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Meet New Charter Academy's Class of 2010

PUPILS who helped achieve New Charter Academy's best ever GCSE results say staying on at the academy's brand new sixth form college is the best option for continuing their career dreams.

Haleem Ullah Akhar is just one pupil who took advantage of extra revision sessions that helped the number of students achieving A* to C grades soar to 78 percent.

Haleem's impressive grades included five A* grades and eight As – earning him a place at the new sixth form which opens its doors in September. He will take A-levels in maths, chemistry, biology and physics before going on to study medicine at university.

He will be joined by pals Samuel Rosbottom and Sammy Platt - formerly head boy and deputy head girl at the academy.

Ashton lad Samuel revealed the secrets that helped him clock up four GCSE A grades and five Bs: "You just need to get your head down and listen to what the teachers tell you! Not worrying too much is also a big part of it and attending all those extra revision sessions has really paid off."

The 16 year old added: "I'm really happy with my results - I've exceeded my own expectations!"

Sammy Platt may not be sure what she wants to do in the long term, but the short term plan is clear: "In all of my subjects, teachers were willing to give up their own time to help us. That's why I'm staying on at the academy sixth form.

“I love the atmosphere here, it’s really welcoming and the staff and teachers are inspirational – I couldn’t imagine going anywhere else!”

Completing the fantastic foursome which represents just a small portion of pupils who have already pledged to enrol next week is Jason Atkinson.

In addition to GCSEs Jason spent time gaining valuable work experience at New Charter’s Cavendish Street headquarters, completing an NVQ in business administration. He said: “It was a great experience - I got to find out all about the workplace while working towards a qualification. I like the way the academy caters to individuality, I feel I can go further here than anywhere else.”

Commenting on the results which represent a significant year- on-year improvement, Chief Executive of New Charter Academy George Lloyd, said: “We are moving positively in the right direction in terms of raising standards of achievement.

“We are particularly pleased with the strong improvement in performance at A, and A* level, which is really important as we are about to establish the first new sixth form of the 21st century here at the New Charter Academy.

“The staff and students have responded magnificently to the challenge of exams, working very hard outside normal school hours at classes made available after school and weekends. We are also very pleased with the level of support from parents, who were very appreciative of the extra revision classes.

“I am immensely proud of the teamwork which has enabled us to achieve such fantastic results. The additional resources provided by new Charter Housing Trust have had a very beneficial impact on this wonderful outcome.”

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