



### TRIPLE JOY FOR SIBLINGS

Three teenagers from the same family, are celebrating an outstanding clutch of results today.

Twins Charlotte and David Hughes both scored triple Distinction Star grades in Level 3 TV & Film Production, and their older brother Kieran received two Distinction grades and one Merit in Interactive Media and Gaming.

All three students have attended UTC@MediaCityUK for four years, joining the 14-19 media college in Year 10.

“Studying TV & Film from year 10 gave me a head start” says Charlotte, 18, “I am so pleased to have received a place at a red brick University after doing a combination of BTEC, A-Levels and an extended project qualification at UTC. Being a student at UTC@MediacityUK gave me enough time, flexibility and support to write my first novel, which is a great start to my degree in English literature and creative writing at Manchester University”.

Her brothers agree. “It was a big decision to move schools in Year 10, especially as the UTC was a new college” says David, “but I have never looked back. The location in the heart of MediaCityUK is just perfect for the college specialisms, we have had access to the digital media sector in a way that just wouldn’t have happened in a traditional school. The fabulous technical facilities and industry expertise of the staff means I have learned the practical skills I need to be a media professional, as well as the academic know-how.”

“Once I knew that the college offered game design qualifications at GCSE and A Level standard, I just knew that I had to join” adds Kieran, “and the college environment really suited me. I have gained loads of confidence as well as skills, and these are what helped me to secure an unconditional offer from Salford University to study for a BSc in digital business..

The siblings’ mother, Rachel Hughes, said “we knew from the start that sending our three children to a technical college would prepare them for life after college and the world of work. We are delighted that their experience at UTC has exceeded our expectations, given them outstanding opportunities to be creative and to turn this creativity into entrepreneurship. Three young adults ready and excited for their next steps. Thank you to all the UTC staff; we will miss you!”

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### **FIVE TOP GRADES FOR ALEX**

The UTC also offers A Level subjects alongside creative digital qualifications. In addition to a triple Distinction Star in Interactive Media and Gaming, Alex Sherlock 18, also achieved A Grades in maths and physics A Levels. Alex said "I am over the moon with my results, the ongoing support from all my teachers and the support staff at UTC gave me the confidence and strength I needed to push through my most difficult times to get me the results I needed. All my hard work has paid off, I am super happy to be moving on to Lancaster University to study Theoretical Physics and maths"

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