



TOOT HILL
COLLEGE

Prospectus 2018/19





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Have you visited our website?

You can find out more information about all of the courses listed in the electronic course guide on our website. It also has up-to-date news of our wider curriculum and pastoral and academic support.

You can also apply for a place online.

www.toothillcollege.co.uk



Introduction

I am delighted to introduce the Toot Hill College prospectus, which outlines key information regarding all aspects of college life.

At Toot Hill College, our core aim is to support and secure aspirational levels of achievement for every student. We are dedicated to offering an environment that is conducive to the very best learning and attainment.

By supporting our students to reach their full potential, our goal is to prepare them for the next stage of their learning journey—whether that be university, apprenticeships, or employment.

We look forward to welcoming you to Toot Hill College and helping you to make the very most of your future.

Sarah Fox
Head of College

At Toot Hill College we aim to support all students to achieve their full potential, enabling them to secure aspirational university places, apprenticeships or employment choices.

This support is underpinned by knowing our students well, establishing positive relationships and communication with them and their parents, and having the highest aspirations for them.

Sandy Paley
Head of School



"I had such a good set of teachers who gave so much advice for the whole two years, which definitely played a big part in my results. They were so supportive of my determination to succeed, always offering extra help and constant encouragement."

Jenni Brown

Class of 2018

Destination: Chemical Engineering at the University of Birmingham

Achievement

Toot Hill College Year 13 results 2018:



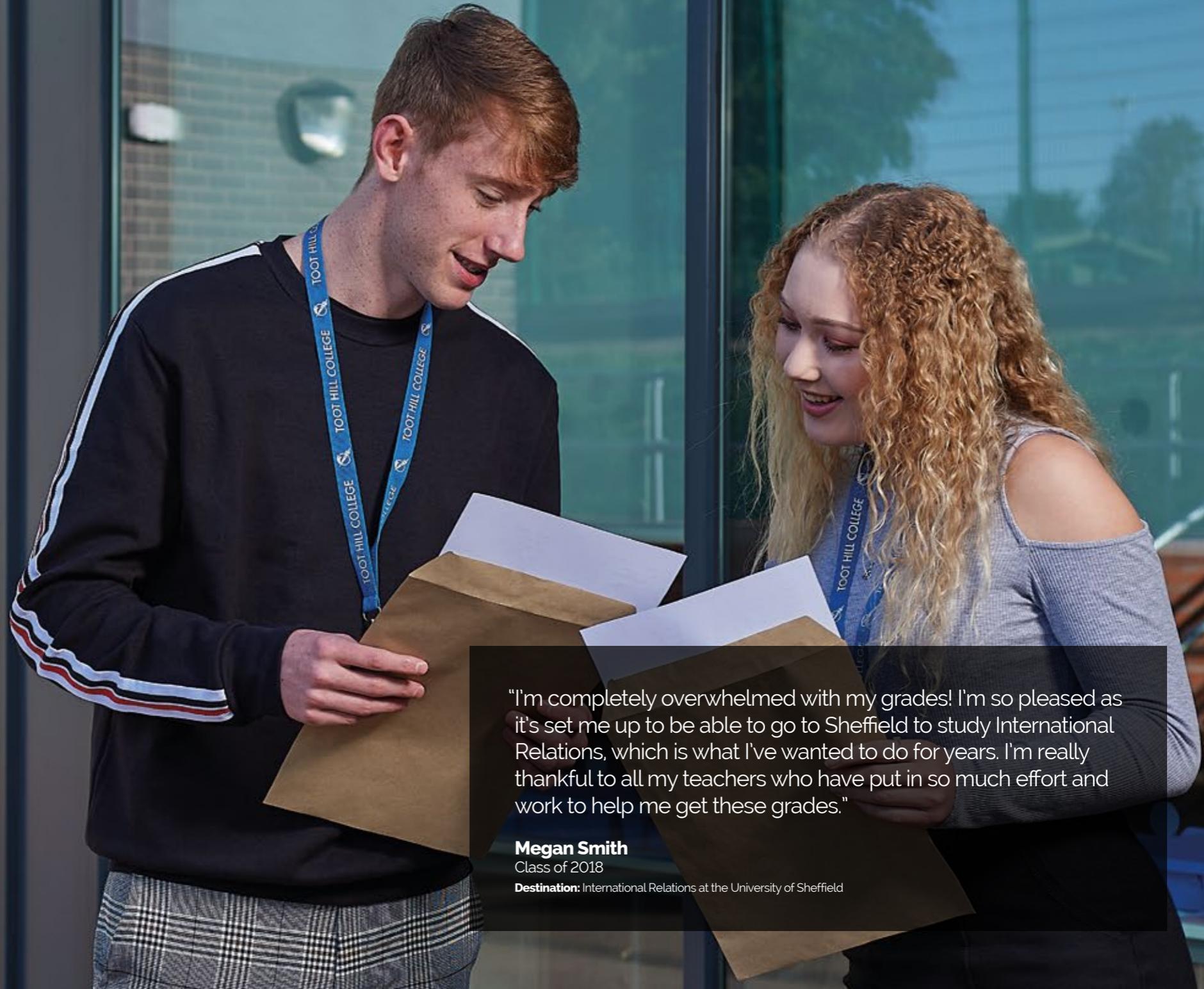
The 2018 examination results produced the college's highest-ever student progress score, with 89% of all entries graded A*-C.

The college again secured a 100% pass rate in all A-Level and vocational courses for a sixth consecutive year, reflecting the high academic rigour expected within the college.

On average, a grade B was achieved by students on A-Level courses in 2018 (firmly above the national average) and a Distinction (equivalent to a grade A) was achieved by students on vocational courses.

Moreover, every student who wished to continue into higher education secured a university place.

Ofsted stated that sixth form provision was good with good leadership and management enabling students to achieve good outcomes.



"I'm completely overwhelmed with my grades! I'm so pleased as it's set me up to be able to go to Sheffield to study International Relations, which is what I've wanted to do for years. I'm really thankful to all my teachers who have put in so much effort and work to help me get these grades."

Megan Smith

Class of 2018

Destination: International Relations at the University of Sheffield

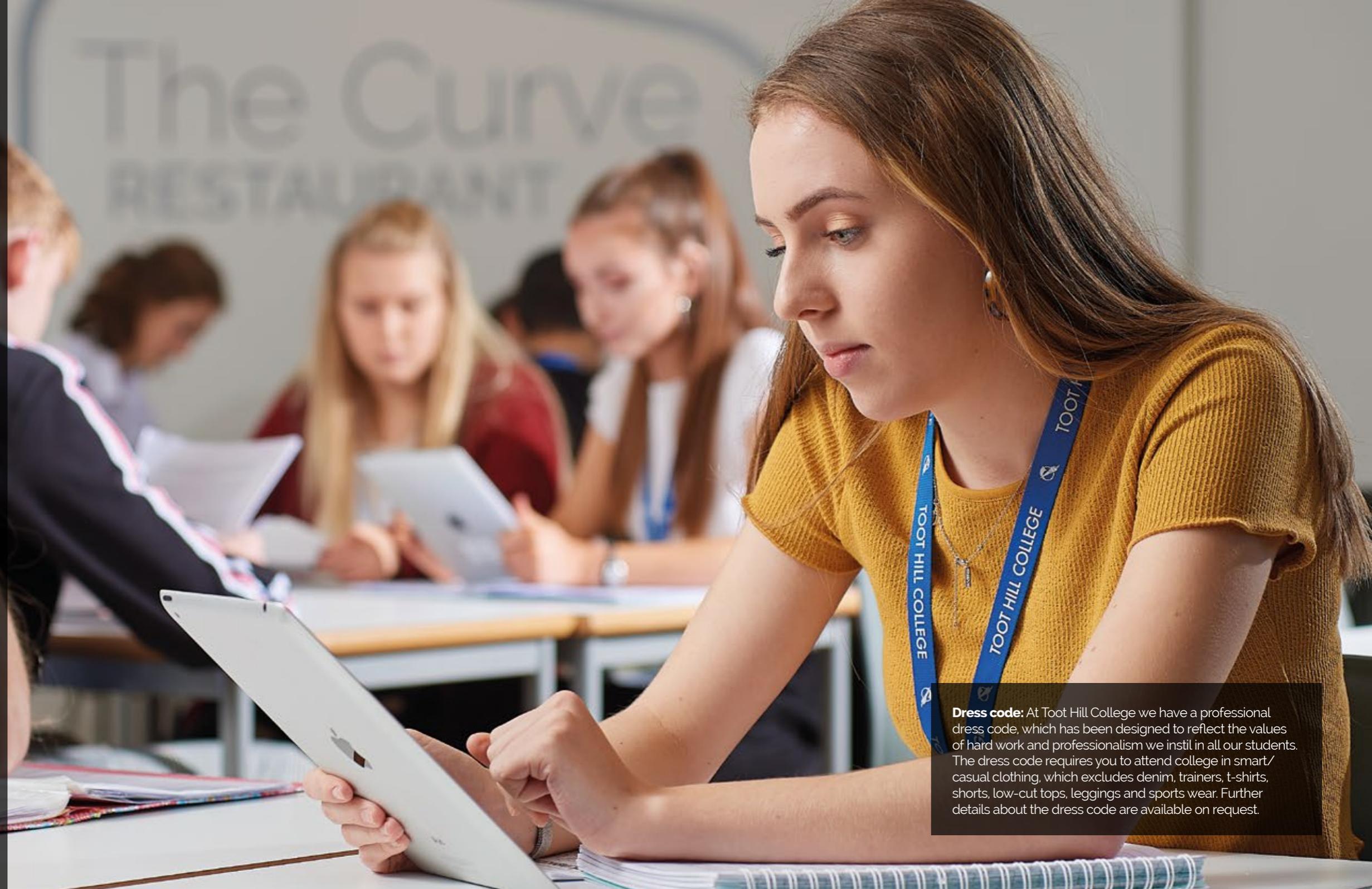
Ethos and aims

At Toot Hill College, we have a clear strategy for success:

Commitment: Toot Hill College is committed to providing a world class learning environment. Our staff aim to support all students to achieve at the very highest level, enabling them to secure their desired university, apprenticeship or employment choice. In turn, we have the highest expectations of all students; we encourage all students to develop as independent learners, helping them to access their full potential both academically, and as young adults.

Community: Toot Hill College facilitates a fantastic range of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities that promote a true learning community. The college aims to develop leaders of the future with initiatives such as the Student Union, the Toot Hill College Passport (which accredits 100 hours of community volunteering) and Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Senior Citizens' Tea Dance and Children's Christmas Party further provide our students with the opportunity to engage with the wider community.

Consideration: We aim to support the development of all students on their path to adulthood. At Toot Hill College, our staff are proud to provide care and consideration for all students. Equally, we expect all students to be considerate to each other and their community, facilitating a truly great learning environment for everyone.



Dress code: At Toot Hill College we have a professional dress code, which has been designed to reflect the values of hard work and professionalism we instil in all our students. The dress code requires you to attend college in smart/casual clothing, which excludes denim, trainers, t-shirts, shorts, low-cut tops, leggings and sports wear. Further details about the dress code are available on request.

Enrichment

Duke of Edinburgh's Award (D of E)

This provides you with the opportunity to try new activities, develop key life skills and contribute to the local community through the 'volunteering' section. You will complete the final assessment by planning and completing, as a team, a fully self-sufficient expedition in the Peak District.

Travelteer Expedition

You will complete a two-week expedition abroad as a team, including a community project, a challenging trek and a sight-seeing element. Previous trips have taken place to Morocco, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Romania. This is the ultimate opportunity for you to respond to mental and physical challenges that will enable you to develop skills and gain experiences that will stay with you for life.

Students' Union (Senior Prefects)

An active Students' Union enables greater autonomy for students in the creation of a 'higher education' ethos and provides opportunities for consultation regarding key college decisions. Sub-committees take responsibility for key college foci including events (such as the annual Christmas Party and College Summer Ball), teaching and learning facilities, links with the lower school and the college newsletter.

Work Experience

You will be encouraged to find a placement which supports your interests and career aspirations. Work experience takes place at the end of Year 12 and helps you develop additional experience in support of your UCAS application.



Engineering Education Scheme

This scheme links Year 12 students with a local STEM business to work on real-life scientific, engineering and technical problems. Over the course of a six-month programme, you will get the opportunity to complete your British Association Crest Award.

Young Enterprise

A national competition where you form a company to design, create, advertise and sell a product or service to be showcased at local and regional events with support from business leaders in the local community.

Community Sports Leadership Award

An engaging and practical experience that enables you to develop leadership, communication, organisation and teamwork skills through the planning and leading of sports festivals for local primary school children.

Toot Hill College Passport

A unique Toot Hill College programme that accredits you for 100 hours of volunteering in the school and local community. You are provided with opportunities to volunteer in subject curriculum classes or after-school clubs, work with individual pupils through learning support or become an Arts Academy mentor working with pupils from local primary schools.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Well-respected and recommended by top universities, Year 13 students are offered the opportunity to research and write a 5,000-word project on a topic of their choice. You will be provided with a mentor who offers one-to-one support and advice and you will complete the final assessment by presenting your findings to senior members of staff in college.



"The athletic and academic facilities at Toot Hill College are incredible. We have The Curve Restaurant, dedicated study rooms and a full-size running track."

Honor Harris
Year 12 student

Facilities

Toot Hill College has an excellent range of services available to students. This includes:

- Access to up-to-date facilities, including independent learning areas, a dedicated UCAS office and The Curve Restaurant
- Extensive computing and ICT facilities
- Dedicated study support spaces and resources, available throughout the day to assist you with your study including our growing on-site library of course-specific resources
- A design, technology and graphics area
- An expressive arts area with drama, art and music facilities (including drama studios, photography dark room facilities, college art studio and music practice rooms)
- Eleven science laboratories
- Exclusive use of Bingham Leisure Centre with subsidised gym membership

College mentor programme

The college provides a dedicated mentoring programme.

Each student is assigned a dedicated mentor during their time at Toot Hill College.

In Year 12, the mentor programme incorporates:

- Study skills to help GCSE to A-Level transition
- Student well-being
- Dedicated one-to-one interviews
- Clear and transparent target setting
- Career pathways
- Revision and study support
- Talks from College Alumni regarding life at university
- Talks from prominent speakers, which in the past have included MP Kenneth Clarke, David Dein and Baroness Stowell from the House of Lords

In Year 13, the focus is on university, apprenticeships and employment applications:

- Selecting a pathway for after Toot Hill College
- Writing UCAS personal statements
- Apprenticeship applications
- Looking for jobs
- Writing letters of application for employment
- Providing university and job references
- Offering study and revision support
- Student well-being
- Dedicated one-to-one interviews



"I could never have expected to do so well! It was such a great opportunity to actually work at Toot Hill to provide support to the students and also take my fourth A-Level at the same time."

Sam Wilson

Class of 2018

Destination: Physics at St Peter's College, University of Oxford

Advice and choosing the right subjects

Students will select three courses to study from the beginning of Year 12, which they will continue throughout the duration of their two years at Toot Hill College.

All courses that we offer are graded as 'Level 3' qualifications by Ofqual, which means they are all of equal difficulty and accepted equally by the majority of universities, apprenticeship and employment opportunities.

Students have the choice of selecting any combination of three A-Levels, which tend to be more heavily exam-based in their assessment, and/or vocational qualifications such as BTEC or Technical Level qualifications, which have a greater proportion of coursework as part of their assessment.

In addition, some students may wish deliberately to select a greater number of 'facilitating subjects' as their A-Level choices; these are A-Level courses that have been specifically recommended by some top universities and include English Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Geography, French, German and Spanish.

If you have any further questions regarding course choice, please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.



"Toot Hill is a great place. I've made so many friends here and the teachers really encourage to work hard and do your best."

Martin McNea

Class of 2018

Destination: Apprentice Engineer in the Royal Navy

Courses

The following A-Level courses are currently offered at Toot Hill College:

Art and Design
Biology
Chemistry
Computing
Drama and Theatre
Economics
English Combined
English Language
English Literature
French
Geography
German
Government and Politics
History
Law
Mathematics
Further Mathematics
Media Studies
Music
Philosophy and Ethics
Physical Education
Physics
Product Design
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish

We also offer the following vocational courses:

BTEC Applied Science (Single)
BTEC Applied Science (Double)
BTEC Engineering (Single)
BTEC ICT (Single)
BTEC Sport (Single)
BTEC Sport (Double)
BTEC Travel & Tourism (Single)
Cambridge Technical Business (Single)
Cambridge Technical Business (Double)
Cambridge Technical Health & Social Care (Single)
WJEC Diploma Food Science & Nutrition (Single)

Course guide

For more detailed information and entry requirements for each of the courses listed above, please visit the Course Guide page on our website:

www.toothillcollege.co.uk/courses

Please note: Insufficient student numbers applying for any of the courses listed in this prospectus and on our website may result in that particular course not running. In this eventuality, prospective students will be guided to an appropriate alternative.

How to apply

The application cycle for students wishing to study at Toot Hill College from September 2019 onwards will open on Wednesday 7 November 2018. The final deadline for receiving applications will be on Friday 18 January 2019. Nevertheless, we advise applying as early as possible as places may fill up quickly.

In order to complete the online application form, you will need to supply:

- **Your personal and contact details**
- **Your current school details**
- **Your GCSE predicted grades**
- **A personal statement detailing why you are applying to Toot Hill College**
- **Your provisional course choices**

Once we have received your online application, if successful you will be invited to interview during the spring term of 2019.

Entry requirements

Toot Hill College has general entry requirements which all students must meet in order to study here. The general college entry requirements are a **grade 4 in GCSE English Language** and a **grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics**.

There are also course-specific entry requirements which you must meet in order to study particular courses.

In order to study an A-Level course, you must achieve a **grade 5 or above in a relevant GCSE subject(s)**. In order to study a vocational course, you are recommended to have achieved a **grade 4 or above in a relevant GCSE subject(s)**.

Apply online

We are currently accepting applications for September 2019 for Year 12 students.

You can apply for a place at Toot Hill College directly through our website:

www.toothillcollege.co.uk/apply

If you have any queries regarding the application process, please contact us via email at **college.admin@toothillschool.co.uk**.



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