

A Level Results Day: what you need to know

UCAS and universities will already have received your results, so universities will have had time to make decisions on most students.

You cannot view your results in UCAS – you need to get them from school via email or in person (see letter for timings).

You MUST ensure your contact details are up to date on UCAS Track and with school.

Key times to be aware of on Results Day (August 13th):

08:00: UCAS Track for applicants is available.

09:00: Adjustment opens and runs until 31 August through the UCAS website.

09:00: School is open for results collection (please see timings in letter).

11:00: Direct contact service for applicants opens. This enables universities to see students who are in clearing and contact them directly with details of course vacancies.

12:00: School site closed to students.

13:00: Sixth Form Team available by telephone or email for support and guidance about your next steps.

15:00: Applicants are able to make Clearing choices in Track.

After 16.00 on August 13th, continued support and guidance will be provided by the Sixth Form Team by contacting Miss Doyle via dominique.doyle@thecompton.org.uk

CONFIRMATION:

If you meet the conditions of your Conditional FIRM (CF) choice offer:

- You will be placed at your **Firm** choice (UF) and will see a confirmation letter in UCAS Track. The letter will tell you if you need to do anything else.

If you DO NOT meet the conditions of your FIRM choice offer but meet the conditions of your INSURANCE choice:

- You will be placed at your **Insurance** choice (UI) and will see a confirmation letter in UCAS Track. The letter will tell you if you need to do anything further.

If you DO NOT meet the conditions of your FIRM choice and have no insurance:

- You **may still be placed** at your **Firm** choice university – UCAS Track will tell you whether you have been accepted or not, but you may need to wait a couple of days. You may wish to call the university directly to get information and advice.
- You may be offered a change of course, date of entry, or point of entry – a Confirmation Change letter will show in Track. You **DO NOT** have to accept a change of course but you **MUST REPLY WITHIN 5 DAYS** if you want to accept.

CLEARING:

This [video](#) explains the Clearing process through UCAS – watch it before results day.

If you DO NOT meet the conditions of your FIRM or INSURANCE choice, then you can try to find a suitable course through **CLEARING** or **CLEARING PLUS**:

- If your Firm and Insurance choices have confirmed that they will not offer you a place, you can add a choice in Clearing **from 3pm** on results day. **Keep checking Track to find out if you are eligible for clearing.**
- You can begin contacting universities by phone to enquire about their vacancies as soon as you know you are eligible for clearing. Clearing vacancies are listed on the **UCAS website** and in the Telegraph newspaper, however the UCAS website will be the most up to date of these as the vacancy situation changes quickly.
- **NEW THIS YEAR: CLEARING PLUS:** UCAS will personally match you to courses you may be interested in, using information from your application, and what universities and colleges are looking for in a student. If you're unplaced or have started a new application, a button will appear in Track – 'My matches'. This will take you to your top 50 course matches. You'll then be able to tell universities and colleges you're 'interested' in their courses. If they still have vacancies and you meet their entry requirements, they may call you.
- If you are made a provisional offer over the phone, you will be given a date by which you need to enter the course details in Track.
- **NO CHOICES** can be added in Track until 3pm on results day at the earliest – so don't be pressured into making a decision on the spot!
- Once you have decided which clearing place you want to accept, you must log onto UCAS Track and add the choice. A university cannot formalise the offer until you have added the course in track and they have access to your UCAS ID.
- You can contact as many universities as you wish – you might be made several informal offers. **But you can only add ONE choice in Track.**
- Universities will also be able to contact you directly about vacancies using the 'Direct Contact Service'. This is an optional service you can sign up to – you do not have to accept any offers you receive through this service. It is a way for universities to let you know about courses you may not have considered.
- **Self-release:** You do not need to phone a university to be released from your FIRM or INSURANCE choice if you change your mind on Results Day – you can now self-release in UCAS Track.

ADJUSTMENT:

- This is an **optional** service for students who **meet and EXCEED** the conditions of their Firm choice. It gives you a chance to reconsider where and what to study, **without losing your firm place.**

- You can register for Adjustment in Track from 9am. You then have FIVE days to secure an alternative place, otherwise you remain at your firm choice.
- There are no Adjustment vacancy lists – you need to contact universities directly.
- **WARNING: You must make it very clear whether you are ENQUIRING or AGREEING to accept an offer.** Once you are in adjustment - the university controls your status: if they 'claim' you – i.e. you agree to accept an offer over the phone, then you will lose your 'Unconditional Firm' place.

Thinking about your options?

We know that some of you with Firm places are considering your options in light of the Covid 19 outbreak, so we are recommending some resources to help you decide:

What kind of experience will I have at university in September?

To find out what kind of delivery your university is planning this September, click [here](#). This directory is updated regularly and details what arrangements universities are making for students beginning courses with them this year.

Forget the scaremongering: this could be the best year to start university

Attached to this document is an article from The Times which considers why this could be an especially good time to start a university course.

I don't want to go to university next year – what can I do instead?

Click [here](#) to read an article from The Guardian newspaper about your options if you are taking a gap year. The UCAS website also has a helpful guide to 'Alternatives' to university – click [here](#) to find out more.

Work Experience and Internships

For those of you looking for work experience or internship opportunities, sign up for employer alerts from UpTree - www.uptree.co

I want to do an apprenticeship

The central database of apprenticeship opportunities is [here](#). We encourage you to use the [student interactive guide](#) to help guide your search and prepare for interviews.

Do you want to discuss your options?

You can always e-mail Miss Doyle if you have any questions or want to talk through any of these options:

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