



A Level Results Day

13 August 2020

University and UCAS Essential Information

Pre-Results Day Checklist

- Think carefully about your firm and insurance choices.
- Be realistic about your grades – do you think you have performed well enough to make your offers? If you have any doubt, start thinking about Clearing and plan accordingly. The entry requirements for courses that go into Clearing can fluctuate according to demand.
- Research universities above and below your predicted grades. Have a standby shortlist of universities you've researched, who would take lower grades.
- Clearing vacancies are displayed on www.ucas.com from 6 July.
- Make sure you have your most up-to-date email address on your UCAS Track
- Keep the weekend after Results Day free, as many universities offer Clearing Open Days - probably online this year.

Results Day Checklist

- Be in the country! Have your phone charged and handy. Dig out that shortlist, just in case. Know your Weduc login details.
- School will be uploading the results to Weduc portal from 8.00am once the embargo has been lifted; make an early start if you think you'll be phoning universities.

- Sixth Form and some senior staff will be on hand to advise and support over the phone.
- UCAS Track will appear updated at 8.00 am with these codes (it will then stay unchanged until Friday):
 - UF** – your place has been confirmed and you do not need to contact the university
 - CF** – your application is still under consideration, either with the firm or insurance choice. Contact the university if it shows CF, it may be due to missing results
 - IF** – you have not been successful at your firm choice, but your place has been confirmed at your insurance choice.
- If unsuccessful at both choices, you can enter Clearing. UCAS and universities have dedicated web pages for Clearing. You will need a Clearing number to enter the process, and will only be able to 'add a clearing choice' from 3pm. You should only do this AFTER phoning a university and check they might be interested in you. Don't wait until 3pm to do this. The 'best' Clearing places have been promised informally by 10am on results day.
- It is no longer necessary to contact a university that has confirmed your place if you wish to decline it. You can now do that through the UCAS website. **We strongly urge you not to do so without speaking to a member of the Sixth Form Team and having an alternative place set up.** Note that declining your firm choice, once it has been confirmed by the university, **does NOT mean that you go to your insurance choice.** Declining a confirmed place means you go into Clearing.
- **Outperformed your predictions?** You might be eligible for Adjustment, where you can look for places that were originally outside your original range. Your original offer is still secure (for 5 days), so it might be a good opportunity to contact a university that rejected you. However, if you opted for an Unconditional Offer as your Firm choice, you cannot use Adjustment.
- **Have your UCAS number ready;** be patient on the phone – universities take a huge surge of calls between 8am and 1pm on Results Day, with a smaller flurry of activity on Friday after that.

- Try to speak to the universities yourself (they will want to discuss the decision with you personally, **not with a parent**). Note down **everything** the university tells you – a parent with pen and paper is very useful at this point. If you are phoning around a number of universities, you may well forget what one has told you.
- Stay calm and shop around – the first verbal offer you receive is not binding but remember, both Clearing and Adjustment are ‘first come, first served’ processes.

Appeals:

There will be very limited grounds on which you will be able to appeal as there are no papers to review. However, if you do think there has been an error in the process, speak to the school as soon as possible. Once we have details about the procedure from the Exam Boards we will circulate guidance. Please also refer to the exams section on the school website www.judd.online/exams

After Results Day

Accept the offer you like

- Follow the university's instructions and reply promptly
- Check junk mail
- Bear with universities during this busy period
- Attend an Open Day if necessary
- Sort out accommodation (if not done already)

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