

College students receive award for dedication to studies

Two Chesterfield College students recently received a cheque from the Old Cestrefeldian Society following nominations from their tutors.

The Old Cestrefeldians Trust, a charitable body linked to The [Old Cestrefeldian Society](#), gifts an annual prize of £300 to Chesterfield-based students at the college. Students who demonstrate dedication to their studies and would benefit from financial support to help with the costs of education, are nominated by tutors at the college for consideration.

This year, there were two strong nominations which both deserved recognition. Hollie Bircumshaw, a student in the college's sixth form completing A Levels in English Literature, Criminology and History, was nominated by her tutor, Adam Channer:

“Hollie has been a member of the student council, a subject ambassador and is part of the Mental Health and Wellbeing ambassador programme. Hollie will also be put forward to be an alumni for the Sixth Form and will return to college next year to help mentor other students. She has shown resilience, and overcome a broad range of personal barriers to continue achieving and succeeding – all of her tutors are proud of her.”



(Hollie and Aaron receiving their cheques)

Hollie intends to study a joint honours degree in English Literature and History at either Durham or Manchester in the future.

The other winner was Aaron Evans, a student on the college's [Kickstart](#) programme. Kickstart is designed to help students with English and Maths GCSEs and employability skills, and tutor, Alison Stenton, highlighted Aaron as a standout student:

“Aaron has been with the college for the past 18 months and had some health issues which impeded his progress last year, but this year he has been doing so well. He achieved a Grade 5 in maths in his November exam 2020 and is now on course for a Grade 8. He is also on course for a Grade 7/8 in English – this is an incredible improvement.

Aaron has also been our Citizen of the Month in Kickstart and always works hard. He wants to be an astro-physicist in the future and we feel he has the talent to achieve this goal.”

Aaron is planning to start an [Access to HE](#) course with the college in September, as he starts his journey towards university-level study.

A huge thank you to the Old Cestrefeldian Society for their continuing support of our students and the recognition of their dedication to learning.

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