



Sidney Stringer School

'Sidney Stringer is a good school. Students make very good progress. In some subjects their progress is outstanding.'

Ofsted 2006

Sidney Stringer is an excellent school which is consistently among those at the top in Coventry for students' achievement. Teaching is good and innovation and experimentation are strong features of the school. Sidney Stringer is committed to becoming even better than it is.

'Students achieve well in all areas, however, the school's mathematics and computing specialism has provided an exciting, fresh impetus to teaching and learning. In these subjects students excel.'

Ofsted 2006

Sidney Stringer is a popular school. A very high proportion of local parents name it as their first choice of secondary school. Our students thrive and go on to success in their adult lives.

'Students enjoy coming to Sidney Stringer. They are well cared for, supported and guided.'

Ofsted 2006

Sidney Stringer School makes a real difference to the lives of its students.



Our principles

Understanding the potential of each individual is our starting point: realising that potential is our goal.

Our aim is to see that all members of the school community show tolerance, flexibility, sensitivity, compassion and respect.

The education of every child is held to be of equal value.

All staff at Sidney Stringer are committed to these principles. They form a foundation upon which our values are built.

Students, parents and carers share our principles and in this way we create a partnership between home and school. This way real education can happen.





Pride and Respect in our School Community

Social harmony is considered by Ofsted to be outstanding.

Students wear a distinctive uniform in Years 7 to 11. Wearing the uniform is a way all students demonstrate that they are members of the school community.

Our uniform has been designed to allow students to reflect their cultural heritage. This enables them to show pride in their community and their school through what they wear.

Our students bring a mix of cultural heritages which is enriching and hard to find elsewhere. Many are fluent in two or more languages. We are committed to ensuring that everyone, female and male, from whatever background, has access to success through the whole



Success Breeds Success

'In mathematics students make outstanding progress. Art and design is particularly good. This is reflected in the quality and bold ambition of students' work displayed around the school.'

Ofsted 2006

We believe it is important that all students have access to a broad and balanced curriculum. Students progress well in all subjects and there are areas we are especially proud of.

Reviews of progress and praise for achievement are built into a student's experience at Sidney stringer. The wide range of our students' achievements is celebrated at our annual Awards Evenings.

Students are taught to know how they are progressing in their learning. Every student has a tutor who monitors their progress and helps them to identify their strengths and weaknesses. Tutors meet with students and their families each term to discuss progress and ensure that success is achieved. Any problems are resolved quickly. Tutors are led by Year Leaders, the Director of

At Sidney Stringer, students' views and opinions are valued and are influential.

Our Students' Voice

There are councils in all years, views on teaching and learning are sought and our students play an important part in the selection of new staff. Sidney Stringer students regularly distinguish themselves by taking an active and eloquent part in local, regional and national forums. They are clearly proud of belonging to this school.





Our Curriculum

In Years 7 to 9 all students follow courses in English, maths, science, ICT RE, citizenship and PE. They also study the arts and design, humanities, music, drama and modern foreign languages. The emphasis in these years is on developing independent learners so that students can make the most of the choices offered to them in the next Key Stages.

We have close links with our local primary schools. Staff from Sidney Stringer meet and work with students before they move to secondary school. In this way, the move from Year 6 to Year 7 and a new school is a positive one.

In Key stage 4, students continue to study the core subjects; they choose, in addition, other subjects according to their interests and talents.

Sidney Stringer offers a wide range of vocational courses for students of all ability levels and aptitudes. The school collaborates with neighbouring schools, FE colleges and training providers to make available and deliver these courses.

Most students take examinations at the end of Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. However, many take GCSE and GCE exams earlier.

Supporting Progress in Learning

'Students with learning difficulties and disabilities and those whose first language is not English, do exceptionally well.' Ofsted 2006

Students have different strengths and weaknesses. We aim to integrate all students into the learning community of Sidney stringer. Specialist staff identify student needs and where necessary, tailor individual programmes to meet them. We work closely with a wide range of agencies to integrate all students and support their attainment.

The school has a strong team of staff who work with students who are new learners of English. We are very proud of the success achieved by these students.

The progress of students who are specially able, gifted or talented is closely monitored and we aim to provide them with opportunities to develop their potential in and out of school.





Learning From 14—19

'Students do exceptionally well in their studies. Retention rates are outstanding. The Sixth Form enjoys a good reputation amongst learners and parents.' Ofsted 2006

Sidney Stringer is a leading member of the Coventry North West Federation of Schools and Colleges. Through this collaborative organisation we are able to offer students a wide range of vocational and other courses in Key Stages 4 and 5. Our staff ensure that students who are following courses outside of Sidney Stringer are well supported and make good progress.

We are proud of our successful 16+ Centre.

The 16+ Centre provides an environment for young adults to study and develop. We are proud of the high proportion who go on to success in universities across the country.

'In the Sixth Form, care, guidance and support are outstanding.' Ofsted 2006

An experienced team of tutors monitor and support progress. The continual development of effective study skills is concentrated on. We work very closely with Connexions guidance staff who are based in the 16+ Centre.

Our 16+ team enjoys very close relationships with local Higher Educational Institutions. The school is an active member of the Phoenix Partnership with Coventry University.

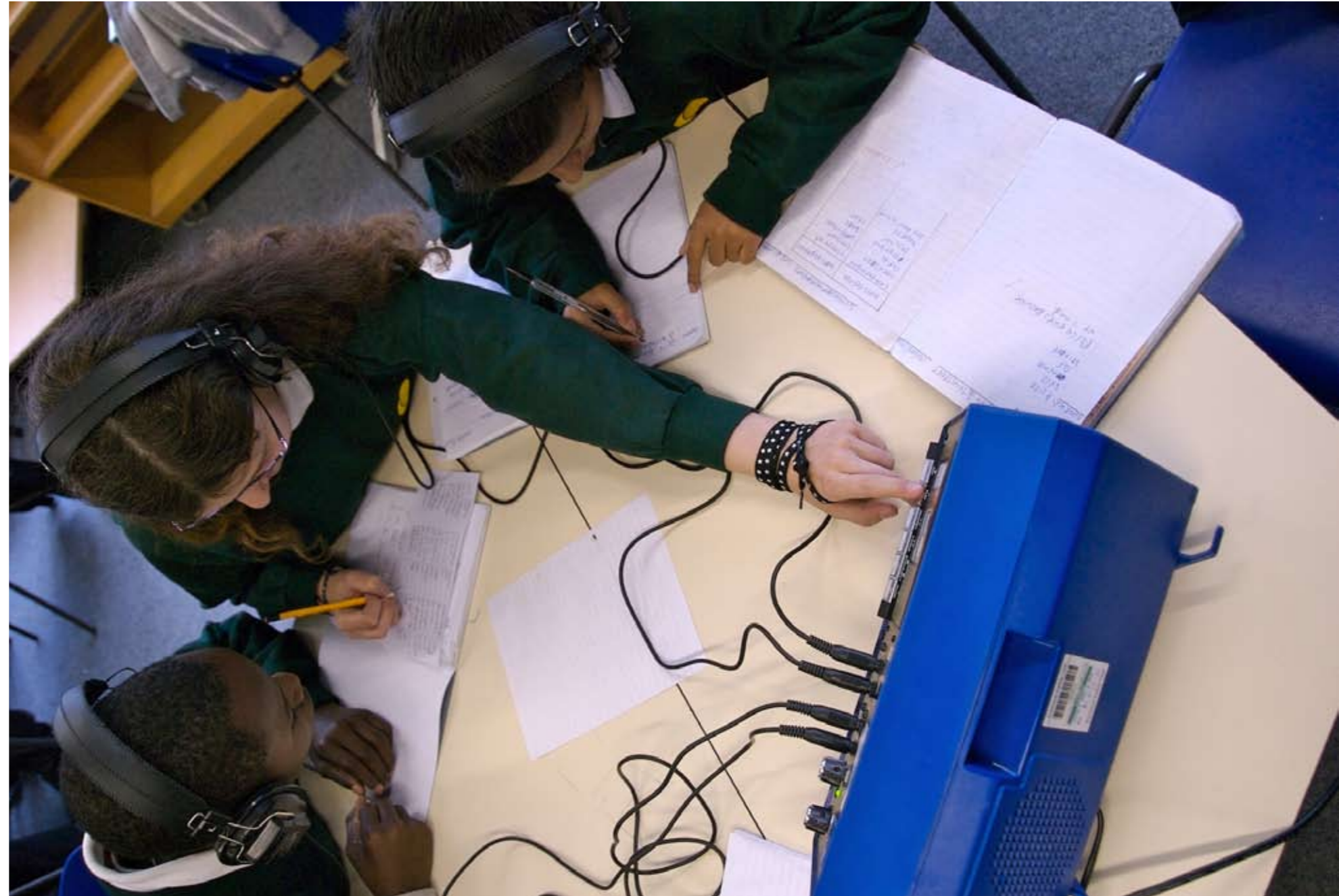
Resources/facilities for learning

Learning at Sidney Stringer is an active, engaging process. We are well equipped to support good learning.

Multi-media and ICT based learning are central to students' experience throughout the school.

The provision of technologies to support learning is flexible, varied and designed to meet the needs of students' learning. Resources are continually reviewed and updated. Developing the skilled exploitation of new resources is seen as a key aspect of Continual Professional Development for all staff.

Resources for learning are being extended outside the school buildings with the establishment of a Sidney Stringer Virtual Learning Environment. This will allow our students and their families access to learning materials and advice from anywhere, at any time.



Continuous

'There is a wide range of opportunities for students to make an active contribution to life in the school and the local community.'

Ofsted 2006

Classrooms are only one site of learning at Sidney Stringer. We make good use of our location in the heart of the city to make learning stimulating and relevant to the lives of our students.

There is a full programme of sports, drama, music and other enrichment activities run after the end of the normal school day. Organised trips and visits are encouraged.

Residential experiences are offered to all students. Work Experience is a key element of the citizenship curriculum in Key Stage 4.

Each year Sidney Stringer has one of the city's largest groups of students following the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. The Young Person's Challenge is offered to younger students.

This provision is possible because our staff are committed to the importance of educating the whole person. Students taking part in challenging experiences is a fundamental part of the education we offer.



The Community's School

Sidney Stringer opened in 1972 as one of the first urban community schools in England. Since then it has built a reputation as an innovative and successful school. It was amongst the first Community Technology Colleges and is now a Specialist School in Mathematics and Computing.

We seek to provide the highest quality of educational experience for students and the local community. Students at Sidney Stringer grow in confidence and maturity and learn to become active and influential members of their communities. The school is well known for its warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Students make good progress because Sidney Stringer is a centre of excellence with a continually developing curriculum. Experimentation is encouraged amongst staff and students.

We want our students to enjoy the excitement of lifelong learning in a school which provides the opportunities and resources needed to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Sidney Stringer is located at the heart of Coventry, serving the ethnically and culturally diverse communities of Hillfields and Foleshill. The school also draws students from across the city.



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Further information

If you would like more information about Sidney Stringer, or would like to visit the school, contact us. We will be pleased to provide you with an information pack and to make arrangements for you to visit us.



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