

Education with Character

At The Totteridge Academy, we believe that school plays a crucial role in developing and shaping our students for the future. The opportunities we provide are essential for building character, and we are committed to ensuring that every child experiences these during their time in secondary school. Our Education with Character provision outlines our commitment to offering an excellent and diverse range of opportunities beyond the classroom. Each academic year, we will strive to fulfil every aspect of provision.

Each year all students will:

- be encouraged to take part in at least one extra-curricular club, within or outside of school.
- represent their house/tutor group/class in individual and team activities.
- share their views on the school through pupil voice surveys and focus groups.
- reflect on their aspirations and personal development goals with an adult in the school.
- hear from an inspirational speaker or coach.

In Key Stage 3, all students will:

- have the opportunity to represent the school in a sporting, cultural or academic event.
- have the opportunity to perform in a class production to an audience.
- watch a theatre production.
- volunteer time to serve the local community.
- have the opportunity to participate in a residential trip, allowing them to stay away from home and bond with classmates, provided their behaviour and attendance meet the academy's requirements.
- have the opportunity to demonstrate leadership.
- deliver a presentation to an audience.
- celebrate people, cultures and cuisine from a foreign country.
- visit a university.



In Key Stage 4, all students will:

- watch a live professional performance, production, sporting or cultural event.
- volunteer time to serve the local community.
- apply for or elect students to senior leadership positions.
- deliver a presentation to an audience.
- experience a professional workplace.

In Key Stage 5, all students will:

- deliver a presentation to an audience.
- volunteer time to serve the local community.
- experience a professional workplace.
- visit a Russell Group university OR an apprenticeship provider.
- apply for or elect students to senior leadership positions.

Extra-Curricular Clubs & Opportunities:

At The Totteridge Academy, we strive to offer a wide range of clubs throughout the day, accessible to students in every year group. Our goal is to ensure these clubs reflect student interests and allow both teaching and non-teaching staff to share their expertise. Clubs start in October, and in the Spring term, students can suggest new clubs for the Summer term through an online survey, which we will accommodate where possible.

Every student will receive a copy of the extra-curricular timetable, which is also available in our weekly parent newsletter.

Alongside the residential opportunities we offer at KS3, we offer:

- Duke Of Edinburgh Bronze Award (open to Year 9 students)
- Water Sports Trip (open to Year 9 students)
- Ski Trip (open to Year 8 13 students)
- Residential trips to France or Spain (open to all GCSE MFL students)
- PGL Revision weekend (open to all Year 11 students)



In Key Stage 3, all students will:	How we will deliver:
Have the opportunity to represent the school in a sporting, cultural or academic event.	 Students can sign up for different sporting activities during sports day. Students can try out for sporting teams and represent the school in sports fixtures and competitions. Students can apply to take part in the school production. Students can take part in academic events such as Maths Challenge.
Have the opportunity to perform in a class production to an audience.	 Students in Year 7 will take part in the Christmas concert and perform what they have learned in class to family, friends and peers. Students can apply to take part in the annual school production.
Watch a theatre production.	 As part of the Drama curriculum, students will enhance their skills in analysing and evaluating these theatre productions. During the summer term, students will watch a theatre production via Digital Theatre +
	Year 7: Peter Pan Year 8: Wonder Land Year 9: One Man Two Guvnors
	During the Autumn term, all Year 7 students have the opportunity to watch a local or national theatre professional production.
Volunteer time to serve the local community.	 During the Autumn term, all students will participate in Charity Week. Each individual tutor group will plan and run an event to raise money.



	 There will be other opportunities throughout the year for students to sign up and volunteer time to serve the local community. Students will be able to propose charities for fundraising, which will be shortlisted. The entire school will then vote on the selected charities. Students can apply to join the Grow Board of Directors to provide feedback and support decision-making.
Have the opportunity to apply to take part in	Year 7 & 8: Residential Trip
a residential trip provided their behaviour and attendance meet the academy's	Students will take part in adventurous activities and team building exercises.
requirements.	Year 9: Hotel Totteritz
	Students will stay over at school overnight and take part in a movie night, karaoke, sports and more!
Have the opportunity to demonstrate	Students can apply to be student ambassadors who work with visitors to the school.
leadership.	 Volunteer to collaborate with the student leadership team on termly projects.
	Students can apply to be Grow Ambassadors.
Deliver a presentation to an audience.	In Year 7 and 8, students will perform their spoken word poetry to their peers in English
	lessons. In Year 9 they will deliver their non-fiction piece of writing to their peers in lessons.
Celebrate people, cultures and cuisine from	As part of the Year 9 Food Technology curriculum all students have opportunity to plan,
a foreign country.	prepare and cook a dish from their country or country of their choice. Students
	complete writing and planning activities prior their cooking.
	Students can come to the Black History Event in October to celebrate culture and, take
	part in presentations through poetry readings and dances and enjoy home cooked food!
Visit a university.	All students in Year 8 students will visit a university.



In Key Stage 4, all students will:	How we will deliver:
Volunteer time to serve the local community.	During the Autumn term, all students will participate in Charity Week.
Community.	Each individual tutor group will plan and run an event to raise money.
	There will be other opportunities throughout the year for students to sign up and
	volunteer time to serve the local community.
	Students will be able to propose charities for fundraising, which will be shortlisted. The
	entire school will then vote on the selected charities.
	Students can apply to join the Grow Board of Directors to provide feedback and support
	decision-making.
Apply for or elect students to student	In the summer term, all Year 10 students will be able to apply for prefect or deputy head
leadership positions.	student positions.
Deliver a presentation to an audience.	All Year 10 students deliver their speeches to their English class as part of the spoken
	language unit for their GCSE.
Experience a professional workplace.	All students in Year 10 will take part in Work Experience Week during the summer term.
Any student in KS4 who did not visit a	Students will be prioritised for university trips if they have not attended in KS3.
university in KS3, will visit a university.	



In Key Stage 5, all students will:	How we will deliver:
Deliver a presentation to an audience.	Students in Year 12 will design and deliver a presentation to a group of their peers about a topic they are passionate about and which links to their studies.
Experience a professional workplace.	Students in Year 12 will organise work experience week in their summer holidays.
Visit a Russell Group university OR an apprenticeship provider.	Students in Year 12 attend UCL Open Day in the Summer term.
 Apply for or elect students to senior leadership positions. 	 In the summer term, all students in Year 12 will be able to apply for prefect or deputy head student positions.

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Our provision aims to provide opportunities for all students across each key stage. Additionally, we offer programmes, workshops, enriching assemblies and various trips throughout the academic year.

Below is an overview of some of the experiences that took place in 2024-25.

Although some trips are specific to certain classes, such as GCSE groups, we strive to ensure a fair selection process by identifying students who have not yet had the opportunity to experience activities beyond the classroom.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth Form
Autumn Term	Charity Week					
	Black History Month					
	Evening Event					
	Winter Concert					
	Event	Event	Event	Event	Event	Event
	Assemblies:	Assemblies:	Assemblies:	Assemblies:	Assemblies:	Black History Month
	Black History Month	Assembly				
	Remembrance	Remembrance	Remembrance	Remembrance	Remembrance	7.000
	Anti-bullying Week	Remembrance				
	Awareness	Awareness	Awareness	Awareness	Awareness	Assembly
	Revision Skills	_				
	Mental Health and	Theatre Trip				
	Wellbeing	Wellbeing	Wellbeing	Wellbeing	Wellbeing	(Y12 Drama
	Bullying	Bullying	Bullying	Bullying	Bullying	students)
	KS3 STEM	KS3 STEM	KS3 STEM	Speak Out	Post 16 Options	US Election Night
	Residential	Residential	Residential	Challenge	assemblies:	(for Politics
	(selected students)	(selected students)	(selected students)	(selected students)	TTA Sixth Form	students)
			,	,	Barnet & Southgate	,
	Ben Kinsella Knife		Speaking up Against	Theatre Trip	College	Longford Lecture
	Crime Workshop		Misogyny Summitt	(GCSE Drama	Ask Apprenticeship	(selected students)
	(selected students)		(selected students)	students)	programme	



	Year 7 Theatre Trip			Ben Kinsella Knife	Hill Construction	ORT Training
				Crime Workshop		(selected students)
				(selected students)	MADE Training	
				Speaking up Against		
				Misogyny Summitt		
				(selected students)		
				Christmas Carolling		
				At Cherry Lodge		
				Cancer Care Centre		
				(Music GCSE		
				students)		
Spring Term	Assemblies:	Assemblies:	Assemblies:	Assemblies:	Assemblies:	Careers in Law Trip
. 0	External speaker on	(selected students)				
	sports & disabilities	,				
	LBGT+ History	Biology Residential				
	Month	Month	Month	Month	Month	(selected students)
	Neurodiversity	Neurodiversity	Neurodiversity	Neurodiversity	Neurodiversity	
	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Celebration	Tactitus Lecture
						(selected students)
	Personal	Personal	Personal	Personal	Theatre Trip	
	Development Drop	Development Drop	Development Drop	Development Drop	(GCSE Music	
	Down Day	Down Day	Down Day	Down Day	students)	
	Young Poets	My London Story	Oxford University	Cambridge		
	Workshop	Theatre	Trip for Girls	University Trip		
	(selected students)	Performance	(selected students)	(selected students)		
	National Theatre	My London Story	Careers in the	Theatre Trip		
	Connections	Digital Art	Sporting Industry	(GCSE Music		
	Performance	Workshop	(selected students)	students)		
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	(selected students)	(selected students)	Sushi at the	National Theatre		
			museum	Connections		
	World Book Day:	Year 8 University	(selected students)	Performance		
	Dan Jones Author	trips		(selected students)		
	Visit	(taken in tutor	National Theatre			
	(selected students)	groups throughout	Connections	Theatre Trip		
		spring/summer	Performance	(GCSE Drama		
		term)	(selected students)	students)		
	Year 7 Boys Science					
	Week Competition	My London Story	Middlesex	Year 10 Oxbridge		
	(selected students)	Collection Project	University STEM	Workshop		
		(selected students)	Festival	(selected students)		
			(selected students)			
		National Theatre				
		Connections	Great Ormond	PSHE Before		
		Performance	Street Hospital Trip	Anyone Else Theatre		
		(selected students)	(selected students)	Performance		
			PSHE Before			
			Anyone Else Theatre			
			Performance			
Summer Term	Cultural Capital Day	Cultural Capital Day	Cultural Capital Day	Year 10 Work	PGL Revision	Year 12 Work
				Experience Week	Residential Trip	Experience Week
	Sports Day	Sports Day	Sports Day	Sports Day		UCL Open Day
	Dance Showcase	Dance Showcase	Dance Showcase	Dance Showcase		Year 12 PwC
						Careers Workshop
						(selected students)



Assemblies:	Assemblies:	Assemblies:	Assemblies:	Post-18 Options
Online safety	Online safety	Online safety	Online safety	Event
Bank of England,				
external speaker	London Museum	MADE training	Photography Trip	Parliament Trip
	Docklands		(Photography GCSE	(A Level Politics
British Museum Trip	(selected students)	Holocaust Survivor	students)	Students)
(selected students)		Talk		
	Year 8 University	Middlesex	Geography Field Trip	Geography Field Trip
	trips	University Visit	(GCSE Geography	(A Level Geography
	(taken in tutor	(selected students)	Students)	Students)
	groups throughout			
	spring/summer	Voices of the	Selma Screening	
	term)	Holocaust		
		(selected students)	Exploring Sciences	
			Day - Oxford	
		London Careers	University Trip	
		Event	(selected students)	
		(selected students)		

We regularly collaborate with external providers to explore opportunities for organising additional trips and experiences outside the classroom. These offerings may change each year based on availability and timing.



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	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Sixth Form
Autumn Term	Charity Week	Charity Week				
	Black History Month Evening Event	Black History Month Evening Event				
	Black History Month Assembly	Black History Month Assembly				
	Remembrance Assembly	Remembrance Assembly	Remembrance Assembly	Remembrance Assembly	Remembrance Assembly	Remembrance Assembly
	Anti-bullying Week Awareness Assembly	Theatre Trip (Y12 Drama students)				
	Revision Skills Assembly	Revision Skills Assembly	Revision Skills Assembly	Revision Skills Assembly	Post 16 Options assemblies: TTA Sixth Form	
				Screening of a Shakespeare	Barnet & Southgate College	
				theatre production Speak Out Challenge	Ask Apprenticeship programme Hill Construction	
				(selected students)		
				Theatre Trip (GCSE Drama students)	MADE Training	
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Spring Term	LGBT+ Awareness Assembly (external speakers) British Values Drop Down Day Author visit	LGBT+ Awareness Assembly (external speakers) British Values Drop Down Day Young City Poet's Trip (selected students)	LGBT+ Awareness Assembly (external speakers) British Values Drop Down Day Oxford University Trip (selected students) STEM Day at TTA (selected students) Optional Globe Theatre Workshop at TTA	LGBT+ Awareness Assembly (external speakers) British Values Drop Down Day STEM Festival at Middlesex University (selected students)	LGBT+ Awareness Assembly (external speakers) British Values Drop Down Day (leading/supporting with the lower school) Optional HSBC Finance Careers Talks PGL Revision Residential Trip	LGBT+ Awareness Assembly (external speakers) Year 12 Loughborough University Trip (selected students) Theatre trip (Year 12 Drama students) Optional Tactitus Lecture at The Guildhall Cambridge University trip (selected students) Optional HSBC Finance Careers Talks
Summer Term	Cultural Capital Day Tower of London	Cultural Capital Day Relationship & Sex	Cultural Capital Day Relationship & Sex	Relationship & Sex Education Workshop		Year 12 Personal Finance Workshop
	Trip (selected students)	Education assembly London Museum Docklands	Education assembly MADE training	Work of Work Event (selected students)		UCL Open Day Go Ape



	(selected students)	Holocaust Survivor	Employability	
		Talk	Workshops	
		Speed Networking	Middlesex	
		Event	University	
		(selected students)	Workshop	
			(GCSE Photography	
			students)	
		Hertfordshire	,	
		University Trip	Oxford University	
		(selected students)	Horizons Day	
		,	(selected students)	
		Birkbeck University	Geography Field Trip	
		Trip	(GCSE Geography	
		(selected students)	Students)	
		,	,	
			Year 10 Work	
		Anne Frank	Experience Week	
		Workshop		
		(selected students)		
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