

Dear students

Firstly, I hope you are all well and finding ways to unwind after the stresses of this year.

I realise this may be the last thing you want to think about, but this is an email to keep (or print) and come back to in advance of results day, **Thursday 14th August**.

I'm sending it today because **'Clearing'** officially opens today!

Results Day

Essentially **3 things** can happen on Results Day:

- 1) Your results get you into your first choice.
- 2) Your results get you into your security choice, not your first.

If either of these happen, UCAS will simply update automatically and will tell you this when you log in.

If you're happy with this outcome, then you're done 😊

If you're not happy but have either of those places confirmed, then you'll need to contact the university to reject your place. Only do this if you are certain, or you've already lined up somewhere else. I'd speak to me first if this is your plan.

3) Your results don't get you into either your first or security choice.
Or, you decided to try for somewhere else.
Or, you did better than you expected and what to see if there's a 'better' course out there.

For any of those, you're now in, or trying to use, **Clearing**.

Clearing

To be clear, if you've been rejected from your first and security, you're automatically put into clearing.

If you have a place but want to explore other options, you can use clearing to see what's out there.

On Results Day, please make sure you have your UCAS log-in details and password accessible on the day. Also, make sure you have your UCAS ID (different to the log-in name). It's the 10-digit number, something like 123-456-7890.

If you end up in clearing, you'll be automatically given a Clearing Number.

Planning Ahead

If you feel your results may be below (or above) what you need, then **do a bit of research** in the days before results. Clearing works a lot better if you have some idea about courses and universities you may want to go to.

Clearing is actually open from tomorrow - **5th July**, so you can now do some research into courses:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing>

There will be far more courses available on Results Day as well, as people all over the country make decisions.

You can search here:

<https://digital.ucas.com/search>

I'd advise you to have a list ready of possible courses and places just in case. On the day, ring up the universities in order of your preference. If they accept you, then you have a place. It may take a while for UCAS to update, but don't panic.

UCAS Clearing Plus is meant to match you with possible available courses.

There's a simple guide to Clearing on the next page.

General Info

Your UCAS track will be updated during the day (sometimes before you're even aware of your own results) to tell you of universities decisions. You may even get texts from Universities congratulating you on getting a place there. This is great, but doesn't always mean you actually got the grades you expect, but simply that the Uni has accepted you.

UCAS doesn't 'open' until 8:00 on Results Day, **just after you can collect your results**. I will be based in the Library from then and will be there for as long as people need help so please come and find me there.

If you want any help or advice, I'll be in school.

Once all this is over, don't forget Student Finance. You'll need to change it if your choice of university has changed.

Useful Reading links

<https://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=8dedc07ce580600fe618f38c3&id=54408e78a6>

Student loans

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-england-plan-5/>

I know this is all a lot to take in, so please let me know if you have any issues or questions, either before, during or after Results Day.

Wishing you all a lovely summer

Mr Leeder

How do I apply using Clearing?

Ask for advice

Talk to an adviser at your school, college, centre, or careers office – they can talk you through alternative courses/subjects.

See what courses are available

Use our search tool to find courses – it's the only official vacancy list, so it's the most up-to-date. If you can't find the course you're looking for-

- consider different subjects – you don't have to stick with your original idea. You could also look at joint honours courses, so you can study a mix of subjects
- Keep checking – unis update their course information regularly.
- You might not find the exact unis/colleges/courses you were looking for – some might be full, but some might get vacancies later on

Talk to any unis or colleges you're interested in

Before you add a Clearing choice in your application, you need to call the uni and give them your Clearing number (you can find this in your application), and Personal ID, so they can look it up.

Ask if they'd accept you – they might reconsider you (maybe for the same course) even if you applied to them earlier in the year.

Get informal offers over the phone – maybe from a variety of universities and colleges – then decide which one you want to accept.

Ask about accommodation options – is there any on-campus?

Add your Clearing choice in your application

Only add a Clearing choice once you have permission from the university or college.

Click 'Add Clearing choice', and fill in the course details by the date the university/college gave you on the phone.

This counts as you definitely 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/college doesn't confirm your place, you'll be able to add another.

If the university/college confirms your place, find your student accommodation and then make sure you get everything ready to start your studies.