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## Executive Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

My favourite dates of the academic year are those when our students receive their public examination results. The days

were even more poignant this year, given that the 2022 cohort was the first group of students to sit public exams in three years, due to the disruptions of the pandemic. Once again, our students have received results that reflect their hard work, effort, determination and resilience, supported by their families and the academy staff. Well done to everyone.

There are changes in the leadership structure this term, which include my own change of role to Executive Principal. I shall now be over-seeing the newly created Quest Primary and supporting its Head of School, Jo Stawman, in addition to supporting Quest's new Head of School, Tom Beecham, in leading The Quest Academy. I wish both colleagues success in their new roles and look forward to working with them.

Mr A. Crofts

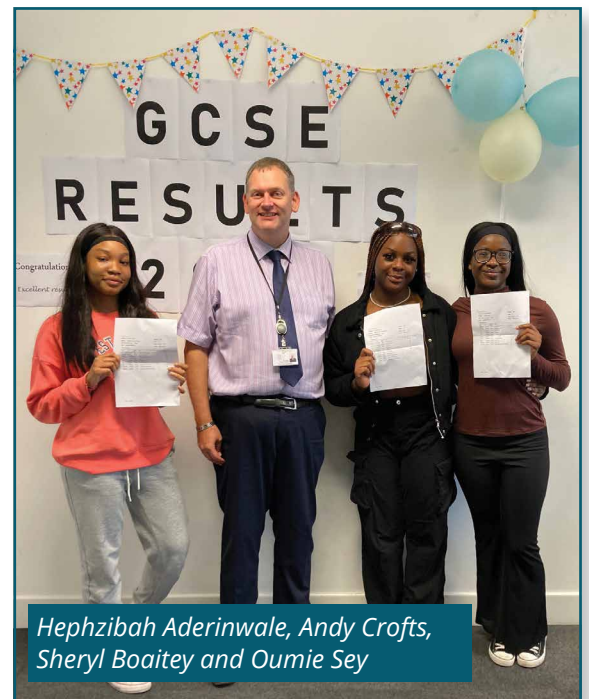
## Best Ever GCSE Results at The Quest

Students at The Quest produced the school's best ever set of GCSE results in 2022! Particular congratulations must go to Quest's top performer, Oumie Sey who achieved an astonishing five 9s and four 8s. Oumie said, "I'm so happy knowing that everything I've done since Year 9 has paid off. I have learnt that when you sacrifice a few things you can get to where you want to be. I have thoroughly enjoyed Quest; it has helped me to grow.

The teachers gave me one-to-one support and this support system has got me through. My peer group have motivated each other and spurred each other on." Oumie plans to go on to study A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Physics with a view to studying medicine in the future.

Quest's students have worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic disruptions of the last few years. The excellent grades achieved by the overwhelming majority of students mean that they have control and choice over the next steps they choose to take in their educational journey. For most, this will mean continuing their 7-year journey into Quest6, the academy's Sixth Form.

Hephzibah Aderinwale achieved an impressive two 9s, two 8s, and three 7s. When asked about her time at Quest, Hephzibah said, "Honestly, I



Hephzibah Aderinwale, Andy Crofts, Sheryl Boaitey and Oumie Sey

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Noreen Khawaja

did better than I expected! It's my teachers that have got me here. They want the grades as much as we do." She is going on to study A Levels in Sociology, Maths and History.

Noreen Khawaja achieved a 9, five 8s and two 7s and now wants to study A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Psychology. Noreen said, "I didn't realise that this would be the result - I'm delighted! I have really enjoyed my time here and I am so grateful to the teachers and thank them from the bottom of my heart. Year 11 was tough but the teachers helped us through."

Sheryl Boaitey also deserves a mention having achieved five 8s,

two 7s and two 6s and is now looking forward to studying A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Maths before training in medicine to become a surgeon. She said, "I'm happy with these results. It's a very supportive school and the teachers and staff have prepared us from the beginning. But it was hard work that got me here and I was focused on this day knowing that I wanted to do well."

Executive Principal, Andy Crofts said, "Today we celebrate with our students what are our best ever GCSE results. What this indicates to me is that our students approached their post-pandemic learning with grit and determination, working with staff and their families to make sure that they got the grades that they deserved - well done to everyone who is receiving those results today and we look forward to seeing most of them back in Quest6 in September, continuing their seven-year journey with us."



Sheryl Boaitey and mum

## Quest 6 enrolment

We are still welcoming enrolment onto Sixth Form courses, although this must end on Friday 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 5 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.

Please get in touch 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).

## Celebrating A Level Achievements

Students at The Quest performed exceptionally well in their A Levels and BTECs, despite being the first cohort in three years to sit public exams. In addition to overall successes, several students obtained impressive sets of results.

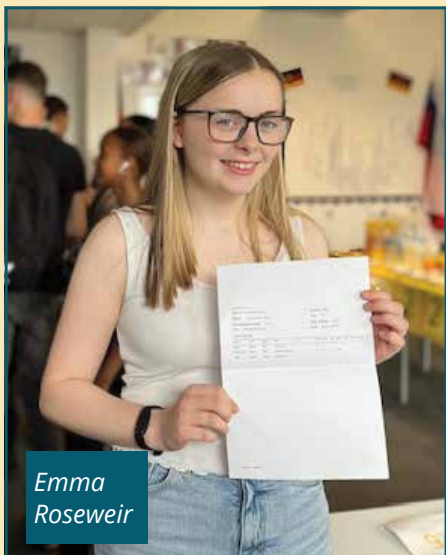
The academy's top achiever, Rachel Ayanwale achieved a tremendous A\*AA in Biology, Chemistry and Politics and is looking to study medicine after a Gap Year. "After my year out, I'm hopefully going to go to UCL to do medicine. After that, I want to go into research to develop drugs and vaccines and so on. I came here in Year 10. I didn't know then that I wanted to do medicine but I love science so it felt right to aim for doing the research side of medicine. It's been an amazing experience here. I've met some great people and I think it's a very encouraging learning environment. My advice to younger students is to try your best and do what you enjoy."

Rachel's success was closely followed by Emma Roseweir who achieved three As in Biology,



Andy Crofts and Rachel Ayanwale

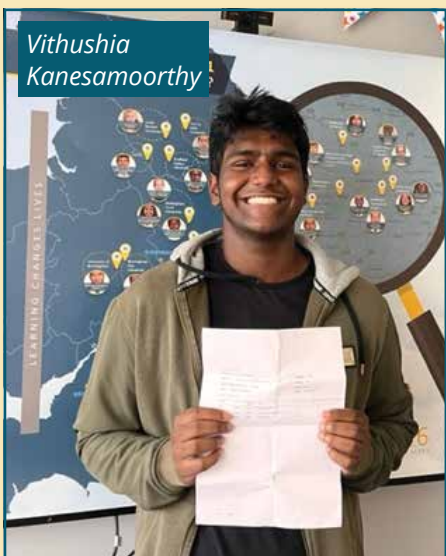




Emma Roseweir

Chemistry and PE. Emma is now going to Roehampton University to study Psychology and Education Practice with a view to a career working with children and young people. "I've been here since Year 7 and the last 7 years have gone very quickly! Throughout my time here, the teachers have been very supportive. I didn't think when I started in Year 7 that I'd be standing here with three As! I put my success down to continuous effort and hard work, and help from all of the teachers. They've always been there and have always willing to help."

Sadiqah Islam, Vithushia Kanesamoorthy and Nabiha Akhtar, all got AAB. Sadiqah who studied History, Sociology and Politics says, "I moved here for 6th form because I wanted a change and I like to meet



Vithushia Kanesamoorthy

new people. Honestly, I really didn't expect to go to university – I was going to do an apprenticeship – but I thought uni students would have more opportunities, so I changed my mind last minute and am now going to the University of Law in Bloomsbury, Central London. I haven't decided yet exactly what type of law I want to do, but maybe corporate. I do want to say thanks to all my teachers. They went above and beyond to help me and I appreciate everything they've done."

Vithushia Kanesamoorthy studied Maths, Economics and Physics and is now off to Queen Mary University to study Theoretical Physics. Vithushia says, "Honestly, it's been a really fun couple of years! That's the best way I can describe it. I've enjoyed myself a lot and I've achieved a lot too. I definitely want to thank the teachers because they really made sure you felt a personal connection and were getting looked after. It wasn't that they just came and did the lessons and went. They really made sure you understood everything."

Nabiha Akhtar, who studied Biology, Psychology and Chemistry is going to take a gap year to get more medical work experience before applying to study Medicine. "All the teachers have been so supportive and always went out of their way to help us. I'd say to younger students that they mustn't waste Year 12! Don't waste your free periods! In Year 13, you literally have no time, so the earlier the better. Get stuck in from the beginning!"

Having had a tough time in Year 12, Sadiya Noor over-shot her highest expectations with ABB in Politics, RS and Sociology. She said, "I wasn't expecting such good results! I did so much better than I thought so I'm going to take some time now to think about what I want to do. I've really loved it here. I love my teachers – they all supported me so much. I had a very tough time in Year 12 and missed a lot of days but when I came back, I got all the support I needed and I felt so comfortable.

They'd help me after school and even though I felt like I might need to re-take the year (I pretty much failed everything!), they all helped me so much. I really don't have the words. I'm just really, really grateful." Safa Nasser also did better than she thought she would, achieving



Safa Nasser

ABB in Politics, History and Religious Studies. She's going to read Politics at Queen Mary University. "I started in Sixth Form having attended an open day before covid. I liked the space, the common room, and the teachers were very nice. But also my friend came here for school and she encouraged me. When I started, I never thought I'd do this well. It's genuinely because of my teachers. I don't think I put in the same amount of effort as they did! They basically just did everything! One of my teachers literally even fixed my sleep schedule. He did that for me so I could study better! I just feel so grateful. It's definitely because of my teachers. I'm so grateful."

Andy Crofts, Executive Principal at The Quest Academy said, "Congratulations to everyone. After two years of pandemic disruption, students have shown determination and resilience to achieve some fantastic results. We're really proud of their achievements and wish them all the best at their future destinations. Well done the class of 2022!"





## Quest Primary Progress



benefits to all concerned. This will be supported by the development of a single Local Governing Body over the two schools, with one primary and one secondary Learning and Quality sub-Committee.

For more information about Quest Primary School, please visit [www.questprimary.org.uk](http://www.questprimary.org.uk).



At the start of this term, Quest Primary School, geographic neighbour to The Quest Academy, opened its doors for the first time to students. Under the executive leadership of Andy Crofts and the day-to-day leadership of Jo Stawman, this new school will be a stimulating and happy environment in which staff, parents and governors work together to deliver a creative, balanced and meaningful curriculum.

Head of School, Jo Stawman, says, "The warmth and friendly atmosphere of our school is extended to the parents of

prospective pupils of the school. Visits are always welcome and you can contact our school office to arrange an appointment." Executive Principal, Andy Crofts, says, "We will be working hard and working together to ensure that every student is cared for, nurtured and encouraged to excel in a supportive and happy environment."

Whilst The Quest Academy and Quest Primary School will remain two separate schools within The Collegiate Trust, work shall begin to develop provision as an all-through school, bringing opportunities and

### Quest Primary Open Events

New Nursery & Reception Open Events on 12th October and 20th October. Tours at 9:15am and 1:30pm.

## Important dates for your diary

### AUTUMN TERM 2022

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December 2022

#### Half-Term

Monday 24th October – Friday 4th November

#### Christmas Holiday

Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January 2023

### SPRING TERM 2023

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023

#### Half-Term

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

#### Easter Holiday

Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April

### SUMMER TERM 2023

Monday 17th April 2023 – Friday 21st July 2023  
(Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday – Academy closed to students)

#### Half-Term

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Summer Holiday – Monday 24th July

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 20th September - Open Evening, 5-8pm

Monday 26th September - Open Morning / School Tour, 9am

Monday 3rd October - Open Morning / School Tour, 9am

Monday 10th October - Open Morning / School Tour, 9am

Wednesday 12th October - Quest Primary Open Event

Wednesday 19th October - Quest Primary ELP Open Event

Thursday 20th October - Quest Primary Open Event