

Section 1 – Understand what happens on Results Day



Confirmation and Clearing process

A level and BTEC results will be available on Thursday 17th August 2023. Students (or their nominated representative) can collect them in School from **9:30am in the Theatre**.

What happens on Results Day – apprenticeship applicants:

Check whether you need to send your results to your employer. If you need School to prepare an official letter, please tell us by 3pm on Wednesday 16th August, so we can have it ready for you to collect on Thursday.

What happens on Results Day - University applicants:

- You should be able to log in to UCAS TRACK at **8am** to check whether you have been accepted by your first-choice university. (Check you have remembered your log in details **IN ADVANCE** of Results Day!)

Hopefully you'll get the exam grades you need, but if you just slightly miss out, the university might accept you anyway.

- You might get a place on either your firm or insurance choice, depending on your confirmed grades.
- You might be offered an alternative by the university/college – a 'changed course offer' (which you'll need to accept or decline).
- You may be placed in 'Clearing'. You can search through the [Clearing](#) service to see what courses still have vacancies. (Come straight into School to collect your results - The Careers Team will support you through the Clearing process.)
- If no decisions are showing, give your university a call to find out more.

IMPORTANT - Have a look at [this guide](#) on the UCAS website so you understand what will show in TRACK.

Clearing

Clearing is how unis and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses. You find courses (with vacancies) that interest you, and contact universities directly, usually by phone, to see if they will offer you a place.

Offers are usually then emailed through to you and are valid for a set period e.g., 48 hours. This gives you time to assess your offers in more detail before deciding which one you want to accept by adding it to the UCAS Track system.

Some students decide to visit their preferred Clearing course offers on Friday or even over the weekend.

Read the [UCAS Clearing guide](#) for detailed advice about how the Clearing system works and/or call the Careers Team to talk things through in advance of Results Day.

How will I know if I am in Clearing?

You'll know you're in Clearing if your Track status says 'You are in Clearing' or 'Clearing has started'. Or, you follow the on screen prompts to [decline your firm place](#), and your Track status then says 'You are in Clearing' or 'Clearing has started'.

If Track doesn't say either of these yet, it might just be waiting for your results to update. Get in touch with the university if it's taking a while – they might still be considering you, even if your results are a bit lower than required.

Don't panic – lots of students use the Clearing process and there will be plenty of university courses available.

Clearing Plus

If you find yourself in Clearing, UCAS will personally match you to courses you may be interested in, using what they know about you from your application.

If you're unplaced or have started a new application, a button will appear in your application called 'My matches'. This will take you to your top 50 course matches. You'll then be able to tell universities and colleges you're 'interested' in their courses. If they still have vacancies and you meet their entry requirements, they may call you.

Don't worry, if you want to apply for something different, you can still find courses available in Clearing using the UCAS [search tool](#).

[More about Clearing Plus](#)

What help will I have from School?

- If you know in advance that you will want to use the Clearing process (because you have decided you don't want to go to either your firm or insurance choice), please email the Careers Team to let us know to expect you at 8am on Thursday. You also need to contact Mr Williams, our examinations officer, to ask him to release your results early at 8am. (All other students will pick up their results from 9:30am).
- If you find yourself in Clearing, a member of the Careers Team will work with you to guide you through the process until you have a confirmed university place. Please come straight into the Careers Resource Centre in the Reynolds Building. Bring a parent or friend with you for support and to help you phone university Clearing hotlines.
- Please note that the Clearing process can take several days, but we will keep in contact with you, until you have a university place you are happy with.
- The Careers Team will also help to remind you about sorting out accommodation and changing your Student Finance application. Some students may be required to have an interview over the phone or even in person. Again, the Careers Team or a member of staff will help you to prepare for this.

Not got anything sorted?

The Careers Team will keep in touch with you to offer advice and support for as long as you need it. If you are a jobseeker who has not yet secured a suitable post, we will continue to send you a weekly vacancy bulletin and assist you in any way we can until you have found full-time employment.

Best of luck!