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Executive Principal's Message

Congratulations to all our students who received their A level, BTEC and GCSE results last month.

After a tumultuous couple of years post pandemic

they have worked really hard to get the results they needed to take the next steps in their education, or their lives.

We have enjoyed welcoming back our largest number of Quest6 students ever and it's also a real pleasure to see all the university destinations of our year 13 graduates – we'll be unveiling a new destinations poster soon!

Finally I'd like to publicly acknowledge the work that teachers, support staff and families put in to help students get these results. Thank you for all that you do to help our children achieve!

Mr A. Crofts

GCSE Successes



GCSE students at The Quest produced a great set of results this year. Particular congratulations must go to Quest's top performers, Lexine Agyare who achieved an astonishing four 9s, four 8s and two 7s and Kanzy Elderini who got five 9s, two 8s, two 7s and a 6.

Lexine now plans to go on to study Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Economics. She said, "I feel relieved, to be honest! I actually thought I was going to do badly in English so I was actually really surprised. I'm grateful for all the help I received at Quest. All the after school revision and extra classes paid off!"

Quest's students have worked tirelessly throughout the 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.

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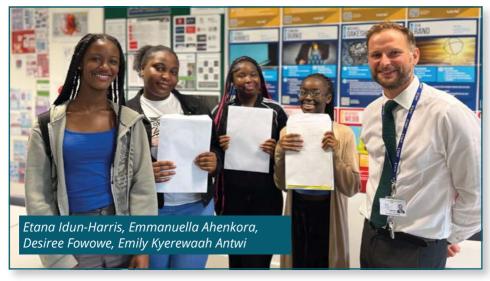


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Allen Onokurhefe achieved an impressive two 9s, five 8s, and two 7s. When asked about his time at Quest, Allen said, "Thank you to all the teachers who helped me get to where I am today." He is going on to study A Levels in Maths, English Literature and either Chemistry or Economics.



Jade Deguin achieved two 9s, four 8s and two 7s and is now looking forward to studying A Levels in English, Psychology and French or Art at Quest6. She said, "I think I did better than expected although I worked really hard towards the end. I could have done even better if I'd worked hard the whole way through.

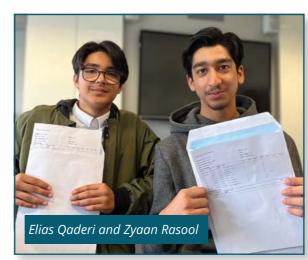


My advice to younger students would be start revising from the end of Year 10 and make flashcards really early. I was rushing all mine towards the end."

Head of School, Thomas Beecham said, "Congratulations to all students

in the Quest Year 11 Class of 2023! Your dedication and hard work over the last 5 years, despite all that has been thrown at you, has been excellent. You celebrate results which are in line with the best ever achieved by a cohort of students here at the Quest Academy. We very much look forward to welcoming most of you into Quest6, and helping others decide on the next steps you wish to take. Well done!

Executive Principal Andy Crofts said, "Congratulations to all of our students receiving their results today. We look forward to seeing many of them back in Quest6 where their journey continues. To everyone else, our best wishes for the future."



Summer School at Quest

Over the summer holidays, the new Year 7 pupils came to The Quest Academy for Summer School running the weeks commencing the 14th and 21st July.

Summer School is an important part of the transition calendar as there is no better way to prepare the pupils for their start here than to let them experience it themselves!

The pupils enjoyed a day at Frylands Wood filled with assault courses.

archery, orienteering and disk golf. Additionally, the pupils experienced many classroom-based subjects and activities, including Geography, History, Drama, Maths, English, a "Quest Around Quest", e-safety and P.E. At every break and lunch, there were competitive games of football and netball, facilitated by our lovely Year 8 helpers.

The pupils had a great time and hopefully felt a little less nervous starting in September, knowing



there would be familiar faces on their first day. We're very excited for their 7-year journey here with us.

Quest6 Successes



Quest6 students have secured a wide range of exciting destinations now that their school careers have come to an end. From degree courses in Architecture to Acting and **Business Management to Biomedical** Sciences; apprenticeships ranging from marketing to chemical analysis; and jobs in ecommerce to retail, the students are excited about embarking on new beginnings.

Thomas Beecham, Head of School, says, "We are very proud of the hard work and dedication of our students, the results they have achieved and the opportunities they have as a result. The range of destinations for our students is huge. While we work hard to encourage students to choose the right thing to do next, it is their hard work which has led to the successes they are celebrating

Alice-Victoria Reis-Rocha and Muskan Qaderi

today. I know that they will be successful in their next steps and look forward to hearing more about these in due course."

Alice-Victoria Reis-Rocha is off to study Interior Architecture at Middlesex University. She said, "I started at Quest6 in Year 12 and have had a great two years here. I'm looking forward to university now! My advice to younger students would be to keep going, no matter what!"

Muskan Qaderi will be reading Biomedical Sciences at Kingston University but with a view to switch to medicine. "I've been at Quest since Year 7 and have loved the community. I didn't even apply to any other sixth forms. Thanks to all the teachers who have helped me -

> they've all had their roles to play."

Shaheim Delanbanque has secured a 2-year Level 4 Apprenticeship as a Chemistry Technician with multi-billion dollar firm, Johnson Matthey. He'll be working to determine the precious metal percentage of materials and assigning monetary values accordingly. He'll be helping to make catalysts out of precious group metals and recycling

them for net sustainability. Shaheim said, "I'd like to say thanks to Miss Miller, Mr Houghton and Mr Cox for all their help. I'm really pleased with this outcome."

Zoe Abdoollah has started working in her role as Marketing Director for an ecommerce business and is already planning their Christmas campaign, focusing on promoting Christmas gifts. Check out the website for Tactical AirSoft to find out more about what she'll be up to!

Yousef Maza secured a fabulous set of results including a Distinction Star in IT. He's now searching for a degree-level apprenticeship in software engineering, data analysis



or data science. Yousef said, "I've been at TQA since Year 9. It's been great here. The teachers have been very, very supportive. There's a lot of 1-to-1 experience, lots of interaction it's very inter-personal. I'd like to thank both my peers and my teachers, particularly Mr Houghton and Miss Miller."

Isabella Burton is taking a GAP year whilst working as a waitress. She's planning to study Fine Art at Brighton University, starting September 2024. "My advice to younger students? Don't slack off! I was perhaps a bit relaxed in Year 12! But I'm happy with the outcome."

Emily Goodwin will be reading English Literature at Reading University. She said, "I've been here

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since Year 7 and have built great relationships with the teachers. You get challenged in class to think outside the box. The enrichment is great too... it's not just things you learn in the textbook. You get to learn a wide variety of things. So it really encourages individuality. My advice to younger students would be not to be scared to ask for help. The teachers are always willing to help here."

Cameron Baldock is currently working in a major supermarket and is saving money whilst applying for an apprenticeship in IT. "I got a Distinction Star in IT so I'm looking for something in that field. I've really enjoyed my time here at Quest."

Agash Anpalakan has confirmed a place studying Business Management at Kingston University, after which he wants to get a Masters or a Level 7 Apprenticeship. He says, "Business has always been a passion of mine and I have a particular interest in property development. My challenge was to really try my best and not to give up but I've pushed through, with the support of the teachers here."

Jawad Ali expects to ultimately study medicine but is starting off with a Biomedical Sciences degree at Queen Mary University. He said, "I joined Quest6 in Year 12 and it's been good here! The teaching here was really great."

Executive Principal at The Quest Academy, Andy Crofts, said,



"Congratulations to all the students who sat A Levels and BTECs this Summer. After a tumultuous couple of years post pandemic they have worked really hard to get the results they need to go on to university or an apprenticeship. We wish them every success in the future."





Important dates for your diary

Open Evening

Tuesday 19th September

Open Morning

Monday 25th September

Year 7 Settling-in Evening Thursday 28th September

Open Morning

Monday 2nd October

Quest6 Open Evening

Tuesday 3rd October

Academy Day

Wednesday 11th October

Quest Primary Open Day Wednesday 18th October

Year 10 Parents' Evening Thursday 19th October

Quest Primary Open Day Wednesday 22nd November

TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Monday 4th September 2023 – Friday 22nd December 2023 Half-Term - Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November **Christmas Holiday**

- Monday 25th December - Friday 5th January 2023

SPRING TERM 2024

Monday 8th January 2024 - Thursday 28th March 2024 Half-Term - Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February Easter Holiday - Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April