



## PREPARING FOR RESULTS DAY

**A Levels, BTEC - 13th August 2020**

### IN ADVANCE

- ★ Log in and check your email address is correct: uni's might need to contact you and send you reading lists, accommodation details etc. Also check your phone number and postal address.
- ★ Track is 'frozen' in the days leading to the publication of your A-level results, meaning you won't be able to make any changes during this time. Contact UCAS directly if you need to update any information, you'll need to provide your UCAS ID.
- ★ If you are concerned that you will not obtain the required grades you can research CLEARING places via UCAS. Write down all the information you need such as University and course, names and codes, phone numbers.
- ★ Your school or college will have been in touch to let you know where you can get your results - for example the school portal. If you are unsure, email your school to check.



## RESULTS DAY

- ★ The school exams office and head teachers will have received your results the day before you do so they know exactly which students need help.
- ★ If your results meet your required grades you can just get ready to start the course. This firm acceptance is confirmed in Track and your UCAS confirmation letter AS12 will appear on the page within five to seven days of the confirmation - it won't be posted to you or sent via email. Some universities will require further action on your part. The letter will explain any further instructions, such as providing evidence of your qualifications.
- ★ The UCAS Track system will be available at around 8am on results day. After it's been updated, Track becomes 'frozen' and your page won't change again until 12 o'clock at the earliest. This is because Track is being updated in the background.
- ★ Wait to log in after you've got your results, so you've a clear idea of whether you're likely to have been accepted by your choices and be better prepared to deal with any disappointment. *If you have obtained the required grades for your firm/insurance your place will automatically be confirmed.*
- ★ If you miss out on your grades. In the first instance speak to your school or you can speak directly to the university. Schools know you as an individual so can potentially appeal your case better.



### **What will Track show?**

If decisions have been made by your university choices, and UCAS have been notified, you can expect to see the following changes to offers on your Track:

**Unconditional** - your place on the course has been confirmed. This may be your firm or insurance offer, or both. **Congratulations! Your place at [uni name] for [course title] has been confirmed.**

**Unsuccessful** - you've not been accepted by your choice(s). You're now eligible to enter Clearing.

**Unconditional Changed Course (UCC)** - you don't have the necessary grades for your offer, but the university has proposed a similar course requiring lower grades.

Look carefully at:

- ★ the course
- ★ if the university has more than one campus, check the location
- ★ they may also offer an alternative start date, such as deferred entry.

You have **5 days to decide** and can discuss the opportunity with the university in question.

If you've used UCAS Extra to add another choice - and have been offered a place - you'll just need to accept it by the date displayed in Track. There's also the option of adding another choice, should you wish to decline the offer.



## **CLEARING**

- ★ What if you don't get the grades you need? Don't panic, as there are a number of options open to you.
- ★ Firstly, if you've missed the grades by just a few marks, you should talk to school and ask them to call the university or you call the university in question. While they're under no obligation to reconsider their decision, especially with places so competitive, they may listen to you if you. You may even be offered a place on another course.
- ★ Alternatively, you could simply accept the decision and go through the results day Clearing process instead.
- ★ You can't add a Clearing choice using Track until 3pm on results day - but you will have done the research.
- ★ Your clearing number will be displayed on Track in the top left corner under My Status

## **CLEARING Plus**

- ★ If applicants find themselves in Clearing, there will be a new button in Track called 'View matches'. If they click this, they can start browsing courses they've been matched to, based on their application and the students providers have told us they're looking for. This is not available to all students.



## **DECLINING AN OFFER**

- ★ We recommend you talk to your school before you make any decision.
- ★ If you are holding a firm unconditional place you no longer wish to take, you can use the 'decline my place' button in Track to apply using Clearing.
- ★ If you still wish to decline the offer, you can use the 'decline your place' button in Track.
- ★ If you use the button and complete the steps, your place will be declined and your contract with the university or college will be cancelled. This means you will lose your place so you should only use this button if you are sure you no longer want to accept it.



## ADJUSTMENT

- ★ To use Adjustment, you simply need to have met and exceeded the terms of the conditional offer from your firm choice.
- ★ You can hold onto your original firm choice while looking.
- ★ Available from A-level results day until Monday 31 August 2020, you can look around for your ideal course, while you still have your original unconditional firm choice to fall back on. As you're under no obligation to reconsider what you've already chosen, you can take your time in making this decision.
- ★ But if you do decide you'd like to change where and what you're studying, you need to REGISTER for Adjustment in Track. You then have 5 days (5 x 24 hour periods) to research and secure an alternative course.
- ★ There are no vacancy lists so you will need to contact universities directly - you can also check possible courses by looking at what's available through clearing. Remember competitive courses are likely to fill up quickly. Check university websites and phone them to see if they'll consider you.
  - You'll need your UCAS Personal ID and need to say that you are applying through adjustment.
  - The university will tell you if you are eligible and ask you if you want to accept the place. The university then tells UCAS and your old firm choice is notified. The details appear in your UCAS page on Track, if you're accepted.
  - If you register for Adjustment by mistake don't worry unless you confirm an alternative place you will just take up your Firm offer.





## **APPEALING RESULTS**

- ★ In the first instance get in contact with your school about exam review and appeals. This can only be done through your school or college. It's recommended you keep the university informed of your plans, as there's a better chance they'll reserve the place for you. Make sure you send them your results by 31 August. Even if the review is successful, you may still not be given a place on your chosen course. However, it's likely you'll be offered alternatives on similar courses, or be given the option to defer your university place until next year. Ask for their terms and conditions in writing so you know where you stand.

## **AUTUMN SERIES OF EXAMS**

- ★ Students who do not feel their calculated grade reflects their ability will have the opportunity to sit an exam in the autumn term, October. The aim is for A level results to be awarded before Christmas. Universities representatives have assured that universities will be as flexible as possible in their admissions.
- ★ Any student wanting to understand the implications for university admission of taking these autumn exams should speak to their school and university from which they have an offer after receiving their calculated grades in the summer.

### **Useful websites:**

[UCAS](#)

[Ofqual](#)

[Government education news and documents](#)

[Pearson](#)

*(Info taken from UCAS, Ofqual, Gov.uk, Prospects collated by RedCrest Careers Ltd.)*