



## Highcrest celebrates 'wonderful' exam results

The Highcrest Academy is celebrating yet another 'wonderful' year of A-Level and BTEC Level 3 results.

Delighted Principal Glen Burke commented: "We are particularly pleased with the number of our students who have achieved A\* to B grades this year, in what is our largest-ever Sixth Form. There are so many success stories here and I am so proud of our fantastic students.

"These wonderful results are a real testament to their ambition, hard work and commitment. I wish each and every one of them well as they move on to the next phase of their life journey.

"Furthermore, I am indebted to our incredible staff who always go above and beyond to secure the highest possible outcomes for our students, ensuring they are able to secure the university courses, apprenticeship pathways or the job they desire."

Mr Burke added: "These results reaffirm that we have a fantastic Sixth Form, and with our brand new specialist Sixth Form Centre that opened this year, I am confident that our Sixth Form provision will continue to go from strength to strength; these are certainly exciting times to be a Sixth Former at The Highcrest Academy!"

Our students' reactions:

**Sam McAllister**, 18, achieved an A\* in History and As in Sociology and Politics. The triple A means he has won a £2,000-a-year scholarship at the University of Kent to study Politics and International Relations. "I feel elated – everything has come together. It is the culmination of two years of hard work. I wouldn't say I was expecting this but I was hoping for it and the triple A was an aspirational target," he said.

Sam hopes to work in international relations as a career, specifically in diplomacy and conflict resolution. He added: "When I opened the envelope, it was genuinely a nice satisfying feeling to know that two years of hard work was worthwhile – you get out of it what you put in."

**Joe Papworth**, 18, achieved A stars in Geography and Sociology, and a B in History. He will be going to Southampton to study Geography.

"I don't know what I want to do for my career. I just know I love doing Geography and want to do it at university," he said.

"I was surprised. I had an email at 7.30am, from Southampton saying I had got in but I didn't expect to get two A stars. I had thought I would scrape through and had already planned my gap year if I didn't quite the results."

**Kai Bansal**, 18, achieved an A, 2 Bs and one C after taking four A-levels. He will be studying Veterinary Medicine at the Royal Veterinary College in London.

"I woke up at 5.45am and couldn't wait for UCAS to load. I was so happy I got an email at 7.30 [confirming the results]. I am overwhelmed with it – with the results and with the prospect of going to university. It is the top veterinary school in Europe and I hope to be a vet – I have been saying that since I was in year 5. I just love animals and I love science and I put those two together."

**Sanaa Kauser**, age 17, the youngest in her year at the school in High Wycombe, achieved A, B, C grades and has been accepted by Kingston University to study Pharmacy.

"It was kind of unexpected to get these results so the revision clearly paid off. I was really pleased. Going to university is a big step but I am really looking forward to going to Kingston," she said.

"Highcrest is a great school because it has given me all the support that I needed and the teachers always believed in me."

**Hussna Shinwari**, 20, achieved two Cs and a Btec distinction. She has been accepted by Royal Holloway, University of London to study Law. Hussna's education had stopped for two years after she moved from Afghanistan, and so she had to catch up on her studies.

She had not been expecting to secure her place and had even started looking around A-Level colleges for the coming year.

"I am pleased with the results and looking forward to university. I had a back-up plan because I thought I was going to have to retake A-levels and went round colleges to see where I could get in. In the morning, I woke up and had an email to confirm I had gotten my first choice university – I was in shock and thought it was a dream."



