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### **UTC Reading students celebrate A Level and vocational results**

UTC Reading's Year 13 students are celebrating after picking up their A Level and Level 3 qualification results this morning, securing them places on prestigious degree apprenticeships and university places.

The University Technical College, which is a STEM focused school specialising in IT and engineering, celebrated an overall pass rate of

At A level:

- 31.2% of grades awarded are an A\*-B

Students studying vocational qualifications achieved:

- 53% of all grades being D\*D\*D\*/DDD in BTEC L3 Extended Diploma in Engineering
- 33% of all grades being D\*D\*D\*/DDD in BTEC L3 Extended Diploma in Computing
- 84% of all Applied General qualifications are at a pass or higher in BTEC L3 Engineering and Computing Courses

This year's results have once again secured UTC Reading students apprenticeships and degree apprenticeships with companies such as AWE, Rolls Royce, Stantec, Lenovo, Royal Navy and other companies.

University continues to be a popular option at UTC Reading and this year our students have accepted offers to study STEM subjects at more than 20 UK universities including Oxford University, University of Reading, University of Loughborough, University of Bristol, UWE, Aston University, Surrey and many others.

Our vision is to 'transform lives through learning' and the journey our students have been on working alongside employers while at UTC Reading means they are well prepared for the next step.

Executive Principal of UTC Reading Wayne Edwards, said: "The students have had a very disruptive education over the last few years, and we are immensely proud of what they have achieved today and the positive destinations they are going to. I wish them good luck for the future."

Head of School at UTC Reading Jennie Thomson, said: "This is a good day for UTC Reading, seeing our students achieve great things after all their hard work over the last few years, some of whom have just completed four years studying with us. Our students have experienced one of the most turbulent educational experiences in recent history with the return from COVID lockdowns, the highest student and teacher absence rates for years and multiple national teacher strikes. Throughout all this our students have shown exemplary resilience, perseverance, and determination to secure excellent destinations for their futures. I am really proud of each of them and their achievements and I wish them the very best of luck for their higher studies and careers, and look forward to staying connected with them to hear about even more success in the future."

We're proud of all of our students. Some stand-out results include:

- Ria who got into Oxford University where she will be studying Economics and Management.
- Al Abbaas Callander who achieved our first ever A grade in A level Biology! He is going to Oxford Brookes university to study paramedic science!
- Joshua Tatum is joining the Royal Marines as an officer in 2024!
- Daniel Taraszov achieved an amazing A\* in Architecture which is our highest ever mark in Architecture! Daniel will be joining ISG doing a degree apprenticeship in Civil Engineering.
- Ibrahim achieved a brilliant D\*D\*D\* in BTEC extended Diploma in Engineering.
- He has managed to secure a fantastic degree apprenticeship at Stantec!
- Luke achieved D\*D\*D\* - BTEC extended diploma in Engineering and has a degree apprenticeship at a local company.

UTC Reading students have all secured their next step on their career journey but we continue to offer information, advice and guidance to anyone who changes their mind or would like additional support after their post 16 studies.

UTC Reading is strongly focused on preparing students for their future careers, supporting them with everything from CV-writing and interview preparation to the day-to-day skills required to succeed in the workplace. This, combined with opportunities to work with the college's industry partners, gives UTC students a distinct advantage when applying for apprenticeships, higher education courses and employment.

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## **Notes to editors**

UTC Reading is a University Technical College based in Reading (Berkshire). The school offers a broad spectrum of computer science and engineering disciplines, alongside a broad and balanced curriculum, backed by leading companies in these industries.

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