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## Principal's Message

GCSE and A Level results days are two of my favourite days of the academic year. It's where we all see the culmination of the effort, determination and resilience of our students, supported by staff and their families. This year these successes seem particularly impressive given the backdrop of the pandemic, so well done to everyone.

I'm humbled when I read what some of our graduating Quest6 students say about their time with us. All I can add is that it is our pleasure to do it and to keep in touch with those students as alumni as they make their way in the world. Our best wishes for everyone's future plans.

There really is lots to celebrate this year and I hope this special results feature does that justice.

With renewed congratulations for all that our students achieved this summer.



**Mr. A. Crofts**

## Celebrating A Level Achievements

Students at The Quest Academy performed exceptionally well in their A Levels and BTECs, despite the disruption to their education that they've faced in recent months as a result of the pandemic.

In addition to overall successes, several students obtained impressive sets of results, including three students with two A\*s and an A:

Akira Douglas achieved an exceptional set of results with A\* in Biology, A\* in Chemistry and A in Maths. Akira has secured her first-choice place to

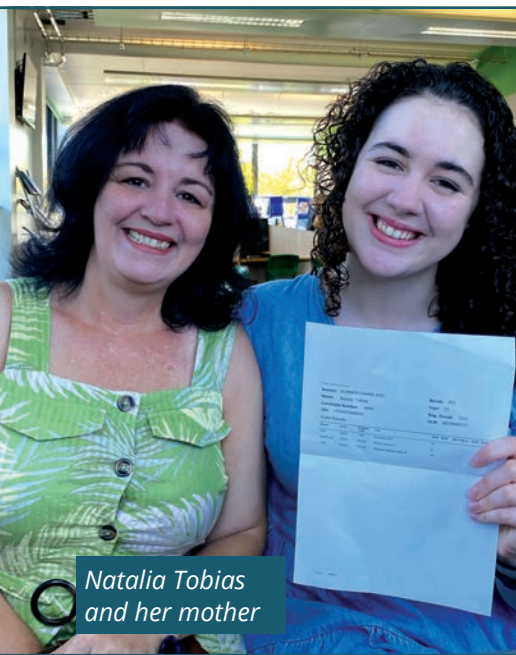
study Medicine at the University of Leicester, although she's as yet uncertain what area of medicine she hopes to focus on in later life. Akira said, "I'd always hoped to do medicine, although I had a few doubts along the way. With the help of friends and teachers, I pushed through those doubts. As well as the academic support I received from teachers, all the staff, but particularly my form tutor and the Sixth Form Administrator, really helped me, including with my personal statement, UCAS procedure and interviews. They managed to keep my morale high."



*Akira Douglas  
and Principal,  
Andy Crofts*

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*Natalia Tobias and her mother*

Natalia Tobias was awarded A\* in Sociology, A\* in Religious Studies and an A in Politics; a particularly impressive set of results given that Natalia started at The Quest Academy in Year 10, having arrived from Brazil and speaking very little English. Natalia is going to take a GAP year and then apply to study Law, either at Leeds University or King's College, London. Natalia said, "At the beginning, especially for foreign students, it's always hard. But if you put your trust in your teachers, it'll end up turning out to be a good experience, like it did for me. The teachers were always there for me, and it's turned out with these great results but also great memories. Being at Quest6 has been wonderful." Natalia's mother, Mrs Tobias, said, "I would like to thank all the teachers and the support coordinators. They really helped Natalia to improve her confidence as well as increase her knowledge, which was amazing. Now she doesn't want to leave! She's going to miss everything here and every person."

Frankie Cummings secured A\* in Fine Art, A\* in Psychology and an A in English Literature and goes on to study Psychology and Criminology at Roehampton University. She intends to go into a career in forensic psychology, following



*Frankie Cummings and Principal, Andy Crofts*

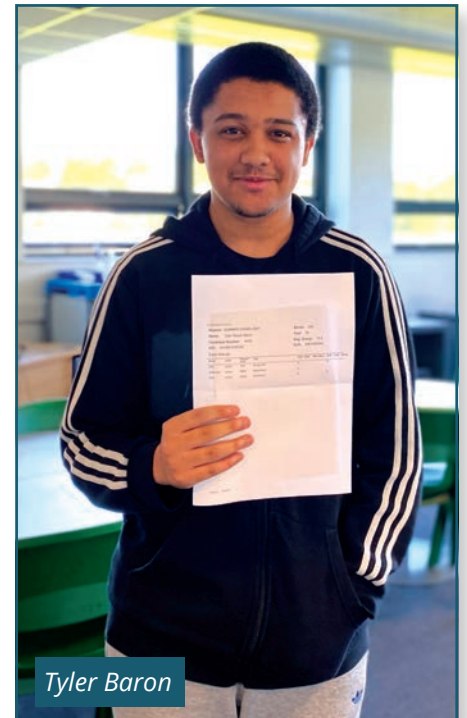
post-graduate study. Frankie said, "I simply couldn't have done it if I wasn't at Quest6! I've been at The Quest Academy since Year 7 so it's where I was most comfortable. The teachers themselves are very, very supportive. Not overwhelmingly, but there's a lot of opportunity for one-to-one conversations. They treated me as an adult, and it definitely helped me so much more. They gave me faith in my ability."



*Principal, Andy Crofts and Jawaad Abubacker*

Jawaad Abubacker is going to read Physics at Birmingham University, possibly with further study after-

wards, having been awarded an A\* in Physics, A in Biology and A in Maths. When asked about his time at Quest6, Jawaad said, "With Covid, it was not easy, but all the teachers put in a lot of effort, particularly the Maths teachers. I was struggling with Maths at the beginning, but my teacher gave me some motivation and ideas to sort it all out, and it worked!"



*Tyler Baron*

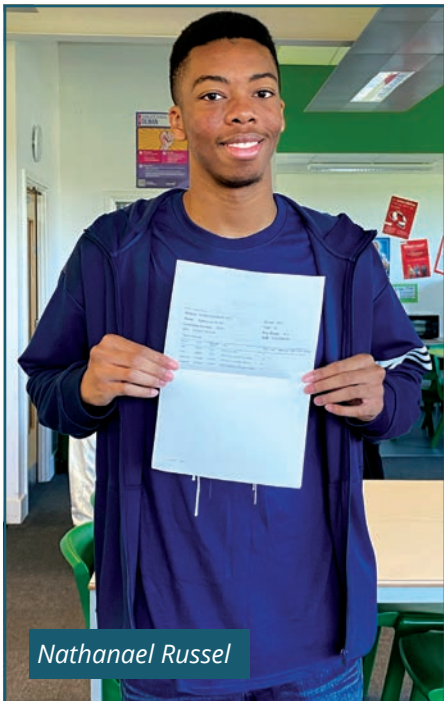
Tyler Baron is going on to study Biological Science at Surrey University having achieved three As in Maths, Biology and Chemistry. Tyler said, "This is an excellent place to be, to be honest. The teachers are friendly and really supportive. They always just helped me. Whatever you need, they'll find a way to help."

Zara Butt achieved double Distinction Star in Cambridge Technical Diploma in Applied Science and a Distinction Star in Business BTEC. She's now waiting on results from a flight school in Madrid where she plans to train to be a commercial pilot. Zara said, "It's my dream job! I've passed all the assessments and now I'm waiting for an interview. I joined Quest6 in the Sixth Form because they had great value-added scores and showed really good progress for their students. They



Zara Butt  
and Principal,  
Andy Crofts

give so much support to everyone and they treat everyone the same. I even received a weekly call from my teacher during lockdown and even after, just to check everything was ok. A big thanks to all the staff."



Nathanael Russel

Nathanael Russel was awarded a Distinction Star for a BTEC in IT and As in A Levels for both Geography and French. He is now going on to study IT at the University of Kent with a view to

have a career in software engineering. Nathanael said, "To be fair, my experience at Quest has been a rollercoaster of emotions! Overall though, I've really come out of my shell and just became better all-round for being here. I'd like to thank all my teachers for always supporting me, for taking the time to help me grow my skills and leading me to where I am now."



Principal, Andy Crofts  
and Ryan Donnelly

Ryan Donnelly is going on to study Drama, Applied Theatre and Education at the Royal Central School of Speech & Drama (University of London) having achieved A\* in Drama, A in Psychology and a B in Biology. Ryan said, "My main goal is to become a Drama teacher, however, I'd like to explore the possibility of screen acting. I've been here since Year 7 and, if I'm being honest, I was quite shabby to start with! I really started working hard in Year 10. The teachers noticed a change in me and when I finally got my head down, they saw me putting in extra effort. In Quest6, there was a lot of support. I was given extra work to help me when I needed it and it would sometimes even be marked within the hour. I was made to feel that no matter what, I'd be safe and secure in my chosen subjects."



Jamie Kirk

Jamie Kirk is hoping for a career on the stage having achieved A\* in Economics, A in Maths, and a B in Drama. He is now going on to study Musical Theatre at Goldsmiths University. Jamie said, "I'm extremely thankful to this school because I've got a lot of support from people I've met and definitely my teachers. I never would have gone into theatre without them. When I was in Year 8, we did our first whole-school musical and ever then since then I just loved all the musicals! I got a passion for it through doing it here."

Andy Crofts, Principal said, "We are delighted today to be celebrating the achievements and destinations of our graduating Quest6 students. This year, more than ever, it has been the important partnership between expert teachers, determined students and supportive families that has culminated in these successes. The year group has been a delight to work with; we congratulate them on their results and wish them all the best for the future. Well done to everyone."

Gordon Smith, CEO of The Collegiate Trust, of which The Quest Academy is a part, said, "Our students at Quest6 have worked tremendously hard under difficult circumstances to produce exceptional results. I'm so proud of the quality of support our teachers have given and the rigorous way in which they have assessed students. Good luck to everyone at university and future jobs."



## GCSE Results

Students at The Quest Academy have achieved another set of excellent GCSE results. Particular congratulations must go to Quest's top performer, Giulia Dusea who achieved an astonishing eight 9s, one 8 and a Distinction\* double-award Level 2 BTEC. Giulia said, "Obviously, I'd like to thank the teachers. All of the teachers that have helped me along the way and everyone I've met. This experience has helped shape who I am and The Quest Academy will forever have a place in my heart." Giulia is now studying A Levels in Geography, English Literature and Psychology with a view to reading English Literature at university in the future.

She was followed closely by Andreea Popescu who achieved an impressive seven 9s, an 8, a 7 and a Distinction\* double-award Level 2 BTEC. When asked about her time at Quest, Andrea said, "I've really enjoyed it here! I was nervous when I first joined but I'm so happy that I came here. I like the teachers and I've made great friends. It's a good place to be! All my teachers have been great and I'm really thankful to them." Andreea is now studying A Levels in Maths, Chemistry and Biology.



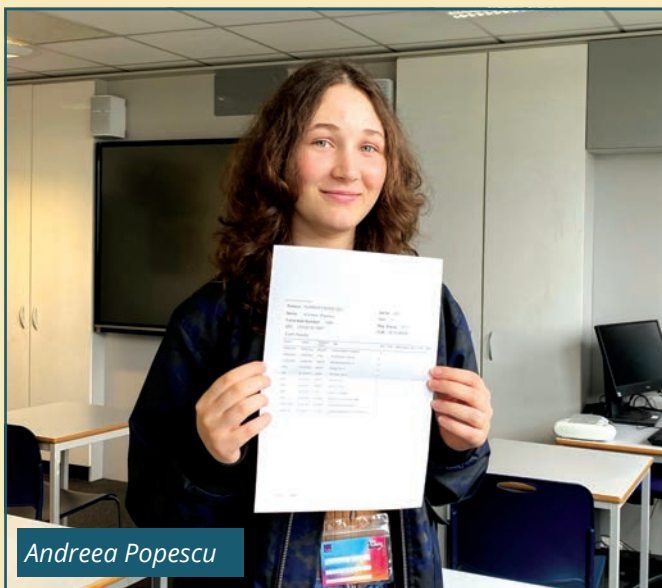
Riya Roby, Moontaha Doha and Sara Parsa with Andy Crofts

Moontaha Doha, Sara Parsa and Riya Roby also deserve a special mention. Moontaha achieved five 9s, four 8s and a Distinction\* double-award Level 2 BTEC. Sara was awarded three 9s, five 8s and a Distinction\* double-award Level 2 BTEC whilst Riya got three 9s, five 8s, a 7 and a Distinction\* double-award Level 2 BTEC. These are extraordinary achievements.

Moontaha is now studying Sciences at A Levels with a view to practising medical law as a career. Sara aspires to study dentistry at either Oxford or Cambridge University and Riya hopes to go on to study Medicine. Sara offered this advice to younger students, "At first, I didn't really

take it seriously! But I really put my head down in Year 10 and the hard work has definitely paid off. I'd say to others to not to lose hope in yourself, work hard and trust your teachers to guide you."

Principal Andy Crofts said, "We are delighted to be able to celebrate students' considerable successes today. Their hard work and that of their teachers means that they now have the qualifications that they need to pursue the next stage in their education. I'm pleased that so many will be returning to Quest6 in September to continue their journey with us. Well done to everyone who contributed to these excellent outcomes."



Andreea Popescu



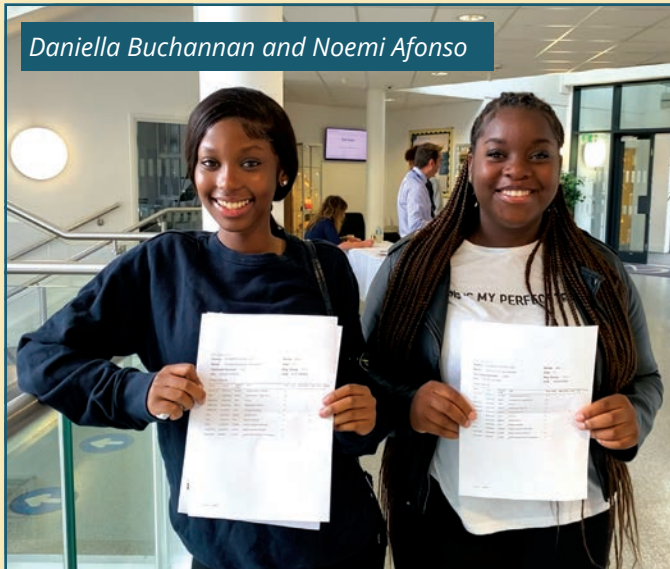
Giulia Dusea with Principal, Andy Crofts



Julia Kolodzie

**Julia**

Julia achieved two 9s, five 8s, a 7, a 6 and a Merit at BTEC. This is particularly impressive because English isn't even her first language. Her family moved to the UK when she was 9 and she achieved a 9 in English Language at GCSE! Very impressive! She said, "Towards the end, I worked really hard. I'm a last-minute person! That's what gives me the motivation to do it and it worked out in the end! I know for A Levels, it's going to be way harder so I'll have to really focus on my three subjects." Julia is now studying Biology, Chemistry and Maths at A Level and plans to be a vet.



Daniella Buchannan and Noemi Afonso

**Daniella and Noemi**

Daniella said, "It's been a good five years of memories. I've learnt lots along the way. The 5 years at Quest have helped shape me into the person that I am today."

Noemi said, "I appreciate everyone that helped me on this secondary journey. The Quest Academy has built me up for a great future."



Shaheim Delanbanque

**Shaheim**

Shaheim achieved a super set of GCSE results and is now studying History, Biology and Physical Education at A Level. When asked about the last couple of years, he said, "The teachers have been helpful. They put together all sorts of revision materials and that was really useful. Towards the end, I worked hard. And it's paid off!"



Cameron Baldock

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Congratulations to Cameron Baldock who is now studying Business, Economics and Maths at Quest6, with aspirations to become an actuary. When asked about his five years at The Quest, Tyler said, "The teachers here are very relatable. They really talk to you instead of just teaching a class. It's helped me explore more of who I am and what I want to be in the future and really helped me get the grades I wanted to. I've definitely enjoyed my time here."





## Quest 6 Enrolment Open until Thursday 30th September

We are still welcoming enrolment onto all our courses, although sadly this must end on Thursday 30th September.

### Please get in touch if

- You have yet to place yourself
- Your place has fallen through
- Your expectations have not been met where you are now.

For students who achieved five grade 4 GCSEs including English and Maths, we have courses you could join at BTEC Level 3. If you have achieved GCSE grade 6 or higher you could be eligible to join one of our A Level courses.

Do contact us by emailing [Quest6@thequestacademy.org.uk](mailto:Quest6@thequestacademy.org.uk) or call **020 8657 8935**. We would love to invite you in, show you around, and discuss what course options there are for you. Your contact here would be Sam Cox (Director of Sixth Form).



## Job Vacancy - Learning Support Assistant

We are currently recruiting for a Learning Support Assistant responsible for contributing to outcomes above expectations for Academy students, especially in the standards they attain and the progress and achievement they make.

To find out more, or to apply, please visit [www.tct-academies.org/vacancies](http://www.tct-academies.org/vacancies)



## Important dates for your diary

### AUTUMN TERM 2021

#### Half-Term

Monday 25th October – Friday 5th November

#### Christmas Holiday

Monday 20th December – Monday 3rd January 2022

### SPRING TERM 2021

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 8th April

#### Half-Term

Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February

#### Easter Holiday

Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 7 Settling-in Evening - 29th September, 5pm

Quest6 Open Evening - 28th September, 5pm

Year 11 Careers Interviews - 4th-15th October

Reports sent home - Friday 22nd October

Key Stage 3 Awards Evening - 13th October, 4.30-6pm

Key Stage 4 & 5 Awards Evening - 14th October, 4.30-6pm

Academy Day - 20th October

Year 11 Mocks - 8th-19th November

Year 13 Mocks - 22nd-26th November

Year 11 Quest6 Induction Day - 22nd November

Quest6 Parents' Evening - 17th November, 4-7pm

Reports sent home - Tuesday 7th December

Year 11 Parents' Evening

- Wednesday 8th December, 4-7pm