travel Awards and Scholarships

Travel Awards

Each year, the Sidcot Education Trust (SET) funds a number of Travel Scholarships to help our students with the costs of travel after leaving School. Projects supported include charitable, conservation or career-enhancing work to make a positive change.

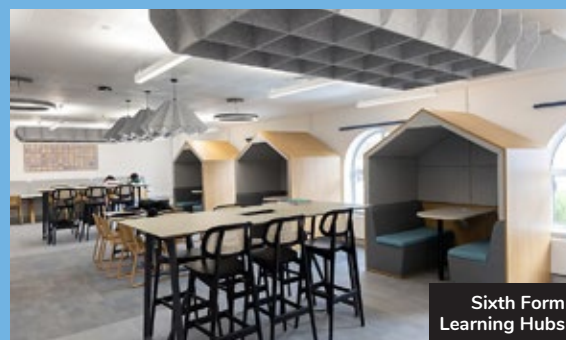
In 2022, three travel awards were allocated: one to Ruby Owen (Class of 2022) for her trip to Kenya to work as an English and Music teacher in a Kenyan Orphanage, one to Molly Whitcombe (Class of 2022) to do environmental work in Spain with the charity LetzLive, and one to Olha Khomiak (Class of 2023) to work with turtles and sloths in Costa Rica. To hear from Ruby on her experience, live from Kenya, please see the video at the link: www.bit.ly/RubyTravels. To learn more about supporting the Travel Awards and work of the SET, please see the breakout box right.



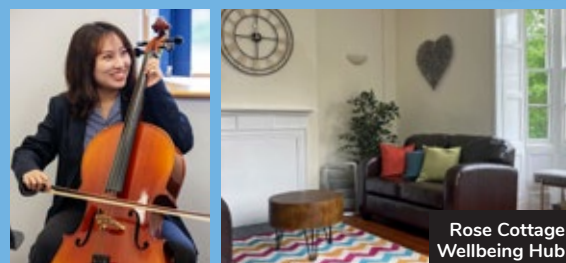
Scholarships

We are proud to support outstanding students in a range of disciplines including Academic, All-Rounder, Equestrian, Art, Design Technology, Performing Arts, Music, Peace & Global Studies, and Sport. In 2022, thanks to a significant generous gift from Canada-based Roger Croker (S: 1948-54), we have been able to introduce three 'Living Adventurously' Sixth Form Scholarships. These are to support those students who show particular aptitude for adventure in their learning. This enthusiasm for adventure can be evidenced by self-directed exploration in their studies, being courageous, or demonstrating an international mindfulness within the scope of their work. Applications can be made by existing Sidcot students in Year 11, or external students, as part of the usual Scholarship schedule.

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



Sixth Form Learning Hubs



Rose Cottage Wellbeing Hub

A Spotlight on the Sidcot Education Trust (SET):

The Sidcot Education Trust was set up in June 1927 for the educational advancement and benefit of past and present Scholars.

Impact:

In addition to the annual Travel Awards, the Sidcot Education Trust has also purchased and installed essential meteorological equipment at the School, bought musical instruments and a flexible learning pod, and most recently, provided substantial gifts towards the new Wellbeing Hub at Rose Cottage and the Sixth Form learning hubs. All of this is possible due to generous legators including Michael Garrod, Sidcot 1939-46 and donors including the Gardiner Family.



HOW DO I GIVE TO THE SET?

If you are interested in giving to Sidcot 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.

Trustees:

- Philip Davies
- David Sadler

Current Projects

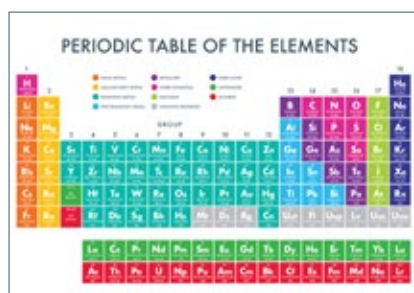
'Be in your Element' at Sidcot!



"Even great teachers need good facilities to help fire the imagination and curiosity of our young people. Many generations of students have been inspired by stories about science, by class demonstrations and by doing their own experiments at Sidcot. Indeed, my own curiosity was fed by memorable lessons in these very laboratories, but they need updating. A well-designed environment has a significant impact on the way we learn and interact, and I am delighted to endorse this project to revitalise the Sidcot Science Laboratories. Which of the chemical elements is your favourite? Choose one and claim it!"

Peter Openshaw CBE, (S:1967-70)
School Governor, and Professor of Experimental Medicine at Imperial College London

Ahead of renovation work across five of our Science labs over seven weeks in the Summer holidays 2023, we have an exciting opportunity to commemorate members of our School community within the Bevan Lean Science Building foyer, in the shape of a permanently-fixed Periodic Table.



Old Scholars, Sidcotians, parents, staff and friends of the School can purchase an element for £500 and their name will be engraved under the element, with Sidcot dates

as appropriate. We are hoping to secure a minimum of 88 elements by September so that the periodic table will be complete in time for students' return to School for the autumn term.

All funds raised will support the building work, enabling the purchase of new furniture and pod work stations with Belstone worktops, new suspended ceilings with LED lighting, improved gas and water access for experiments, and the installation of new non-slip latex floors, smartboards, and three fume cupboards.

Elements are going fast so please contact the Development team if you would like to secure yours. And if we can't convince you, perhaps here's someone who can (and who has already claimed his!):

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Selenium

Mary Brazier
(S: 1919-1922)

Leave your Legacy

Supporting Sidcot with a gift in your Will can both acknowledge the influences that have shaped your life and secure the future strength of the School for generations to come.

Our newly-established 1699 Society welcomes those members of the Sidcotian community who wish to be recognised in their lifetime for the impact of a gift in their Will. Pledged gifts may be directly to the School, or via the Sidcot Trusts.

CONTACT SARAH SIMMS

development@sidcot.org.uk, +44 (0)1934 845238 or visit www.bit.ly/1699Society for more information.



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