

Space student shoots for the stars

A STUDENT'S dreams of working in the space race have gone stellar with results that proved to be out of this world.

TEDDY Mulenga could speak no English when he arrived in Darlington from Zambia ten years ago. But the 16-year-old yesterday appreciated how far he had come when he opened his GCSE results and achieved an A*, seven As and B.

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Teddy now lives in Darlington with his brother Mwaba, three, sisters Kabaso, 13, Chulyfa, eight. His mother gained a scholarship to train as a nurse studying at York



Carmel College student Teddy Mulenga celebrates with his brother Mwaba, three

University and working in Bedale, while his father works as an engineer at MOD Catterick. Teddy now plans to study A Levels at Carmel in physics, chemistry, maths and further maths before

continuing his learning at university where he hopes to read a degree in aeronautical engineering. "I would love to work in the aerospace industry and dream of building space shuttles," he said.



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For budding politician Liam White the results were a step closer to his ambition to work in politics.

The Carmel College student is a member of the Youth Parliament and an ambassador for looked after children being vice-chair of Darlo Care Crew.

He secured five grade Bs including English and maths and will stay on at sixth form to study maths, ICT, computer science and electronics.

He said: “Most politicians are career politicians but I would like to go out first and gain some real life experience and, while I do, work for Government Communication HQ in cyber warfare.”



Above: Principal Maura Regan congratulates Liam White on his results

His success was one of a number at the college which exceeded 80 per cent in the benchmark five GCESs grades A*-C including maths and English.

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Other top performers were Toby Gay, 16, with eight A*s and two As and Anna Troy, 16, with five A*s and six As, who wants to become a vet.



Above: Parents share in the delight at Carmel College's GCSE results day

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“Teachers are real game-changers in terms of children’s futures and the dedication of the staff bares this out.”

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