



Student Guide To Results Day 2020

WHAT TO DO – A LEVEL RESULTS

Results Day – Thursday 13th August 2020

Before Results Day

- Ensure that UCAS has up to date contact details. This includes telephones number and e mail address as well as your home address.
- Check Track to see if you are eligible for Clearing Plus.

Clearing Plus

UCAS has introduced a new tool for this summer called Clearing Plus. This runs alongside traditional clearing. Both will be available from **Monday 6th July**.

If you are unplaced either before or on results day, you will be eligible for Clearing Plus. This tool matches you with universities and courses based on you UCAS application and previous course choices.

How to use Clearing Plus

- If you are eligible to use this tool, there will be a new button in Track called 'View Matches'. Once you click on this button you will be able to start browsing the courses that you have been matched with
- If you find a course that, you wish to be considered for, click on the 'I'm interested' button. This will pass your details to the university.
- If the university still has places they will contact you to discuss your application and possibly make an offer
- If you receive an offer, add it as a Clearing choice and this will confirm your place.
- Remember that you can also search Clearing using either the UCAS or an individual university website.

On Results Day

Before you leave home – you may need the following items, so prepare them in advance and bring them with you. Your results will be available from 8am in the main school building.

- Notepad
- Mobile phone
- UCAS Track Sign in details
- Contact details for both your firm and conditional offers plus offer grades
- Electronic copy of your personal statement

If you think that you may have to apply through clearing then pick up a copy of the Telegraph newspaper on the way in as the UCAS website can be very busy and a hard copy may be quicker to use.



For all of the advice that follows it is important to note the following; your tutors, teachers and parents are **not** the people that universities want to hear from. They will not want others to call on your behalf. However tempting it is to ask your mum or dad to call, **you** must call yourself.

I have achieved the grades for my achieved my Firm Offer

Well done! Relax, call your family but do not call up the University to confirm your offer unless you have been explicitly told to do so.

1. The first place to check is UCAS Track. This should be updated at 8am on results day, however, it may take a day or two to update your UCAS track – don't panic, it can take a few days. If it is not updated by the Monday following results day, ring the University to confirm your place.
2. Your confirmation letter should appear in UCAS Track, 5-7 days after your place is confirmed. Check and read this carefully as it will say what else you will need to do or if your University will be in touch with further instructions. You will also need this letter to open your student bank account.
3. To make sure your Tuition Fees are paid, and/or to take out a Student Loan you need to make contact with Student Finance England or Wales.

I have achieved better than the grades needed for my Firm Offer

Adjustment (13th August - 31st August)

If your exam results turn out to be better than expected and not only meet but exceed the conditions of your offer you have the option of adjustment. Adjustment allows you to register and apply for other aspirational courses - the 5-Day Adjustment Period facility.

You have five 24 hour periods (including weekends) within this time to use it, starting from when your conditional firm (CF) offer changes to unconditional firm (UF), or on A level publication day – whichever is the later. If your offer goes UF less than five days before 31 August, you'll only have whatever time is left between then and 31 August.

This is the only way that UCAS allows you to turn down an offer and look for a “better” place.

For more details about Adjustment (which is entirely optional), visit www.ucas.ac.uk and follow links for Adjustment

To be eligible to use Adjustment;

- Your results must have met and exceeded the conditions of your conditional firm (CF) choice (It will be up to the universities and colleges to verify this) and you have paid the full application fee.

For example, you can enter Adjustment if;

Offer	Meeting and exceeding your offer	Not meeting and exceeding your offer
A level BBB	A level ABB	A level BBC or A level BBBB
96 Tariff points including C in French	96 Tariff points including B in French	112 Tariff points including D in French

You are not eligible to use Adjustment if;

- You are confirmed at your firm choice but did not exceed the conditions of the offer.
- You have a confirmed place on a changed course offer.
- Your original offer was unconditional.

Note: you cannot adjust your insurance choice.

I have not achieved the grades for my Firm Offer

It is possible if you narrowly miss the grades that your firm offer has still accepted you. Check UCAS Track if it says accepted then well done, you have your place and you follow the same steps as above.

1. If UCAS Track still shows conditional then the best advice is for you to ring your firm choice immediately on results day and keep ringing unless your status has been published on Track. If you have a name or a special telephone number of someone you met at interview or Open Day, use that number.

You may have to be prepared to make your case for the university to accept you so have some thoughts ready.

2. If you have not met the conditions of your offer, you may be made a changed course or year offer which would be indicated in Track by the symbol UCC. You are not obliged to accept this. Confirmation outlining the options available to you will be sent by UCAS when all Confirmation decisions have been made and then you must accept or decline the offer. These options are also available on Track.

N.B. You will only have five calendar days to respond to a changed course offer.

If your UCAS track says (r) then you will have been rejected from your firm offer. Don't worry or dwell on it too much there are still options open to you which are outlined below.

I have achieved the grades for my Insurance Offer

If you accept it, the situation is the same as meeting your firm offer, just wait for confirmation from UCAS and follow the steps above.

You must find out whether your Insurance choice have accepted or rejected you in exactly the same way as your firm offer so it's time to start calling as you would if it were your firm offer. In the unlikely event that you are accepted by your insurance offer but no longer wish to go to that institution, you can withdraw and log into clearing. This is a risky option so please speak to a member of staff on results day prior to withdrawing from any offer.

I have not achieved the grades for my Insurance Offer

You must be sure that they have rejected you before trying to enter clearing. Do **NOT** assume that if you do not meet the grades that you will be automatically rejected. They may well still take you – **FIND OUT!**



Clearing Plus

Check UCAS Track to see if you are eligible for Clearing Plus. This facility allows institutions to try and secure the best applicants. Clearing plus is discussed earlier in this guide and matches applicants based with suitable courses based on their original UCAS application.

It does **not** replace the traditional clearing process which is explained later.

The service works by comparing the qualification profiles of unplaced applicants to the profile of applicants that have been accepted on university and college courses in previous cycles. When an applicant's profile (courses applied to, location, qualifications) is matched, the applicant has the opportunity to contact the matched university or college for consideration. Applicants may then be contacted directly by universities and colleges where they have indicated they are interested.

Who can use this service?

This service is not automatic, and applicants will become eligible if they are unplaced either before or on results day.

How do you accept an offer through this service?

The process of accepting an offer through this service is the same procedure as adding a choice in Clearing. A verbal offer from a university/college is not formal until they have added it as a Clearing choice in Track.

The Traditional Clearing Method

If you think it is likely that you have to go down the clearing route, then it will be worth doing some research before you leave the school and taking home a list of the appropriate telephone numbers to ring. IT Facilities and school staff will be available to help with this. The Clearing Process on UCAS has been made simpler and provides a useful search tool to find a place on your chosen course.

1. From Monday 6th July onwards, if you are eligible for Clearing, an “Add Clearing Choice” button will appear on your Track “Choices” screen, which you can use to apply for a course.
2. UCAS will not send a letter to candidates to inform them that they are eligible for Clearing. You should regularly check your application status on Track – to find out if you are in Clearing.

Look at courses/universities using Course Search on the UCAS website, in the Telegraph, and in relevant university prospectuses/web-sites – decide which one your A-level results might qualify you for.

Ring the Admissions Tutor for the course concerned and ask if they would be interested in you, given your grades.

Prepare your conversation well, and sell yourself – if you are not impressive then they will not be interested!

Remember that the admissions tutors want to talk to you – not to parents or the school.

Remember until your status has been updated on UCAS track your place is not confirmed.

The University should update your status within 48 hours. Contact your clearing choice if this is not done.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS – THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT

An astonishing number of students move house and fail to notify UCAS that they have moved house, so they do not receive all the forms required for acceptance/clearing. Please make sure that UCAS have your correspondence address. All you need to do is to ring and give your UCAS number, and then ask them to check your correspondence address.

UCAS: 0371 4680468 (Application Enquiries)