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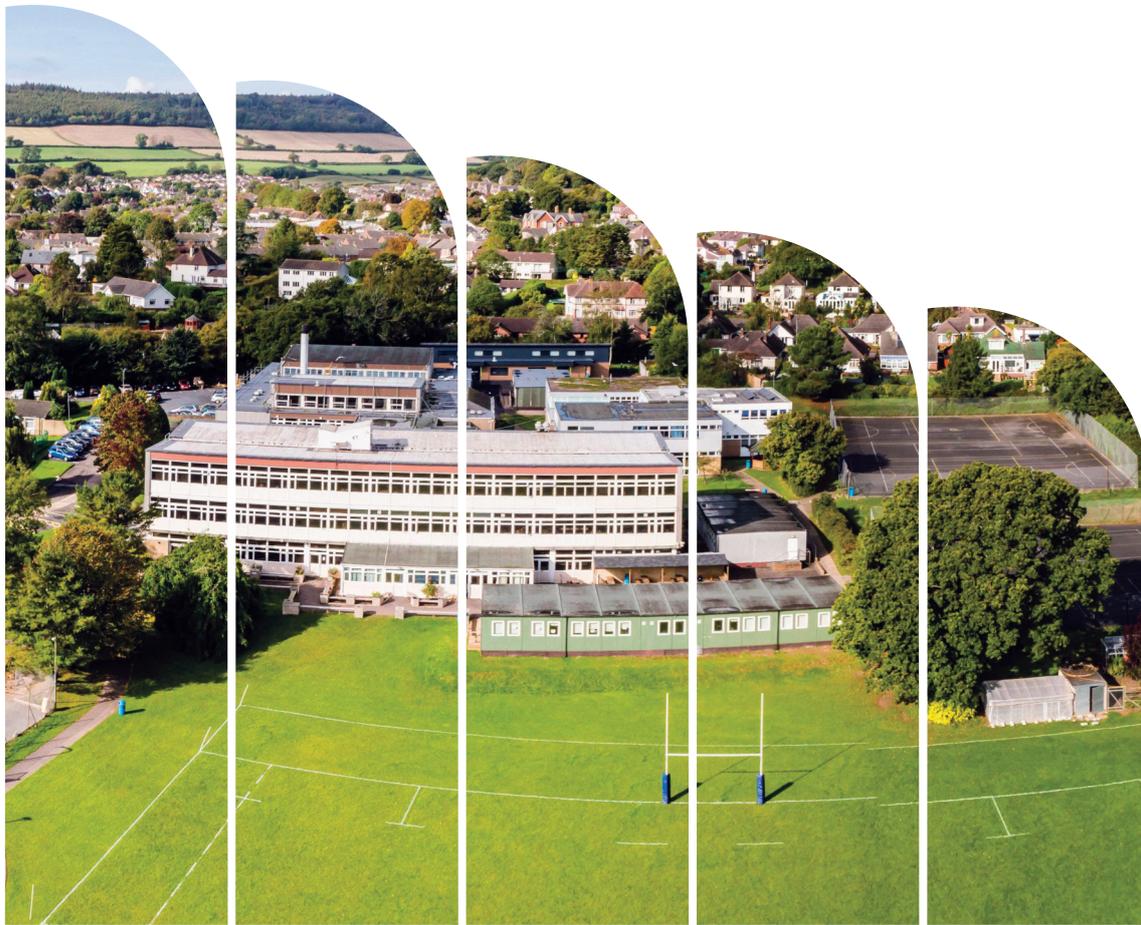
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"I like Science lessons, especially the practicals where we do exciting experiments."

Reece | Year 7

Welcome to Sidmouth College

We hope this prospectus will give you a flavour of what makes the College successful, unique, and a special place for learning in East Devon.

Whatever your child's skills and interests, Sidmouth College has a great deal to offer. Students achieve academic success, develop their creativity, excel on the sports field and encounter a multitude of new experiences in a safe and enjoyable environment, encouraged by a team of dedicated and highly experienced professionals. At Sidmouth College we believe that the vibrant learning community, coupled with a culture of high standards and expectations, brings out the best in every student and establishes the best possible foundations for your child's future. This prospectus aims to give you a sense of what our

College offers. If you would like to learn more, we welcome you to visit the College to see what we do. Like others who visit us, we are confident you will be impressed by the working atmosphere, the sense of enjoyment in the learning process and the strong focus on achievement.

The next two years will be particularly exciting times for Sidmouth College as our buildings and facilities are updated and improved as part of the Government's Priority Schools Building Programme.

We look forward to meeting you and hope that you will share our excitement in the possibilities for your child at Sidmouth College.



What I like
best about
Sidmouth
College is...



*"I have met lots of
new people and
made lots of new
friends at Sidmouth
College."*

Will | Year 7

Transition

Research shows that a successful transition programme from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3 is fundamental to a successful start at secondary school. At the College, we work hard to give our new students a smooth, positive transition to secondary school life. We work closely with our partner primary schools throughout the transition process so that we get to know the students and understand their academic and social needs and abilities. This personal and proactive approach ensures our teaching is responsive and tailored to the individual.

Before starting at Sidmouth College, Year 6 students have the opportunity to spend time with us engaging in some fun team-building activities and familiarising

themselves with the College premises and daily routines. Parents are also invited to a Transition Evening and to a Tutor Meeting to ensure that the crucial two-way partnership between home and College is established.

Year 7 is an important building block in establishing the ethos and values of the College within all students and ensuring their future success. From the start, our focus on pastoral care and student wellbeing enables students to forge strong relationships with others in their year group, their House group and with their form tutors.



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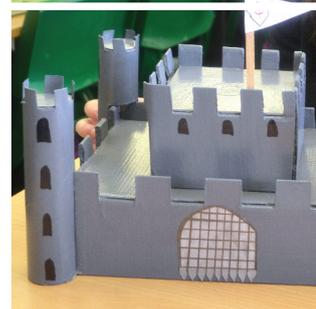
A stimulating & exciting learning journey

Learning is an adventure to be enjoyed; a journey that stretches, challenges and opens minds. Our focus is on delivering exciting and challenging teaching which enables all of our students to achieve the very best they can. We have high aspirations for all our students and our highly skilled and enthusiastic staff will encourage your child to have strong ambitions and work hard to achieve these.

Our challenging and engaging curriculum delivers exciting opportunities in the classroom and beyond. Our overarching aim is to provide our young people with the skills and qualifications they need to become happy, successful adults with a passion for lifelong learning and so our curriculum is personalised to meet students' individual needs.

Our Key Stage 3 programme aims to raise the ambitions of all our students, develop their knowledge, skills and understanding, and help them to have confidence in their abilities. At Key Stage 4, students have the opportunity to study a range of personalised pathways designed to support their individual talents and interests and maximise their achievement and success. Further ahead, a large proportion of our students then move on into our Sixth Form, which is now bigger, better and more successful than ever.

In 2016 Sidmouth College was part of a group of five secondary schools who gained national recognition and funding from the government to plan and deliver a programme designed to develop qualities of Character and Resilience in our students. Having taken a leading role in this project, we have continued this theme and received funding to build further on these qualities in our students from 2017.



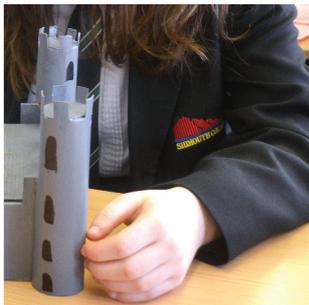
"The opportunities to try lots of new sports in PE, my favourite is Athletics."

Eve | Year 7



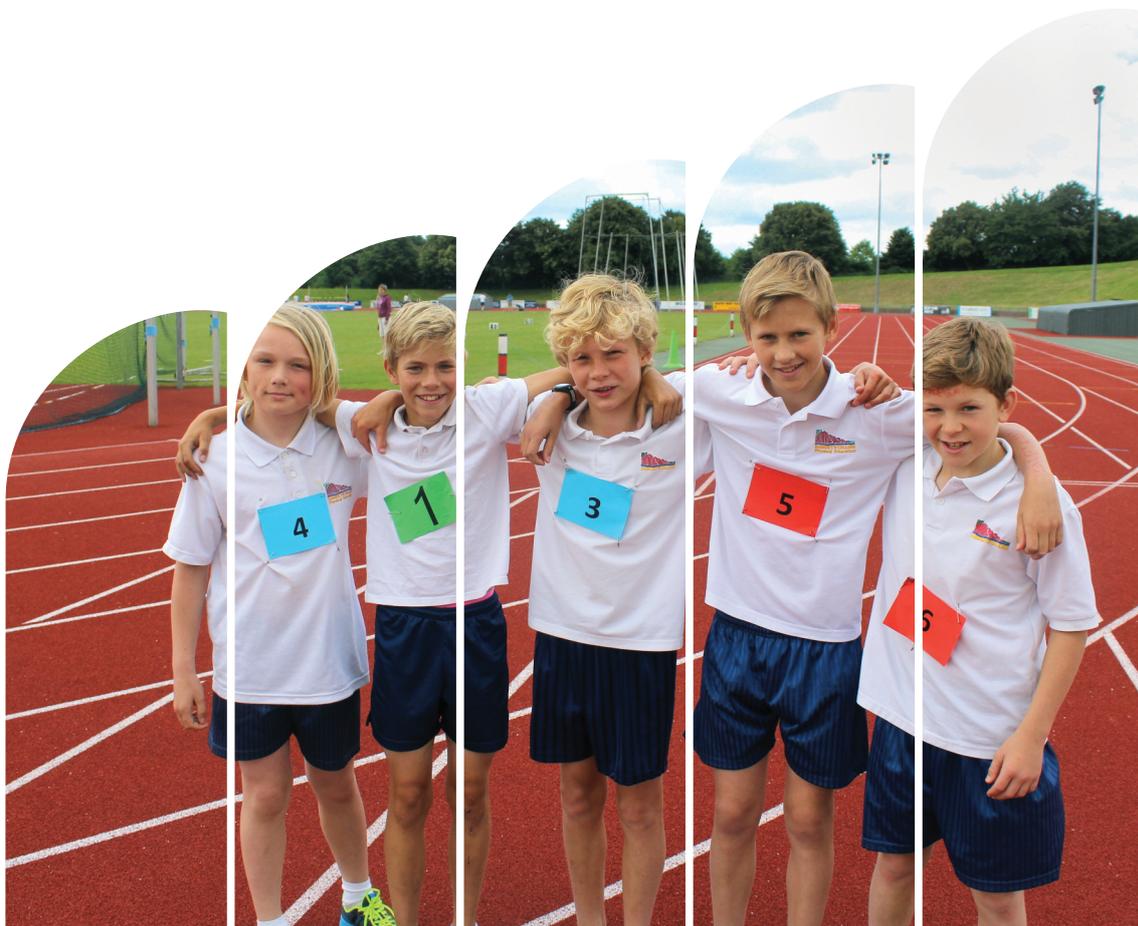
"Meeting new people who soon become some of your best friends."

Amelia | Year 9



"Making various items in woodwork and getting to take them home to use."

Marlon | Year 7



A caring & supportive community

We recognise the need for high quality support and guidance to ensure that all students feel cared for as individuals and can fulfil their potential. Care, guidance and support are strengths of the school. Each student has a dedicated support network, including a form tutor and Head of House, backed up by an extremely strong Student Support department and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator who ensure that students have the full range of support and help they need to access the curriculum and make good progress.

Respect and consideration are the watchwords for the way we expect our students to treat each other and staff. Good behaviour is rewarded. Poor behaviour is not tolerated. Clear policies and sanctions exist and are acted upon to ensure that every child feels safe and secure.

Visitors frequently comment on the high quality of relationships and behaviour our students present and the calm and friendly community atmosphere that exists across the College.

A culture of high expectations

Expectations at Sidmouth College are kept high in order to ensure a happy, vibrant learning environment where success is at the forefront of all we do. Exemplary behaviour is essential for successful learning and is expected of all students.

The College has a clearly defined strategy to raise expectations and improve standards. We believe in rewarding positive learning behaviours. Students' successes and achievements – whether it be an outstanding piece of work or a contribution to the College community - are celebrated and contribute towards Praise Points.



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"Sidmouth College has helped both my children develop their knowledge and skills across a range of subjects."

Mr Justin Cousins | Parent



Beyond the classroom

We offer a wide programme of engaging, fun and educational activities which extend the curriculum and give all our students additional opportunities to widen their interests and succeed in new areas and experiences. From basketball to creative writing, and from drama productions to Duke of Edinburgh and Ten Tors, the wide range of activities on offer provides our students with a well-rounded education and one in which our talented team of staff can share their skills and experiences beyond the classroom.

We have excellent sports facilities within our 13.37 acre grounds, including extensive grass and all-weather playing fields. Our students also benefit from use of the gym, sports hall and squash courts at the neighbouring Sidmouth Leisure Centre. Students are encouraged to trial for College sports teams and

compete, with a great deal of success, in fixtures and events at a local, regional and county level throughout the school year.

In addition, we have developed excellent partnerships with parents, carers, our Primary School partners and the wider community, many of whom provide work experience opportunities for our students. These partnerships also give our students the opportunity to contribute to a variety of interesting community events and activities, such as the annual Sidmouth Science Festival, Sidmouth Seafest and the world famous Folk Festival. Regular charitable fundraising events organised by the College teach our students to respect their community, have compassion and value the needs of others.



"A wonderful place to learn. It challenges and supports my son to excel."

Mrs Sarah Bennett | Parent



The Sixth Form: a great place to be

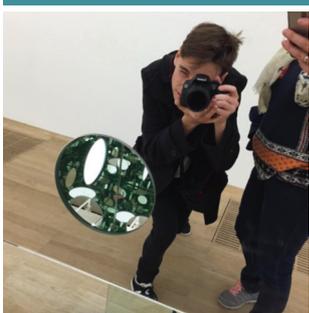
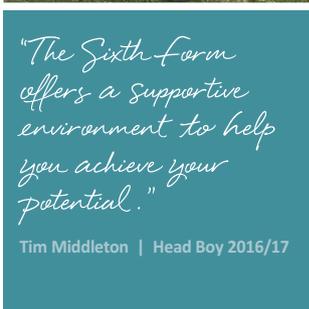
For many, the choice of secondary school will take into account whether there is the opportunity to study post 16. The Sixth Form at Sidmouth College is academically successful and a secure and vibrant learning community where students benefit from smaller class sizes and close monitoring by their teachers. Sixth Formers have their own separate Common Room and facilities including an IT Suite, work area and Café.

Our Sixth Formers not only develop increased independence, but also acquire additional life skills and experiences through the many opportunities they have to mentor younger students and get involved in our wide range of extra-curricular and community activities. In Year 13 students can choose to put themselves forward to serve as Head Boy and Head Girl.

Above all, the Sixth Form at Sidmouth College is a dynamic place. We are not content with the status quo. We have an extensive and ever-changing enrichment programme and we regularly introduce new subjects, new activities and new facilities.

Alongside traditional A-Levels, we can offer vocational courses, which are supported by local businesses. We also work in partnership with local schools and colleges in East Devon to offer enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities.

When students leave Sidmouth College Sixth Form they not only have impressive qualifications but are also successful, creative, articulate, confident and independent.



What do Ofsted say

In October 2016 Ofsted visited Sidmouth College to complete a short inspection, as a result the college received a judgement of 'Good'. The Inspectors comments include...

“The very large majority of current pupils in all year groups and in a wide range of subjects, including English and mathematics, make strong progress.”

“In most subjects, the most able pupils, including those who are disadvantaged, are expected to achieve at a higher level and rise to this challenge well to produce work of a high quality.”

“Effective procedures ensure that the safety, welfare and all-round development of pupils are paramount to prepare them well for the next steps in their lives.”

“The overwhelming majority of parents believe that the school keeps their children safe and cares for them well. Pupils enjoy coming to the school and this is shown in their good attendance.”

“Pupils' behaviour in lessons is rarely less than good and often exemplary.”

Chair of Governors' message

Thank you for your interest in Sidmouth College. We, as Governors, are proud of what is achieved by our highly committed and successful team of staff, by our enthusiastic students who are enormously effective ambassadors for the College, and by our supportive and involved parents and carers.

Sidmouth College puts students first, has quality teaching and learning at the heart of all it does and promotes a climate of success and achievement for every student. We have a passion for, and a commitment to, the core purpose of education and focus relentlessly on each student's right to the very best provision.

In carrying out our role as Governors we support the College's aim to be outstanding in everything it does.

