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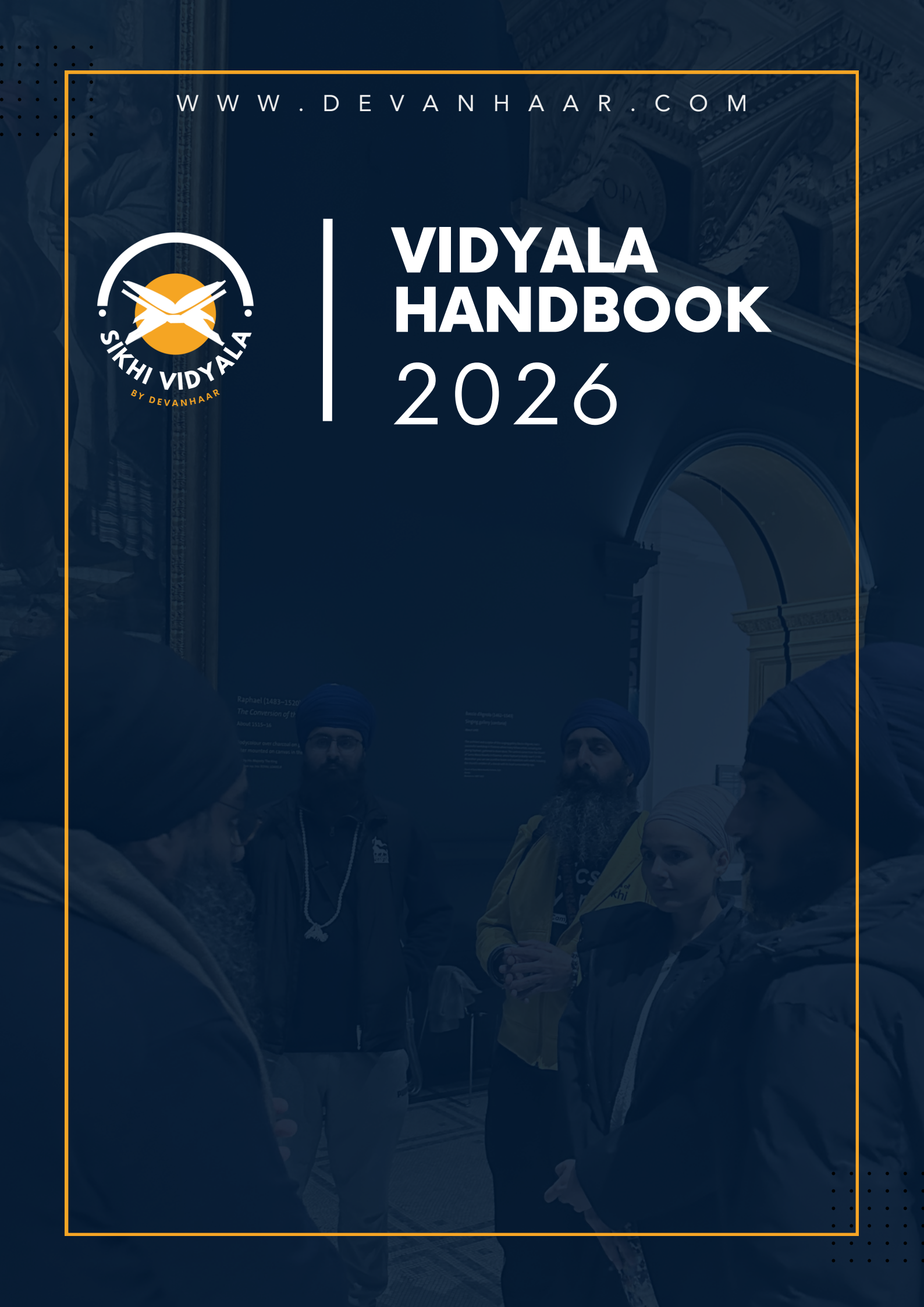
VIDYALA HANDBOOK 2026

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yourself in the teachings
of **Guru Nanak Dev Ji.*****

***As you learn, let your
light inspire and guide
others on their paths.***

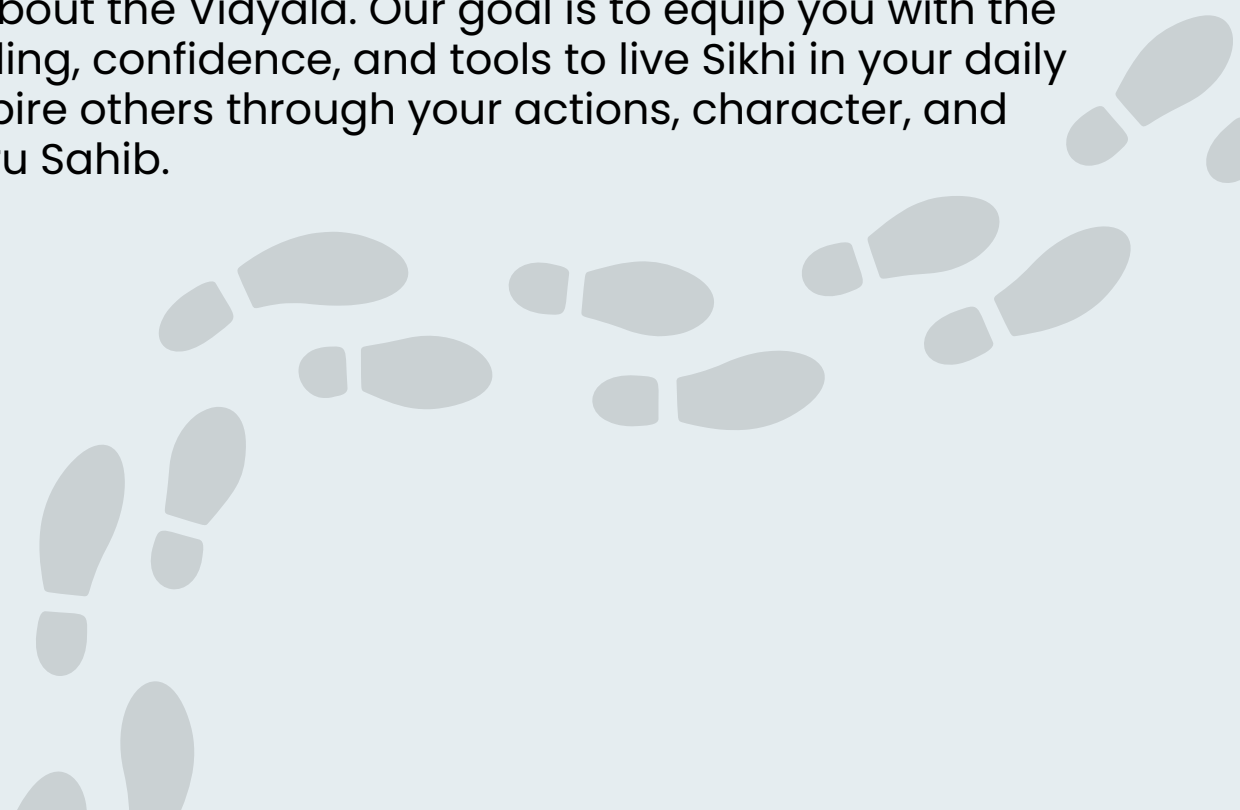


HI THERE!

Welcome to Sikhi Vidyala!

At Sikhi Vidyala, we believe learning about Sikhi is more than simply gaining knowledge — it is a journey of **growth**, **reflection**, and **transformation**. Through Gurbani, history, discussion, and sangat, we aim to deepen your understanding and strengthen your connection with Guru Sahib.

Within this handbook, you'll find all the essential information you need about the Vidyala. Our goal is to equip you with the understanding, confidence, and tools to live Sikhi in your daily life and inspire others through your actions, character, and love for Guru Sahib.





YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE

At Sikhi Vidyala, we aim to help individuals build a deeper and personal understanding of Sikhi. Through learning, discussion, and sangat, you will have the opportunity to explore:

- **Sikh history**
- **Gurbani and philosophy**
- **Practical Sikh teachings**
- **Community and leadership skills**
- **Open discussions and Q&As**

Our teachers are passionate about creating a supportive environment where you can ask questions, share ideas, and grow alongside others on the same journey.

Whether you are new to Sikhi or looking to deepen your understanding, **Sikhi Vidyala is here to support and guide you every step of the way.**



COURSE OVERVIEW

Santhiya

Learn to read, understand, and connect with Gurbani.

History

Explore the lives and teachings of the 10 Guru Sahibaan and Sikh history.

Katha / Gurbani Arth

Develop an understanding of Gurbani meanings, translations, and historical context.

Presenting Skills

Build confidence in delivering talks, workshops, and engaging different audiences.

Community Skills

Learn how to organise and contribute to initiatives, camps, classes, and Sikh projects.

Q&A Sessions

Discuss important and challenging questions surrounding Sikhi.

Guest Speakers

Learn from experienced kathavachiks, community leaders, researchers, and educators.

Showcase Sessions

Present talks and receive guidance and feedback from teachers.

Beyond the Classroom

Throughout the year, students will also have opportunities to:

- Attend talks, camps, and workshops
- Participate in seva initiatives
- Support Gurmat school programmes
- Learn from guest speakers and teachers
- Be involved in regular Gurudwara seva



YOUR TIMETABLE

What your week will include:

Santhiya

Build confidence in reading and understanding Gurbani.

Gurbani Arth / Katha

Explore meanings, context, and deeper understanding.

Sikh History

Learn about Guru Sahibaan and key moments in Sikh history.

Skill Development

Develop presenting, leadership, and communication skills.

Presenting Showcase

Share your learning and receive feedback.

Gur Itihaas

Reflect on Sikh history and inspiring sakhis.

Guest Speaker Sessions

Learn from experienced speakers and community leaders.

Seva & Community Activities

Take part in practical Sikhi through service and involvement.

Free Time & Reflection

Time for rest, connection, and personal reflection.



YOUR WEEKLY TIMETABLE

(This is a prospective timetable and subject to change)

	M	T	W	T	F	S
	Santhiya	Santhiya	Santhiya	Katha Granths	Gur Ithihaas	FREE TIME
	B R E A K					
	Japji Sahib Arth	Japji Sahib Arth	Japji Sahib Arth	Katha Granths	Gur Ithihaas	Special Speaker Session
	L U N C H					
	Skill development	Post- History	Skill development	Presenting Skills SHOWCASE	Gur Ithihaas	Special Speaker Session
	B R E A K					
	Skill development	Post- History	Skill development	Presenting Skills SHOWCASE	Gur Ithihaas	FREE TIME
	F I N I S H					



MEET THE TEACHERS

Bhai Sukhwinder Singh

Focus Areas:

Presenting • Public speaking • Sikh education

Teaching & Experience:

Experienced in engaging audiences from different backgrounds through talks, workshops, and educational sessions.

Passion:

Creating engaging learning environments where students can ask questions, build confidence, and strengthen their understanding of Sikhi.



Bhai Mandeep Singh

Focus Areas:

Sikh philosophy • History • Personal development

Teaching & Experience:

Dedicated to supporting students through meaningful discussion, practical learning, and thoughtful exploration of Sikh teachings.

Passion:

Helping students develop a deeper understanding of Sikhi and encouraging growth through learning and reflection



MEET THE TEACHERS

Bhai Maan Singh

Focus Areas:

Sikh History • Gurmat • Education

Teaching & Experience:

Recognised for his deep understanding of Sikh history, with a particular focus on the 1800s and significant Sikh events and movements.

Passion:

Helping students connect with Sikh history in a meaningful way and inspiring them through the stories, sacrifices, and contributions of Sikhs throughout history.

Giani Baljinder Singh

Focus Areas:

Gurbani • Santhiya • Katha

Teaching & Experience:

Experienced in teaching Gurbani, guiding students through Santhiya, Gurbani Arth, and understanding deeper meanings and principles.

Passion:

Supporting students in building a stronger relationship with Gurbani and applying Guru Sahib's teachings in daily life.

Bhai Amandeep Singh

Focus Areas:

Parchaar • Community initiatives • Youth engagement

Teaching & Experience:

Actively involved in Sikh camps, Gurmat programmes, and community-led initiatives focused on supporting and inspiring young people.

Passion:

Encouraging individuals to develop confidence, connect with Sikhi, and contribute positively to the community through seva.





*They speak the
Truth, and lovingly
inspire others to
speak it as well.*

Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, Ang 1344



DETAILS

VIDYALA DATES

- Programme Start Date: 1st Oct 2026- 27th March 2027
- Sikh Camp: 26-30- December
- Winter Break: 30 Dec-6 January

LOCATION

 Birmingham
West Midlands,
England,
United Kingdom

ACCOMODATION/TRAVEL

- Accommodation has been arranged for students throughout the programme.
- Transport to external programmes and events will be arranged where required.



FAQs

1. Do I need prior knowledge of Sikhi to join Sikh Vidyala?

Sikh Vidyala welcomes individuals at different stages of their Sikh journey, we would ideally like applicants to have Santhiya done of the 5 Banis of Nitnem, to be Amritdhari and have a foundational understanding of Sikh History & Philosophy.

2. Will there be opportunities to ask questions and discuss topics openly?

Yes. Vidyala is an interactive learning environment where students are encouraged to ask questions, engage in discussions, and explore topics in depth. Learning takes place in a variety of settings, including classroom sessions, trips, conferences, workshops, talks, and other experiential opportunities.

3. Are sessions mainly classroom-based?

No. Learning extends beyond classroom teaching and includes workshops, practical activities, seva, camps, and community experiences.

4. Will there be opportunities to develop confidence and leadership skills?

Yes. Students will have opportunities to present, participate in discussions, contribute to projects, and develop communication and leadership skills.

5. Will students receive guidance and feedback?

Yes. Teachers & Mentors will support students throughout their learning journey and provide guidance to encourage growth and development. An integral part of Vidyala is students showcasing their presentations/Katha work they've done. Students will have the chance to get involved with seva in various settings- Universities, Schools, Gudwara, Camps & more.

6. What is expected from students during sessions?

Students are expected to attend regularly, participate respectfully, contribute positively, and support a learning environment rooted in Sikhi values.

7. What should I do if I cannot attend a session?

Please inform the relevant Vidyala contact or team member as early as possible.

8. Is attendance important?

Yes. We expect regular attendance, this helps students gain the most from the programme and maintain continuity in their learning journey.

9. What type of environment can I expect at Sikh Vidyala?

Sikh Vidyala aims to provide a safe, supportive, respectful, and welcoming environment where individuals can learn and grow together.



FAQs

10. Will I meet people from different backgrounds?

Yes. Students may come from different backgrounds and experiences, creating opportunities for learning, connection, and sangat.

11. Can I make friendships and connections outside sessions?

Yes. Through classes, camps, seva opportunities, and activities, students often build meaningful relationships and connections. However we expect a respectful relationship to be maintained between Singhs & Bibis.

12. What should I bring to sessions?

Students may be encouraged to bring notebooks, pens, and any materials communicated in advance.

13. Will food or refreshments be provided?

Yes, All Meals & refreshments will be provided.

14. What if I have dietary requirements or medical needs?

Please inform the team before the programme begins so appropriate arrangements can be considered.

15. Is there a cost to the Vidyala Program?

Yes, We ask applicants to cover the costs of Vidyala which is £995, however if you cant afford this, it shouldn't be a hindrance, we assess each case on an individual basis.

16. Will I be required on weekends?

Yes, (see prospective timetable in the handbook), Vidyala is an intensive, fulltime program, but we ensure downtime is also prioritised for students.

17. Will I be required in the evenings?

Yes, as some of the showcasing talks can take place during evening hours within the various settings e.g Universities, Gudwara etc

18. Can I leave if there's a family commitment?

Yes, We encourage fulltime attendance to gain the most out the program, however understand that unforeseen circumstances can occur, we advise you let the designated lead know asap in this case.

19. Who can I contact if I have further questions?

Please contact the Sikh Vidyala team using the contact information provided at the end of this handbook.

Still have a question?

We're here to help. Please reach out to the Sikh Vidyala team and we'll be happy to support you.



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