

## Results Day and Clearing Information

### Results Day

8am – School opens and Track goes live with outcomes

Four possible Track messages:

- a. Congratulations [Firm or Insurance]
- b. Clearing
- c. Waiting [One of your choices is still making its decision]
- d. New course offer [You can decide to confirm or decline]

Track will not tell you your actual results – you will need to come into school for your grades. There is a possibility that, if Track opens late, you may assume from your grades that you don't have a place, but in fact you do. You should think about which order you want the information in!

There will be school staff on hand throughout Results Day and the day afterwards to help you with any questions you have.

### Clearing Process:

- Use UCAS to research vacancies between 8am and 3pm. Keep checking, as the situation is fluid. This research can include courses you have declined or courses different from the ones you originally applied to. Make sure your phone is fully charged!
- Be prepared to be interviewed over the phone. Have your Clearing number and application form (including personal statement) ready.
- Contact your top few choices and see if they will make a non-binding, verbal offer over the phone. Universities will only speak to you (or the nominated access person on your form if for any reason you are incapacitated on the day).
- At/after 3pm add one choice to Track and await outcome
- Repeat as necessary, until you have a confirmed place. This process technically goes on into September, but the most competitive courses will fill first.

### Advice for the period between your final exam and Results Day:

*Hope for the best, plan for the worst*

- Write down/Print off your Clearing plan: what courses would you consider; which unis would you consider? Joint honours? Do some of the research now (location, course structure, employability, quality of teaching, facilities, societies), and if at all possible, go and visit. Being knowledgeable about the university and course in any phone call you have on Results Day will impress and make you feel calmer.
- Ensure you know the UCAS points tariff – many Clearing offers will be made on the basis of points, which will often include EPQ.
- Decide what questions you would ask them (accommodation, contact time, extra-curricular...) in your Clearing phone call, to demonstrate interest.
- Consider also the Direct Contact Service offered by UCAS
- Remember, there is also Adjustment (upscaling), details of which are on [ucas.com](https://ucas.com)