



What happens on results day?

Year 13 PSHE: Wednesday 7 May



Results day

- Arrive at school for 8:00am on Thursday 14 August
- Use the gate by the canteen and make your way to the Upstairs Common Room
- Your tutor or other teachers will be there to hand you your envelope with your statement of results (your actual certificates will be given to you at Prize Giving * near Christmas)
- If you don't collect your results by 10:00am, they will be posted to you
- You can have someone else collect, but they need to bring with them a letter, written and signed by you, and some ID. Please tell us in advance if you are planning to do this.

** Assuming we don't have another Christmas Water Crisis*

UCAS & results

- UCAS receives your results directly and will be updated from 8am on Thursday, however some courses will start updating earlier than that.
- You will be able to see if you have been accepted onto your Firm or Insurance choice, but you will not be able to see your grades
- It will be tempting to stay up all night waiting for track to update, however if you find that you're not accepted and now in Clearing you will need a clear head to spend the next day sorting out alternative plans...
- Please go to bed!

What will I see in UCAS?

- **Unconditional** - your place on the course has been confirmed. This may be your firm or insurance offer, or both.
- **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. They may also offer an alternative start date, such as deferred entry. You have five days to decide and can discuss the opportunity with the university in question.

+ Firm and Insurance

- If you have met the conditions for your Firm place, they will expect you to join them
- If you would now prefer to take up your place at your Insurance offer you cannot simply decline your Firm. This will place you straight into Clearing.
- If you want to go to your Insurance place, you should phone them to see if they will accept you through Clearing before declining your firm place.

+ Clearing

- If you are not accepted onto your Firm or Insurance choices, you will now be placed in **Clearing**
- Some courses can be found on the **UCAS clearing website**.
- You will need to ring universities to get informal offers, then decide which one you want to accept
- You can consider applying for a different course and to universities that may have previously rejected you earlier in the year
- You will need to be quick as it is a 'first-come-first-served' basis, but make sure you still think carefully about the decision – you are committing years of your life to this!
- Places often remain during Clearing up until October, but it depends on the course
- [Clearing Advice from UCAS](#)

+What °next?

- Click 'Add Clearing choice' on UCAS and fill in the course details – this is available from 2pm
- Only add a Clearing choice once you have permission from the university – they need to check if you are eligible first.
- This counts as you accepting the offer, so if they confirm, it'll show as an acceptance on your 'Choices' page in your application
- You can only add one choice at a time, but if the university doesn't confirm your place, you'll be able to add another
- Universities are unlikely to speak to you without your Clearing ID so you will not be able to negotiate a place on a course whilst holding offers.
- University staff won't know when you get there if you got the place through Clearing.

What will I need on the day?

UCAS Phone
Number: **0371 468 0 468**

University phone
numbers for Ucas
Clearing 2024|
The Student Room

- a fully charged mobile phone (and charger)
- a notepad and pen
- details of conditional offers, university contact numbers, access to UCAS
- notes from having researched universities and courses beforehand, with a list of questions to ask course tutors
- your personal statement and GCSE results.
- UCAS ID
- Clearing ID – this will be in UCAS
- Your nominated access!



+ Clearing Matches

- This is a tool which has been designed to match you with your ideal course using information from your application and what universities are looking for in candidates
- You'll see a 'View your matches' button in UCAS. This takes you to your top 50 course matches. From the list, you can approach universities offering courses you're interested in
- You can also find courses available in Clearing using the search tool
- [Clearing matches | UCAS](#)

Import favours | For quick access, place your favourites here on the favourites bar. [Link to your favourites](#)

Everyone has a match

First, we match you to every course.

We then take what we know about you: your choices, qualifications, what unis have told us they're looking for, and what previous students like you have gone on to study to narrow down your matches.

No choices? No problem

If you're a new applicant and haven't submitted any choices, you'll still be matched in Clearing Plus.

We'll base your matches on the qualifications you have and what previous students like you went on to study.

See a course you like?

Hit 'interested'. This lets the uni or college know you'd like to be considered for a place.

If there are still places available, the uni may contact you. You should still look at Clearing vacancies using our search tool too.

It's not your only option

None of your matches interest you? No problem. You can still browse all courses with Clearing vacancies in our search tool.

- 1 Find a course.
- 2 Contact the uni.
- 3 Add a Clearing choice.

+What if I get better grades than expected?

- If you managed to meet and exceed the conditions of your Firm offer, our advice will be to still take that offer
- If you'd like to explore the possibility of picking an alternative course requiring higher grades, you can do this through Clearing
- You would have to **decline your Firm choice** in order to place yourself in Clearing though.
- Check that the course you want is available before you decline – there is clearly a risk involved here.

+ • What if I am on holiday?

- Your '**nominated access**' in UCAS will be able to speak to universities on your behalf
- If you can't be there in person but can get online, you can still log in to your UCAS account to discover what your chosen universities have decided
- You can have someone else collect your results, but they need to bring with them a letter, written and signed by you, and some ID.

What if I want to take a Gap Year?

- If, after careful consideration, you decide you don't want to go to university this year you may decide to take a Gap Year and apply next Autumn
- If you are holding an offer and want to take it up a year after, you will need to speak to the university and asked for a 'deferred entry', they will change it in UCAS and you do not need to apply again.
- Otherwise, you will have to start a new UCAS application so will need to ask us for the new buzzword to link to us for your reference etc
- We will process your UCAS, so please keep in touch with us to let us know that this is your plan
- Think carefully about what you plan to do for your Gap Year, you should be mentioning this in your updated personal statement – it shouldn't just be the same as the year before.

+Year 14 Applications

[The new personal statement for 2026 entry | UCAS](#)

- The same internal deadlines will apply to you as 'Year 14' so early applicants need to be ready to submit in mid-September and everyone else in mid-November. **Please don't leave it till the last minute**
- Personal statements are changing next year. They will be broken down into 3 questions:
 1. Why do you want to study this course or subject?
 2. How have your qualifications and studies helped you to prepare for this course or subject?
 3. What else have you done to prepare outside of education, and why are these experiences useful?
- The total character count remains the same at 4000 characters. Each answer has a minimum 350 character count.

+ Resits and ◦ remarks

- In your Results Day envelope there will be instructions of how to apply for a re-mark in one or more papers
- Please remember that marks can go down as well as up!
- If you wish to resit any exams, you can apply as an external candidate with us, through Mrs Penman the Exams Officer. She can be contacted at: exams@nonsuchschool.org
- If you reapply to UCAS we will give you a predicted grade of one grade higher than your A level this summer
- In our experience only about half the grades go up, the rest stay the same or go down
- You have to declare all grades from both years on your application
- You are not able to resit any NEA component of your A level

Student finance changes ahead: The Lifelong Loan Entitlement (LLE)

[Student finance: 2025 to 2026 -
GOV.UK](#)

[Lifelong Learning Entitlement
overview - GOV.UK](#)

- From January 2027, people will be able to access loans worth the equivalent of 4 years of post-18 education (£37,000 in today's tuition fees) under the LLE and use them flexibly over their lives to suit their circumstances. This will allow more flexibility for studying
- The loan can be used to pay for full or part time study, for a variety of courses – from degrees to higher technical qualifications.
- It will allow people to jump on and off their learning, throughout their lives
- Students will be able to keep track of their studies and see how much funding they have left in a personal account, and access information about the courses and modules they can spend it on.
- This will be available online and operate much like a bank account.
- **The current system remains in place for your first 2 years in higher education.**

What does this mean for me?

- If you return to studying later in life, you now will have a partial entitlement. The amount available will be based on the amount of any student loans you've already taken out with the current system.
- For example, someone who previously had taken out a student loan to study a history degree will now be entitled to finance for a Higher Technical Qualification in Software Development later in life
- The repayment rules are not changing - you would pay back 9% of everything you earn above £25,000 and any remaining amount owed will be wiped after 40 years.
- There is not a lot of information about how you apply yet, or for courses longer than 4 years....

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Good luck
next week!

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- Please remember to arrive on time – be lined up outside at 8.25 or 12.55.
- Set an alarm clock as you may get out of routine
- Bear in mind that afternoon buses / trains may be at different times to morning ones.
- Remember your seat number – check before you line up.
- Double check your exam timetable every few days – don't assume you know the day of your exam – keep checking!
- Make sure you have all your equipment – especially calculators (but not cases...)
- See through water bottles must be completely clear with no labels.
- Don't write anything on your hands (or anywhere else)
- Contact me and Mrs Penman if you are running late or will be absent
- Let an invigilator know if you are feeling unwell