

24 June 2024

Dear Student,

RE: A Level Results Day

I hope you are enjoying your well-earned rest following a tough year and just wanted to write to you to give you some more information about results day in the summer. Please see below some frequently asked questions about how results day will look this year. You will be able to collect your results from the school, which will enable the staff present to offer their congratulations and also give guidance and advice should you need it.

If you have any questions about results day, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or on the phone.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming you back on results day.

Best wishes,



Mr D Andrews
Head of Sixth Form

A-Level Results Day 2024: Frequently Asked Questions

When is A-Level results day?

Results day is Thursday 15 August.

How will I receive my results?

You can collect your results from the Common Room from 9.15 am. If you are unable to collect the results on this day they can be emailed to you. Please contact the exams team at exams@driffieldschool.org.uk if you need this to happen. Your parents are more than welcome to accompany you on to site in order to collect your results.

How does the UCAS process work on results day?

You will be able to see the universities' final decisions on your UCAS "Hub" from approximately 8 am. This will confirm your place, so make sure you have your personal ID and password to hand.

Hopefully it will show that you have been confirmed at your "firm" choice of university.

If it shows that you have been confirmed at your "insurance" offer it means that unfortunately you have not been successfully placed at your "firm" choice.

If the Hub is blank, **do not worry**, it means that the university has not yet decided and has not updated the system and you will just have to wait. The Hub will not confirm what grades you have achieved, only your acceptance onto a course. If you still haven't heard by 10.30 am they are still considering whether to accept you or not and it might be worth trying to give them a call, to see if you can nudge them towards a positive decision for you.

You might find that you have been offered an alternative by the university/college – a 'changed course offer' (which you will need to accept or decline). This means you may not have met the entry criteria for your original course, but that you can still attend your desired institution, although with a different course to the one you applied for. This course will often be a close match, or a foundation year. If this is from your Firm choice you will not be able to take up a place at your insurance university unless you decline this alternative offer (make sure you ring your Insurance institution to check that there is still a place on the course there before you decline the 'changed course offer', as they will think you are going to your Firm choice).

If you have been unsuccessful with both choices Track will inform you that you have been entered into clearing and you will be provided with a clearing number that you will need if you wish to look for a new university placement.

Does a confirmation mean I have got my entry requirements?

Not necessarily. It is likely that you have met your entry requirements if you have had a place confirmed, however sometimes the universities still confirm you on the course, even if you have missed the entry requirements

What is clearing?

Clearing opens on 5 July and will show all the universities and courses that still have places available if you use the usual course/university search tool on the UCAS website. On results day clearing opens for applications at 2 pm. Prior to this, if you wish to use clearing, you should spend the morning researching courses that are available and contacting the universities to see if they will offer you a place, with your

grades. You can go home to do this or you can stay in the study centre to do this with support. Once you have found a course you are happy with **and the university has confirmed that they will accept your grades (get this confirmed in an email if you can)**, you can usually add this through your Hub from 2 pm. You then need to wait for the university to confirm this place through Hub. Information about clearing is available at [Clearing and results day | Undergraduate, Conservatoires | UCAS](#)

When does clearing close?

Clearing remains open until 21 October, so don't be rushed into making a bad choice. Take your time to research options to get the best one for you.

What if I don't want to accept my "firm" choice?

You can decline the offer through Track and this will release you into clearing. Be aware though that this will also mean that you decline your "Insurance" choice. If you wish to go to your "insurance" choice rather than your "firm" choice you must check with your insurance choice that they will still take you (phone them) and then you need to decline your "firm" choice and apply to the "insurance" option through clearing.

What happens if I've done better than I thought?

UCAS operates a system called "adjustment". If your grades are higher than you thought and you want to apply for a new course or university that you now have the grades to access you can do this through "adjustment". This is also available through the Hub. You can search and apply for these courses whilst retaining your "firm" or "insurance" offers. These stay safe for you, until you are accepted on a course through adjustment.

How can I get help?

I am available in the Study Centre from 9.15 am – 4 pm on Thursday 15 August and also from 9 am – 2 pm on Friday 16 August. If you require any further assistance outside of these times, please contact me through email and I will do all I can to help you over email or can give you a call.

I still have some school textbooks at home, what do I do with these?

If you have any resources such as textbooks, please bring them to school when you come in to collect your results so that next year's Sixth Form students can use them.