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INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Final UCAS Information for Upper Sixth (2020)

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

What happens at Confirmation?

- Your results are sent to the universities by UCAS.
- If you meet the conditions of your firm choice, you will receive a Confirmation email on Track.
- If you do not meet the conditions of your firm choice, but meet those of your insurance choice that university will send you a Confirmation letter. Again, the decision will be posted on the UCAS website in Track.
- If you fail to meet the conditions you may still be offered your first choice or even a different course at the same university.
- If you are unsuccessful you become eligible for Clearing.
- Clearing Plus is new this year and this gives you the opportunity to have a more targeted approach if you have not received an offer or you have declined your place.
- This opens on 6th July (<https://www.ucas.com/corporate/news-and-key-documents/news/more-personalised-options-and-support-ever-students-clearing-2020>) and is available through Track.
- Applicants are expected to honour their commitments at Confirmation. If you are placed at a university in the UCAS System (unless eligible to use the Adjustment process) you must take up that place or withdraw completely from this year's application cycle.

Clearing:

UCAS publish the official list of vacancies online from early July. If an applicant is eligible for Clearing an "Add Clearing Choice" button will appear on their Track "choices" screen which you can use to apply for a course. Applicants can contact different universities and colleges to discuss vacancies and may be informally offered several places. You will need to decide which offer to accept as you can only enter one choice on Track. If a place is provisionally offered, there will also be a date by which applicants must enter the course details on Track. Applicants will need to click on their "Add Clearing Choice" button and enter the institution and course details. This should only be done when candidates are sure they want to accept a place.

Places fill very quickly so make sure you are organised before August 13th. UCAS advises that applicants should not be on holiday when results are issued.



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You should already have received emails from UCAS inviting you to sign up for their new service aiming to match unplaced applicants to universities which have places.

Adjustment:

This allows candidates who have exceeded the conditions of their first choice to reconsider where and what to study.

Only applicants who have met and exceeded their original (CF) offer are eligible and they will need to register on Track. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact a university or college to discuss an Adjustment place. An applicant has five calendar days to use Adjustment (from the date of August 13th or the day they go CF to UF).

Adjustment is entirely optional and there is no guarantee that there will be any vacancies on the courses applicants decide they want to be considered for. It is very unlikely that the most competitive courses will have any places available. Candidates should also be aware that there may be considerations regarding accommodation and student finance to be taken into account.

Contacting Universities:

- Only telephone if it is really necessary. The UCAS Track Service helps to monitor decisions and is designed to be very student friendly and should give you all the information you need.
- There is no need to ring if you have met the conditions of your offer.
- If you have narrowly missed the grades needed you *should* ring – but be patient if you do not quickly get through.
- Any requests for a change of course, date of entry or point of entry should be made directly to the university which made the offer.

The UCAS website is: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-clearing>

The UCAS helpline telephone number is: 03714 680 468

I will be available through the TEAMS page or email from **8am** when the results are published if you would like to discuss anything.

Good luck!

Kind regards,

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