**RESULTS DAY: Thursday August 17th 2023**

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

**HOW WILL I GET MY RESULTS?**

Your A Level/Level 3 results will be emailed to you via your BGN email address around 8:00am on the morning of Thursday August 17th. 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. School will be open between 8:00 and 11:00 am for those of you who need to come in to meet with staff to discuss your individual situation further. You can also contact us via email during that time, include a telephone number we can easily reach you on.

Once you get your results, follow what *Track* tells you to do about accepting your offer and confirming your accommodation. Check that your Student Finance account names the correct university. Then you can start your celebrations! Remember to make sure you keep logging in to *Track* regularly over the next month.

If you exceed the grades needed for your firm choice you may consider clearing if you decide to attend a university with higher entry requirements. First, phone the university of your choice to see if they still have places; you will be asked to self-release first, as in clearing, and then your verbally agreed choice will appear on *Track* after 3pm. You can read more about this in more detail on: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing>

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 *Track* to decline the place and self-release from the confirmed offers and start the Clearing process. If you make a mistake, call the university immediately and explain.

**UCAS CLEARING** – Firstly, you can use social media to find quick answers to general enquiries**.**

* The most sought after courses will go quickly, peak times to ring up universities to discuss Clearing places are 08:30 - 11:00am on results day, so get organised beforehand to telephone universities, emails are not as effective.
* On results day, call the universities directly about offers available with your grades; 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 if they have an alternative course in their clearing list that you are interested in. Sometimes you could still get into your first choice if they have places – so get ready and phone up early.

**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 **M**inimum **E**ntry **R**equirements, and also chat to students who have been in your shoes at: <https://www.ucas.com/clearing-launch>

* 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. 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>

**IN THE MEANTIME**, you can still

* Send in a late application to university until 30th June. The benefits of this are that you would have more time to organise student finance and accommodation before the course starts. Otherwise, you can apply through Clearing on results day as described above.
* Change to a different course altogether. If you have started your application but decide to change course – ring your firm and insurance universities and ask if they would consider letting you change course. Any changes will appear on *Track*.
* Defer your entry to next year. Some universities allow students to defer their offer until next year. Ring up the university and ask if this is possible – you can do this now or on results day.

And finally, some helpful websites: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zM8upfFt264> from the University of Birmingham helps you to prepare for Clearing. If you are looking for an apprenticeship there are resources on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship> while you could search for employment for a gap year on <https://findajob.dwp.gov.uk/search?loc=86411>

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.

   

Mrs O’Donnell Mrs Ellul Mr Thornton