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From Newham to Ivy League: trio land £1m scholarships

THREE girls from one of the most disadvantaged areas in London have achieved the A-level results needed to secure scholarships worth over £1million to some of the US's most prestigious universities.

Harmanpreet Garcha, 18, Feyisara Adeyemi, 17, and Tasneen Hossain, 18, who attend Newham Collegiate Sixth Form (NCS), will swap Tower Hamlets, East Ham and Essex for Princeton and Harvard.

The trio all come from low income families which means the cost of their four-year education and



Ace results: Tasneen Hossain, Feyisara Adeyemi and Harmanpreet Garcha

accommodation, close to £350,000 each, will be funded entirely by the US universities.

Tasneen did not speak English when she arrived in the UK from Italy aged

nine in 2014. She turned down Cambridge to take up a place studying maths and physics at Harvard. Her father is an Uber driver and her mother is a housewife. She scored A* in

physics, A in maths and further maths and B in chemistry

She said: "I've already been to America with the school so feel prepared for what will be a huge move. My family have played a major role in my success. These results are as much their success as they are mine. It's a team effort."

Harmanpreet, from Purfleet, Essex, will major in engineering at Harvard after getting an A* in physics, maths, further maths and chemistry. She said: "I was so scared I didn't even book the plane tickets and I'm due to leave next Wednesday. Now I can book my ticket and really get excited about this. It's an incredible opportunity."

Feyisara, from Poplar, will study computer science at Princeton. She got an A* in physics and maths, A in further maths and B in English. She said: "I can't wait to get to America now. There will be some readjustment needed but I know I'm going to enjoy it."

The trio won their places through NCS's Ivy League programme.