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WELCOME TO TOOT HILL SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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

We believe that every student entering this important next stage in their education deserves the opportunity to encounter the highest quality teaching, learning and wider enrichment. We offer a wide range of A-Level subjects and vocational courses, taught by expert specialist teachers.

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. The staff at our college are committed to delivering first class educational experiences and have the highest expectations of all students. This supports our key goal of aspirational levels of achievement for every student.

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 Sixth Form College and helping you to make the very most of your future.

Catherine Mordue
Head of College





“I’m delighted with my results and I’m so thankful for all the support of my teachers at Toot Hill. I can’t wait for university and the future ahead of me.”

Josh Grant (Year 13)

Destination: Mathematics at the University of Birmingham

ACHIEVEMENT

In 2023, 86% of all student entries were graded A*–C with 34% of entries achieving A*–A. The college also secured a 98.9% pass rate in all A-Level and vocational courses, reflecting the high academic rigour that is expected.

On average, a grade B was achieved by students on A-Level courses in 2023 (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.

In 2022, Ofsted rated our sixth form provision outstanding and we are proud they noted that: “The quality of the sixth-form provision is exceptional. Students are committed and aspirational. The ‘dare to know’ challenge encourages them to be inquisitive. They feel well supported planning their next steps.”

Year 13 results 2023:

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A*–E pass rate for
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34%

A*–A pass rate
for A-Level and
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86%

A*–C pass rate
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“Studying at Toot Hill has been a pleasure. I have built so many great relationships with people who I will remember for the rest of my life.”

Michael Baker (Year 13)

*Destination: Foundation Year Life Sciences
at the University of Lincoln*

ETHOS

Our ethos *‘Sapere Aude’* translates to *‘Dare to Know’* and serves as a challenge to our students to be inquisitive and to explore wider knowledge in their curriculum subject areas and beyond. We expect the Toot Hill Sixth Form learner to embrace their Key Stage 5 studies through a diligent work ethic and a thirst for knowledge. We engage our students through an expertly designed, ambitious curriculum and high quality teaching and mentoring aimed to develop autonomously motivated lifelong learners.

Our curriculum provides varied opportunities to collaborate, think critically and engage with wider reading and research to deepen knowledge and understanding. Our learners are encouraged to ask as many questions as they answer, actively listening and responding with a discerning sense of purpose.

Alongside their academic studies, we are proud to provide students with a carefully designed, age appropriate Personal Development Curriculum which develops core values such as integrity and empathy in order to develop our students into well rounded and active global citizens. Every student, through our commitment to *‘Leave your Legacy’*, is encouraged to consider their impact upon others, the college and the wider community.

Toot Hill students appreciate the importance of empathy, kindness and thoughtfulness — they respect a wide range of diverse perspectives and viewpoints and are encouraged to share these views in their vertical mentor groups which combine Year 12 and 13 with similar subject interests. Our aim is to foster in every young person a willingness to invest in their own and others’ intellectual, social and personal growth.

Students at Toot Hill Sixth Form College are offered a wide range of wider enrichment opportunities through our ‘extra-curricular and academic extras’ programmes, including EPQ, Core Maths, organising community projects and charitable events, leadership positions within the Student Union, membership of Subject Societies, The People’s Society, university visits and work experience.

Our destinations programme ensures all students are offered personalised support throughout their Key Stage 5 studies, including applying for undergraduate course at university through UCAS, and the increasingly popular degree apprenticeship pathway.



EXTRA CURRICULAR

Extended Project Qualification

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.

Toot Hill 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.

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.



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.

Students' Union

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.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

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.



“The athletic and academic facilities at Toot Hill Sixth Form College are incredible. We have The Curve Restaurant, a study atrium and a full-size running track.”

Honor Harris (Year 12)

FACILITIES

Based in the Suthers Building, which opened in 2014, Toot Hill Sixth Form College has an excellent range of facilities available to students.

These include:

- Independent learning areas, a dedicated UCAS office and The Curve Restaurant
- Extensive computing and ICT facilities
- Two new science laboratories (opened in 2020)
- Dedicated study atrium available throughout the day to assist you with your study, including our growing 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)
- Exclusive use of Bingham Leisure Centre with subsidised gym membership



“I’m delighted that my hard work has paid off and I’m so excited to be going to university in Leeds in September.”

Max Carrington-Hayward (Year 13)

Destination: Business at the University of Leeds

COLLEGE MENTOR PROGRAMME

Toot Hill Sixth Form College provides a dedicated mentoring programme.

Each student is assigned a dedicated mentor during their time at Toot Hill Sixth Form 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 Kenneth Clarke MP, 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 Sixth Form 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’m delighted to be able to study at my dream university, and I’d like to thank all my Toot Hill teachers for their amazing support and guidance.”

Joe Marshall (Year 13)

Destination: Economics at LSE

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 Sixth Form 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.



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.*

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

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama and Theatre
- Economics
- English Combined
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- Government and Politics
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Music
- Philosophy

- Physical Education
- Physics
- Product Design
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish

We also offer the following vocational courses:

- BTEC National Diploma in Applied Science
- BTEC National Extended Certificate in Applied Science
- Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Business
- Cambridge Technical Diploma in Business
- BTEC Extended Certificate in Engineering
- OCR Technical in Health and Social Care
- BTEC National Extended Certificate in Information Technology
- BTEC National Extended Certificate in Sport
- BTEC National Diploma in Sport
- BTEC National Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism





APPLY ONLINE

We are currently accepting applications for September for Year 12 students. You can apply for a place at Toot Hill Sixth Form College directly through our website:

toothillcollege.co.uk/apply

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

HOW TO APPLY

The application cycle for students wishing to study at Toot Hill Sixth Form College from next September onwards opens on **Friday 10 November 2023**. The final deadline for receiving applications will be on **Friday 12 January 2024**. 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 Sixth Form College**
- **Your provisional course choices**

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

Entry requirements

Toot Hill Sixth Form 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).



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