



BEFORE RESULTS DAY (Thursday 18th August 2022)

- Consider checking Clearing **just in case** things do not go to plan...
- Official Clearing course vacancy information is only published by UCAS and *The Telegraph*.
- **Clearing vacancies will be listed on UCAS's search tool.** Although Clearing officially 'opens' on 5th July, the busiest time is on, and just after, Results Day itself as universities release their unfilled places, often at lower grade requirements.
- Further information about how Clearing works can be found here: [All About Clearing](#)
- This year, UCAS are offering a new tool called '**Clearing Plus**', which will help match you to possible courses if you are unplaced on Results Day.
- Look on university websites to see if clearing lists have been published.

ON RESULTS DAY be sure to have with you...

- Fully charged mobile telephone;
- UCAS number and password to hand;
- Pen and paper;
- Access to the UCAS website to check your account – **all communication from universities will come electronically via Track.**

NB: You won't be able to see your actual grades in Track – just whether your Firm or Insurance choices have accepted you. It will 'go live' no earlier than 0800. You can also view your grades via Firefly from 0800 – please see the accompanying letter from Mr Hughes about Results Day.

1) If you have **ATTAINED YOUR GRADES...**

Congratulations! Applicants who have met the conditions of their firm choice will be placed there (**UF**). Track will display a Confirmation letter confirming your place. The letter will advise you if you need to take any further action.

Applicants who are not confirmed at their firm choice, but *do* meet the conditions of their insurance choice, will be automatically be placed at their insurance choice (**UI**).

2) If your **RESULTS ARE NOT AT OFFER LEVEL on Firefly but there is NO DECISION YET MADE on Track...**

Ring your Firm choice first and enquire about acceptance. There may be a delay while a university decides whether to still accept you.

If you are then rejected by your CF, **ring your Insurance choice** and enquire there. Again, there might be a delay while the university makes a decision. If you are delayed, begin looking at alternative vacancies in Clearing just in case. Eligibility for Clearing will be automatic if both your CF and CI decline you.

Mrs Clancy and Mr Hughes will help you discuss your next steps – ring School's reception on 01902 421326 to book an appointment – either a telephone call back or face-to-face if necessary.

NB: Either your CF or CI may offer you an **alternative course** in place of the one you applied for if you have not made the grades. This will display as a 'Confirmation Change letter' in Track and you will have 5 days to make up your mind about whether to accept it or not.



3) If you have **NO OFFERS** (therefore you have been declined by both Firm and Insurance choices) ...

Although it can be a stressful time, try not to panic.

Look at vacancy information in Clearing – **ensure that you are looking in the UCAS Search for 2022** and *not* UCAS Search for the next 2022-23 cycle. If you have been declined by both your CF and CI choices, you will **automatically become eligible for Clearing in Track** and be issued with a 'Clearing number'.

Mrs Clancy and Mr Hughes will help you discuss your next steps. Ring School's reception on 01902 421326 to book an appointment - students who have been turned down by both their Firm and Insurance choices and are therefore unplaced take priority on the day.

Although you may browse for places and you should definitely **contact universities informally via telephone in the first instance** to enquire about Clearing places and discuss whether you are eligible, you will only be able to enter Clearing choices formally – one at a time – in Track **from 15:00 on Thursday 18th August**. You will need to act relatively swiftly – the best places do get taken quickly.

4) If your **RESULTS ARE BETTER THAN YOUR OFFER LEVEL OR YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR MIND ABOUT YOUR COURSE/UNIVERSITY...**

You may look to see if there is better place available in Clearing and 'Self-Release' (i.e., **withdraw** from your Firm/Insurance place) so that you can take it.

Be careful! Self-Release turns down all places held – i.e. a Firm AND your Insurance choice, if you are holding one. It should only be used when you are sure and have talked it through with Mrs Clancy and Mr Hughes.. ring School on 01902 421326 (after 10am) and make an appointment.

Please note that **if you are entering Clearing, we recommend contacting a university offering a vacancy by telephone first, informally, (have your UCAS number to hand)** to confirm the details of the course and your suitability – admissions tutors will often give you an *indication* of whether you are likely to be accepted over the phone, though they will not necessarily be able to tell you for sure until they see your actual application in Track later on that day.

If you would like to then apply for that place formally, you must then enter the institution and course details in Track – **only one course at a time**. If the university accepts you, this will then show in Track. If you are rejected, Clearing will 're-activate' and you may add your next choice, and so on, one vacancy at a time.

Remember, if things don't go to plan, or you change your mind about what you want to do, you may also re- apply to university next year, either independently or with the support of the School.

Good luck!