



Results Day Thursday 13th August 2026

- You can check **UCAS Track** from approximately **8:00am** – see whether accepted by FIRM/INSURANCE University.
- Collect results from the **sports hall** from **8:00am**.
- Please ensure you provide your **student ID card** to collect your results.
- If you haven't got the results expected please see your **progress mentor** in the **library** for support on **Clearing** and to discuss other options.
- Universities open their course availability from Monday 10th August 2026, so please consider reviewing options and do your research. Choose five universities as a backup should you not meet the requirements of your firm choice course. This will help you to prepare ahead of results day.

Clearing Procedure

- Make sure you have your clearing number, you can find this on **UCAS track**.
- If you haven't already looked at the clearing vacancies, make sure you do so on the UCAS website.

It might be worth starting with the universities that you were previously considering.

- **Do your research!** Make a shortlist of the universities that you want to try through clearing. Have a look into their courses, modules, accommodation etc. on their websites and on **UCAS.com**
- Call the university, most universities have a 'clearing hotline'.
- Introduce yourself and provide them with your **clearing number**:

➤ *"Hello, I am John Deane, I am calling about your clearing vacancy in History, my clearing number is 12345678"*



- Inform them of your situation and what course you would like to study there:
 - *“Unfortunately, I didn’t get accepted by my firm or insurance choice, as I didn’t meet their entry requirements. I received a B grade in English Language, a C grade in History and an A grade in Sociology. I have attended an open day at your university and done some research into the History course, I am really interested in...”*
- Ask if they will accept you:
 - *“Would you be able to **accept me** onto your History course with these grades?”*
- Once you have a verbal offer from the university, log onto **UCAS track** at **3pm** and apply to the university.

Clearing Frequently Asked Questions

What is UCAS clearing?

UCAS clearing is a way of matching universities that still have places on their courses to students without a university place.

What is the most effective way of using clearing?

Make a list of universities and their clearing hotlines, do research into the course and university that you are calling. Think about what you might say beforehand. Be positive about yourself and the university. Be prepared to say why you want the particular course and institution and what you can offer. Be prepared to answer questions on your exam results, motivation and experience. Make sure you ask questions too!

What is Clearing Plus?

Clearing Plus matches 50 universities and courses to you automatically, so it saves you time researching. You can say that you are interested in these courses and the university will contact you, which again saves you time on hold.

What do I need when going through clearing?

You will need your clearing number, your personal statement and your UCAS ID number.

I can't get through using the hotline number, what shall I do?

University hotlines will be extremely busy, but persevere and you'll get through eventually. It may be worth trying another university and coming back.

If I have just missed out on my conditional offer choice, shall I call them and see if they can still offer me a place?

Yes. It is worth contacting both of your firm and insurance choice if you have just missed out, but be aware it may not change anything.

Can you apply for any subject through clearing?

For a lot of courses yes, however this is dependent on spaces. You may have to attend an interview prior to attending or a telephone interview.

Can you change your firm and insurance choice on results day?

There is a chance you can do this; however, you need to contact the universities and get them to agree the change.

I don't want my firm choice; can I use clearing?

You need to call the university to discuss your options. If they give you permission to change your choice, they'll release you into Clearing – once they do this, your '*Track Status*' will be updated and you'll receive an email to say something has changed. You'll then be able to search and apply for courses in Clearing.

Can I reject my insurance offer and go through clearing instead?

You must ask to be released by your insurance choice before you can go into clearing. Before you do this, we recommend that you identify a course through clearing and secure a verbal offer before requesting release from your insurance choice.



Can you defer your offer on results day?

This is a possibility, you will have to call the university on results day and ask to defer your place. If they say yes you're enrolled onto 2027 entry, if they say no then you can reapply in September – please get in touch with your progress mentor if you are reapplying.

If I receive multiple offers via clearing, can I put them all into UCAS track?

You can only add one clearing choice at a time to Track. If the University doesn't confirm your place, you can then add another.

I didn't meet either of my offers but the universities haven't declined yet, what shall I do?

It may be that the university is waiting to make a decision. If it hasn't updated later in the day, do something constructive such as calling a few universities with clearing vacancies, just in case you need a plan B.

How do I find accommodation whilst going through clearing?

It may be that you will have to compromise on the accommodation, if the university and course is right. Once you have been accepted at the university through clearing, contact the university and ask about their accommodation, it may be worth contacting private student accommodation providers.

University Applications for 2027

If your child is considering applying to university in 2027, please be assured that the college's Careers team is available to offer continued guidance and support throughout the process. We encourage students to begin exploring their options early, and tailored advice is available to help them make informed decisions. Please ask your child to contact their Progress Mentor for further details on how to access this support.