

Hi everyone

I thought I'd write in advance of A Level results day, which is next week on Thursday 17th. Results are available from school from 9am that day.

There are things which it makes sense to do before then, especially for University applicants, see below.

If you've questions or worries, if you're not quite sure about your next move, if you're looking for a job and want help with a chat and your CV, etc., you are welcome to get in touch. If you like, we can meet up at school. It's much quieter now than it will be after the results are out. Please avoid Thursday 10 August as that's IGCSE results day.

Hope you're all having a lovely summer!

Many thanks

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For University applicants

Prepare...do this now (Note that UCAS Track is down until early on Tuesday 8 August)

Check - can you still get in to UCAS Track? Write down your login (you'll be stressed on results day). If not, contact UCAS to make sure you can get on. On results day, you'll log on to UCAS Track for status updates, see below.

Is all your personal information on UCAS right? If not, update it. Check your address, email address, phone, etc. on Track as they're what Universities will use to communicate with you. You can change these on Track or call UCAS on 0371 468 0 468.

Have you nominated someone who can act on your behalf with Universities? Or do you want to change your nominee? Normally the nominee will be a family member but you can put in John Danielson, Head of Sixth Form if you want. It makes sense to have someone who is available to help on the 17th and thereafter "just in case", otherwise the Universities and UCAS will not be able to talk to anyone else about your application, even if something unexpected happens like illness. You can include or change this by calling UCAS on 0371 468 0 468.

Have a plan B. What happens if you haven't done well enough for your offer(s) to be confirmed? Don't just wait until the 17th. Unless you've an Unconditional offer or are really confident, research **Clearing** anyway, it's not scary - <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/results/no-offers-learn-how-clearing-works> . Look into where you might go and what you might want to do: use Clearing 2017 on <http://search.ucas.com/> and individual University websites.

Expect significant updates once Universities get their hands on the results, which happens a few days before they are released to candidates, and for some available courses to fill up very quickly on results day. If you can, register with Universities in which you may have an interest, for email updates of clearing vacancies, and write down key phone numbers and course details, as there is time pressure when results come out. You don't have to only look at places or courses to which you've previously applied.

Might you have done better than your offer? There is also something called **Adjustment** if you have exceeded your offer conditions and might want to go and do another course somewhere else – you don't lose your existing place while you're looking, but need to be pretty quick after you've got your results, see <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/results/ucas-adjustment-%E2%80%93-if-you%E2%80%99ve-done-better-expected>.

There are other options too e.g. Work, gap year, and potential further study options if you need to improve your grades to get to university. Talk about these at home and, if you want to, arrange to come in for a chat.

If you want a chat before the 17th, send me an email to arrange to meet. I'm in school most of the time. If you're thinking about your options, or trying to change anything e.g. deferring, withdrawing from offers or no longer going to University, see <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/track-your-application/making-changes-your-ucas-undergraduate-application> . I suggest you arrange to come in and see me before making a major change. There may be other things to do too, for example in relation to your funding application.

Results day (Thursday 17 August)

UCAS Track is available from 8am, when they start updating offer details. Log on! If your place is confirmed you may have made the grades or they may have relaxed your offer a bit...you don't know which and can only find out your actual grades by coming to school. See <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/ucas-undergraduate-results> . For information on the different offer statuses on UCAS see <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/results/what-your-results-mean>. Don't read anything into the fact that your UCAS status hasn't immediately updated when others' statuses have.

Results are available from school from 9am. Come in and get them. I and others will be on hand to help you if you need help. If you don't have a place or don't know what's happened with the offers you hold, bring all your UCAS login details, your UCAS ID, and any clearing course notes which you've made. Bring a mobile phone so you can make calls. We will have a few phones in offices which you can use too. Having your laptop/device could help too and you'll also be able to use school machines.

Don't panic! We're here to help you no matter what.