

**What
happens
next?**

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Post application choices

- Offer letters will be sent from universities and offers will also appear on UCAS track
- Make your firm and insurance choices
- We recommend 40 UCAS points difference between each
- You are entering into an agreement (grades permitting) with these universities so ensure that you are happy to attend either
- Ensure that you reply to all offers before the deadline date (failure to do so is an instant decline of an offer).



What happens next?

If you have changed your mind

- If you have changed your mind about your course/university choices:
 - Two options:
 - UCAS Extra
 - Clearing.

UCAS Extra

- Decline any offers that you may be holding
- Make single applications to one university at a time
- Once offer is made you can accept/reject
- If you reject or are unsuccessful then repeat the above stages
- Late applications can be made until 30 June

What is Clearing?

- For students who achieve different grades to those predicted (over or under)
- Late applicants
- More than 50,000 students per year
- Nearly all universities offer places
- Popular courses fill quickly (especially Health and Life Sciences)

Results day

- Keep your day free – and stay local
- Be brave, collect your results early
- Charge your mobile phone and top up with credit
- Take your offer letters with you
- Take your UCAS application number with you
- Try and stay calm and relaxed
- Don't panic!



What happens next?

If you get the grades



- Log onto UCAS track (updated that day)
- Conditional firm → Unconditional firm or
- Conditional insurance → Unconditional insurance
- Contact the university with any questions
- Visit if you have any concerns or queries
- Complete and return the UCAS paperwork
- Organise what to take away
- Arrange your accommodation

If you get the grades but change your mind

- Re-organise your priorities
- Informally get in touch with your potential new choices
- Receive a verbal offer (can be held for ten days)
- Contact your original choice to be released
- Await release letter and code
- Contact new choice with code



What happens next?

Don't quite make the grade



- UCAS track – are you holding any offers?
- 20-40 points dropped may be room for negotiation
- Phone the university if you are unsure
- Carefully consider 'change of course' offers
- Be prepared for interview
- Be flexible with time and offers
- Complete the UCAS paperwork

Disappointing results

- Don't panic
- Check that you are not holding any offers on UCAS track
- No offers – UCAS automatically send you a Clearing letter (passport)
- Go back to your original research – check courses and universities, make sure that you read the small print
- Contact universities

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What happens next?

Disappointing results

...continued

- Verbal offers can be held for up to ten days
- Ring as many universities as you want
- Visit potential choices
- Consider accommodation
- Accept a place
- Organise your funding – not difficult!



What happens next?

Clearing vacancy listings

- Newspapers – The Independent
- Internet
- www.ucas.com /university websites
- TV and radio
- Adverts
- Teletext
- Use your schools resources – teachers, computers etc



What happens next?

What are the universities doing prior to Clearing?

- Receive results the Monday before (these will not be given out under any circumstances)
- Deciding 'borderline' cases
- Making further offers
- Working out Clearing places to be offered

Universities during Clearing



- Run Clearing help lines
- Trained Advisers to provide guidance
- Academic staff/ Admissions Tutors on the phones to make offers and decisions
- Run Clearing Open Days
 - Few days after results (check websites for dates)
 - Visit and tour the campus
 - Tour the facilities
 - **Check against your original priorities**

What happens next?

Top tips

- Speak to teachers, Careers Advisers and parents if you are worried about your results
- Research courses and universities prior to results day if you think you have done better/worse than predicted
- Contact admissions tutors personally (universities won't speak to third parties)
- Be prepared
- Be flexible
- Don't panic
- **CLEARING DOES NOT EQUAL FAILURE!**