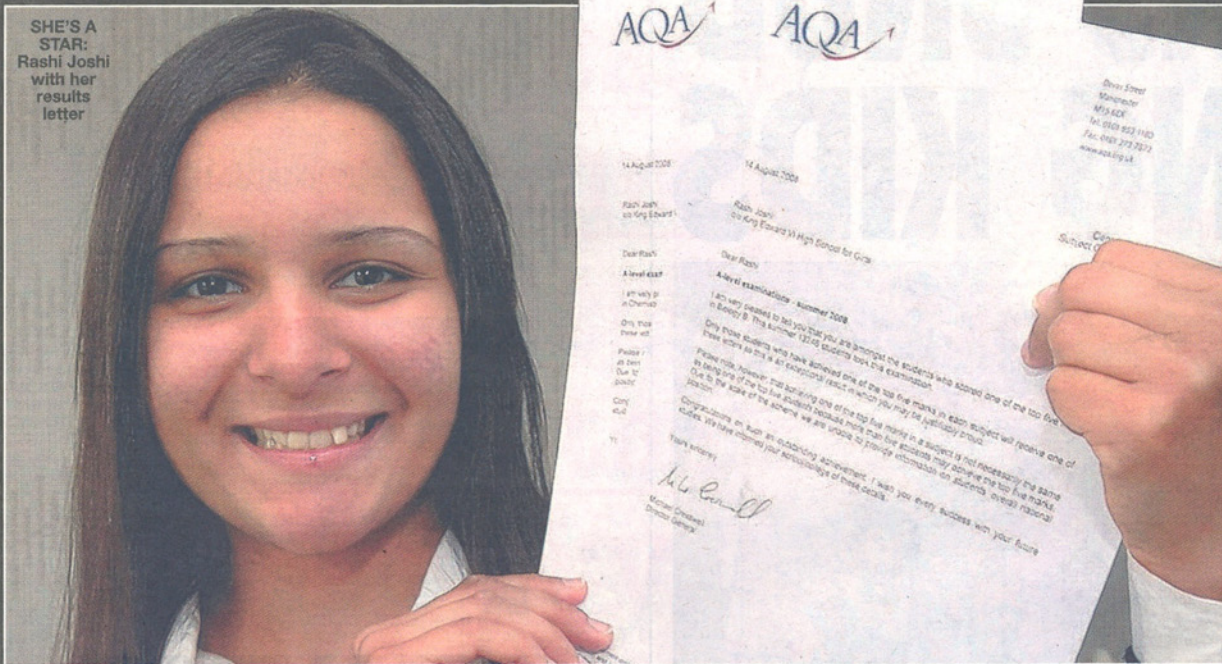


I'M A GENIUS

SHE'S A STAR:
Rashi Joshi
with her
results
letter



EXCLUSIVE

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Brum brainbox in top five A-level results in country

A BIRMINGHAM teenager's A-level results are among the top five marks in the UK, it emerged last night.

Brainbox Rashi Joshi, 18, of Edgbaston, scored "exceptionally well" in her biology and chemistry exams and will go onto study medicine at the University of Nottingham.

Exam board Assessment and Qualification Alliance (AQA) placed her results in their top five and sent the teenager commendation certificates to prove it.

More than 3.5 million students take GCSEs, A-levels and other qualifications with AQA every year and they award 43 per cent of A-levels nationally.

Both exams were out of 600 and she achieved the maximum on her biology exam, whilst she managed 594 on her chemistry paper.

Rashi, who also landed As in psychology, maths and general studies, hopes to follow in the footsteps of parents who are both doctors.

The student, who attended King Edward VI High School for Girls, in Edgbaston, said: "I was really pleased when I opened the results and found out that I'd got As in all my subjects.

"But when I saw the letter of commendations telling me that my results were in

the country's top five for biology and chemistry I was really shocked."

In a letter to Rashi, an AQA official wrote: "Only those students who have achieved one of the top five marks in each subject will receive one of these letters. This is an exceptional result."

Rashi, who juggles classical Indian dancing and badminton with her studies, said part of her influences to focus on medicine was down to her parents.

But she added: "I also went on work experience at a doctors' surgery and really enjoyed it."

Rashi's dad Dr Surendra Joshi is based

in Oman, whilst her mum Dr Jaishree Joshi works as a gynaecologist at the Whittall Street Clinic, in Birmingham city centre.

"My parents and younger brother and sister are all really proud of me," Rashi added.

Meanwhile, a set of Midland triplets are celebrating after successfully winning places at Oxford University.

Rebecca, Andrew and Toby Wilton, from Duffield in Derbyshire, each won a place at the prestigious university after they each landed three A-grade A-levels.

The university said long-serving staff cannot remember it happening in the last 20 years.

The 18-year-olds were pupils at Duffield's Meadows Primary School before studying at Ecclesbourne School. Their parents also both went to Oxford.

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