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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians

GUIDANCE ON UNIVERSITY OFFERS

What will happen on results day?

Your A Level/Level 3 results will be emailed to you via your BGN email address at 8:30am on the morning of Tuesday August 10th. At the same time, your UCAS *Track* account will also update and let you know if you have been offered a place in your firm or insurance choice university. If you need support from Mrs Ellul or Mrs O'Donnell, please ring the school between 8.30 and 12.00. You can also contact us via email during that time, including a telephone number we can easily reach you on. **Please note that there is a separate procedure for appeals.**

Once you get your results, follow what *UCAS Track* tells you to do about accepting your offer and confirming your accommodation. Then you can start your celebrations; remember to make sure you keep referring to *UCAS Track* regularly over the next month.

What if I exceed my offer grades?

If you exceed the grades needed for your firm choice you may consider adjustment as an option. **ADJUSTMENT:** This is for students who achieve higher A level grades than they expected and who may decide to attend a different university with higher entry requirements. They can hold their firm choice whilst talking with other universities that may still have places available on courses of interest. There is no formal list of places for Adjustment, so a student who thinks they may be in this position should do their online research like Clearing, and phone the universities before results day to see if there are likely to be any places on courses you are interested in. This UCAS website has more details: [UCAS Adjustment - How it works for better exam results](#) . It is also advised that students follow the social media accounts of the universities they are interested in.

What if I have not met my offer?

If you are not celebrating, then there are still options available to you:

- When your grades narrowly miss entry requirements, the same university may offer you an alternative course on track – you decide whether to accept or decline.
- If you do not want to accept the offered course, there is an option on UCAS Track to decline the place and self-release from the confirmed offers. If you make a mistake, call the university immediately and explain.

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- It is not too late to apply to university or apply for a different course altogether. You do this through *Clearing* (described below). It is better to send in a late application than start from scratch on results day.
- If you are unsure of your university choice, then some universities allow students to defer their offer until next year – ring up the university and ask if this is possible or consider *clearing* or *adjustment* alternatives.

How does Clearing work?

A major difference to the way UCAS CLEARING is working this year is the increased use of social media to find quick answers to general enquiries. Some things to think about:

- Peak times to ring up universities to discuss clearing places are 08:30-11:30am on results day, so get organised beforehand to telephone universities, as emails are not as effective.
- On results day, call the universities directly about offers; and then be patient on the phone lines as universities will have different numbers of staff allocated to clearing.
- You could contact the universities that you already applied to see if they have an alternative course in their clearing list that you might be interested in. Occasionally you might find you can still get into your first choice if they have places – so get ready and phone up early.

What can I do now to prepare?

How do you prepare? If you are not sure that you will achieve the grades that meet your offer, from the 5th July you can find clearing places and the **Minimum Entry Requirements**, and also chat to students who have been in your shoes at: <https://www.ucas.com/clearing-launch>

- Refer to University LIVE events in the weeks prior to results day – some of these are found on the Sixth Form Bulletin on the BGN website.
- You can even find places on courses at Russell Group universities in clearing, so look them up before results day; make a list of the universities, courses available, contact names and telephone numbers you may need, as well as having a copy of your personal statement with you that highlights your achievements in case you have a telephone interview. Quoting your EP title may also help you impress the admissions tutors. A clearing tool is now live on your Unifrog platform. The following websites give all the details on clearing:
<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/clearing-results-day/the-survivors-guide-to-clearing>
<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/university/apply/clearing/top-10-tips-for-clearing>

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- Finally, we subscribe to an organisation called Netsixthform which has a bank of videos to guide you through the final stages of the application process and the first term at university. We have used a lot of these resources in tutor time with you already, if you would like to watch them again here is the link and you will need access **code net256** [Resources Search Results | Net Sixth Form](#) and [Resources Search Results | Net Sixth Form](#). Please note, although the links look the same, they link to two different sets of resources. There are also resources there if you are looking for an apprenticeship.

Further information

On another note, Banbury Charities offer small student grants when you have a place at University or College. Please refer to criteria on the attached flyer.

So, it remains for us to wish you well and to let you know that we will be available in school hours up to the end of term if you have any questions on what will happen on results day, and at the times indicated overleaf, on results day.

Regards,



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