GCSE News from The UCL Academy

The UCL Academy is delighted to announce that our pioneering cohort of students have performed extremely well in the Academy’s first set of GCSE exams.

Since the Academy opened in 2012, this group of students have led the way in helping to establish the culture and ethos of the Academy. Our approach to collaborative learning combined with a broad and balanced Connected Curriculum, has given them an experience in line with the one outlined by our Sponsor when the Academy was first established. The UCL Academy is a non-selective school established to serve the local community where 60% of students are from disadvantaged backgrounds and are supported by the pupil premium.

In the core subjects students have performed well above national average. In English nearly nine out of ten students achieved the equivalent of an A* to C (4-9 in progress 8 measure) with 13% achieving the highest new grading of ‘9’.

This year over 100 students sat Mandarin GCSE with 71% achieving an A*-C. Engineering, Computer Science have also performed significantly better than other centres.

Co-Principals Robin Street and Simon Mcbride said: “We are really delighted with such a strong set of results. They are a measure of the hard work and commitment from both students and staff, who have worked in partnership over the last five years since The UCL Academy opened. The results don’t tell the whole story though. As well as academic success, we pride ourselves on developing young people who understand their role as local, and global citizens and have the skills and motivation to work collaboratively and independently. Since opening we have strived to create a school that combines traditional values of excellence, high aspirations and educating the whole child, alongside an innovative approach to open space, collaborative learning within a connected curriculum that supports deep subject knowledge and interdisciplinary practices. As a young institution we look forward to continuing this work and to build further on the significant successes of our first cohort of GCSE students. Today however is about the class of 2017 and celebrating the fact they have been justly rewarded for all their hard work, commitment and drive to fulfil their own potential.”

Professor David Price, chair of governors at the UCL Academy and Vice-Provost (Research) at UCL, said: “On behalf of the Governors and the UCL, the Academy sponsor, I wish to congratulate the students and staff of UCL Academy for such an impressive set of GCSE results. These, the first GCSE outcomes of our history, will I am sure be followed by many more excellent results in the future as The UCL Academy goes from strength to strength”
**Success Stories**

Adam Nightingale, - achieved 9’s in English Lit, English Language and Maths, 4A*s in History, Physics, Chemistry & Biology. “I am really happy with my results; I have done better than I thought I would do. The school has been really good and supportive. I know I would like to go on and have career that helps people, possibly medical research.”

Anisha Ahmed achieved 6A*s and 3As in her GCSE subjects (9 in English Lit). “I am shocked with my English lit result- I am so happy with it. I am looking forward to continuing my education here at the Academy looking to study at least Maths and Physics. I have loved my time at the Academy and there are too many good times to choose just one. But the support from staff and friends has been wonderful and I hope that I have made my teachers and family proud”

Sabirin Abdirahman – gained 2A*s 6As and B. “I am overwhelmed, in a good way, at my results. I cannot tell you how happy I am. I am coming back to the Academy to study for Sixth form looking to continue in Biology, Chemistry and Maths. The support and encouragements from teachers is amazing.”
Mikhail Kozlov and Daniel Mirelman both achieved 6A*s, 2As and 6A*s and 3As respectively "We are both staying on for Sixth form as we have really enjoyed our time at The UCL Academy. The individual support that teachers and support staff give is amazing also the facilities that the Academy has all have helped us to achieve our grades.”

Susanna Saghir "I am both happy and relieved with my results and my family are incredibly happy with what I have got. All the teachers at the Academy are hardworking and helped me get the results I wanted. I will be coming back to study my A-Levels at the Academy, I am excited about that”

We have had excellent results and would like congratulate all students who have also achieved great grades.