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You may not need to have the same name as the world's most famous film characters to succeed at your GCSEs, but it certainly doesn't do you any harm! James Bond, 16, wasn't shaken OR stirred by the prospect of sitting his exams, and is today celebrating achieving a clutch of ten GCSEs including a grade 9 in maths, grade 8s in English language, Chemistry, Biology and English Literature, and a Grade 7 in Biology. James said "I have really enjoyed my time at UTC, I am so happy I made the decision to move schools in Year 10. The staff have been amazing, I am looking forward to my next steps."

Another high achiever, Nicole Ablott, is looking forward to staying on at the UTC for A-Level study. Nicole achieved Grade 9s in English Language and Photography, Grade 8s in English Literature and History, four more GCSE Grade 7s, and a Distinction in TV and Film Production. "I totally wasn't expecting the Grade 9s" says Nicole, "it just doesn't feel real yet! Studying the subjects already at GCSE level has given me a head start, and I just can't wait to carry on."

Another student who says he made the right decision to join the UTC is Jay Nightingale, who is also staying on to study TV and Film Production after achieving a Distinction in the subject at GCSE level. He explains: "Because the UTC is a creative college, students are able to express their creativity and individuality. In my previous school, I always felt as if I had to pretend to be somebody else to fit in. At the UTC, I can be whoever I want to be. I have become more of myself and have met some lifelong friends."

Principal Ruth Bradbury said:

"Our results this year have improved in every single measure, and I am truly proud to lead such a wonderful team of staff and students."

"At the UTC, we allow students to be different and express their creativity and individuality. Because we are a 14-19 college, we can treat students much more like adults than we would in a traditional school. There are rules of course, and high standards, but they are the rules and standards of the professional workplace."

The UTC is a mainstream 14-19 college that offers specialist learning and practical experience in creative and digital subjects right in the heart of MediaCityUK. Students can join in Year 10 to study up to three GCSEs or equivalents in specialist subjects, alongside traditional GCSEs in maths, English, science, computer science, languages and humanities

The UTC has a very small number of places left in Years 10 and 12 for this September. For further information, please visit www.utcmidiacityuk.org.uk or call 0161 661 3947.