

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.

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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
Volunteer time to serve the local community.	- During the Autumn term, all Year 7 students have the opportunity to watch a local or national theatre professional production. - 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 a residential trip provided their behaviour and attendance meet the academy's requirements.	Year 7 & 8: Residential Trip Students will take part in adventurous activities and team building exercises.
	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 leadership.	- Students can apply to be student ambassadors who work with visitors to the school. - 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 a foreign country.	- As part of the Year 9 Food Technology curriculum all students have opportunity to plan, 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. • 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 leadership positions.	• In the summer term, all Year 10 students will be able to apply for prefect or deputy head 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 university in KS3, will visit a university.	• Students will be prioritised for university trips if they have not attended in KS3.

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

	Year 7 Theatre Trip			Ben Kinsella Knife Crime Workshop (selected students) Speaking up Against Misogyny Summitt (selected students) Christmas Carolling At Cherry Lodge Cancer Care Centre (Music GCSE students)	Hill Construction MADE Training	ORT Training (selected students)
Spring Term	Assemblies: <i>External speaker on sports & disabilities</i> <i>LBGT+ History Month</i> <i>Neurodiversity Celebration</i> Personal Development Drop Down Day Young Poets Workshop (selected students) National Theatre Connections Performance	Assemblies: <i>External speaker on sports & disabilities</i> <i>LBGT+ History Month</i> <i>Neurodiversity Celebration</i> Personal Development Drop Down Day My London Story Theatre Performance My London Story Digital Art Workshop	Assemblies: <i>External speaker on sports & disabilities</i> <i>LBGT+ History Month</i> <i>Neurodiversity Celebration</i> Personal Development Drop Down Day Oxford University Trip for Girls (selected students) Careers in the Sporting Industry (selected students)	Assemblies: <i>External speaker on sports & disabilities</i> <i>LBGT+ History Month</i> <i>Neurodiversity Celebration</i> Personal Development Drop Down Day Cambridge University Trip (selected students) Theatre Trip (GCSE Music students)	Assemblies: <i>External speaker on sports & disabilities</i> <i>LBGT+ History Month</i> <i>Neurodiversity Celebration</i> Theatre Trip (GCSE Music students)	Careers in Law Trip (selected students) Biology Residential (selected students) Tactitus Lecture (selected students)

	<i>(selected students)</i> World Book Day: Dan Jones Author Visit <i>(selected students)</i> Year 7 Boys Science Week Competition <i>(selected students)</i>	<i>(selected students)</i> Year 8 University trips (taken in tutor groups throughout spring/summer term) My London Story Collection Project <i>(selected students)</i> National Theatre Connections Performance <i>(selected students)</i>	Sushi at the museum <i>(selected students)</i> National Theatre Connections Performance <i>(selected students)</i> Middlesex University STEM Festival <i>(selected students)</i> Great Ormond Street Hospital Trip <i>(selected students)</i> PSHE Before Anyone Else Theatre Performance	National Theatre Connections Performance <i>(selected students)</i> Theatre Trip <i>(GCSE Drama students)</i> Year 10 Oxbridge Workshop <i>(selected students)</i> PSHE Before Anyone Else Theatre Performance		
Summer Term	Cultural Capital Day Sports Day Dance Showcase	Cultural Capital Day Sports Day Dance Showcase	Cultural Capital Day Sports Day Dance Showcase	Year 10 Work Experience Week Sports Day Dance Showcase	PGL Revision Residential Trip	Year 12 Work Experience Week UCL Open Day Year 12 PwC Careers Workshop <i>(selected students)</i>

	Assemblies: <i>Online safety</i> <i>Bank of England, external speaker</i> British Museum Trip (selected students)	Assemblies: <i>Online safety</i> London Museum Docklands (selected students) Year 8 University trips (taken in tutor groups throughout spring/summer term)	Assemblies: <i>Online safety</i> MADE training Holocaust Survivor Talk Middlesex University Visit (selected students) Voices of the Holocaust (selected students) London Careers Event (selected students)	Assemblies: <i>Online safety</i> Photography Trip (Photography GCSE students) Geography Field Trip (GCSE Geography Students) Selma Screening Exploring Sciences Day – Oxford University Trip (selected students)		Post-18 Options Event Parliament Trip (A Level Politics Students) Geography Field Trip (A Level Geography Students)
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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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	Black History Month Assembly	Black History Month Assembly	Black History Month Assembly	Black History Month Assembly	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	Anti-bullying Week Awareness Assembly	Anti-bullying Week Awareness Assembly	Anti-bullying Week Awareness Assembly	Anti-bullying Week Awareness Assembly	Theatre Trip (Y12 Drama students)
	Revision Skills Assembly	Revision Skills Assembly	Revision Skills Assembly	Revision Skills Assembly Screening of a Shakespeare theatre production Speak Out Challenge (selected students) Theatre Trip (GCSE Drama students)	Post 16 Options assemblies: TTA Sixth Form Barnet & Southgate College Ask Apprenticeship programme Hill Construction MADE Training	

Spring Term	LGBT+ Awareness Assembly <i>(external speakers)</i>	LGBT+ Awareness Assembly <i>(external speakers)</i>	LGBT+ Awareness Assembly <i>(external speakers)</i>	LGBT+ Awareness Assembly <i>(external speakers)</i>	LGBT+ Awareness Assembly <i>(external speakers)</i>	LGBT+ Awareness Assembly <i>(external speakers)</i>
	British Values Drop Down Day	British Values Drop Down Day	British Values Drop Down Day	British Values Drop Down Day	British Values Drop Down Day <i>(leading/supporting with the lower school)</i>	Year 12 Loughborough University Trip <i>(selected students)</i>
	Author visit	Young City Poet's Trip <i>(selected students)</i>	Oxford University Trip <i>(selected students)</i>	STEM Festival at Middlesex University <i>(selected students)</i>	Optional HSBC Finance Careers Talks	Theatre trip <i>(Year 12 Drama students)</i>
			STEM Day at TTA <i>(selected students)</i>		PGL Revision Residential Trip	Optional Tactitus Lecture at The Guildhall
			Optional Globe Theatre Workshop at TTA			Cambridge University trip <i>(selected students)</i>
						Optional HSBC Finance Careers Talks
Summer Term	Cultural Capital Day	Cultural Capital Day	Cultural Capital Day	Relationship & Sex Education Workshop		Year 12 Personal Finance Workshop
	Tower of London Trip <i>(selected students)</i>	Relationship & Sex Education assembly	Relationship & Sex Education assembly	Work of Work Event <i>(selected students)</i>		UCL Open Day
		London Museum Docklands	MADE training			Go Ape

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