

July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer & Student,

I hope this letter finds you all well.

I am writing to you with information about this year's A Level results day. As things stand, we still have not had definitive advice from the Government regarding results days. As a school we have planned the A Level results day to be an in-school event, so that we can welcome students into school. The day has been planned with staggered times so fewer students will be in the building at any one time for social distancing. If, when government guidance on results days is released, our plan is not possible, I will write to you again.

Key Points

- A level results will be released to students on Thursday 13 August 2020 from 8am.
- Students who have completed A level/BTEC/OCR qualifications can collect their results from the Main Hall of the main school building from 8am until 10:10am. Students should arrive at their allotted time (see table opposite) to the main entrance doors. We ask that only students come on to the school site during this time. We'll operate a one-way system in the school and we ask that all students socially distance whilst on site. There will be staff available to support this on the day.
- There will be some students who will not be able to attend results day for a variety of reasons. Therefore, to alleviate any pressure to attend we will be emailing results to each student's email address at 10:10am on Thursday 13 August. In addition, any student who does not pick up their results will have their results slip will be sent in the post on Thursday.
- For your information, this letter has been sent to the parents' and students' email addresses that we hold as the primary emails in the system. If your son/daughter has not received this email, as it's not their primary email that we hold in our system, please ask them to email Sue Boath on sboath@qehs.net with their correct email address by Thursday 16 July.

Year 13 Results Collection Times 13 Aug	
Time slot	Surname
08:00	A - Bel
08:10	Ber - Col
08:20	Con - Dod
08:30	Dol - F
08:40	G - Hen
08:50	Her - Ja
09:00	Jo - Le
09:10	Li - Mar
09:20	Maw - My
09:30	N - Pa
09:40	Pe - Ru
09:50	Se - Ste
10:00	Sti - Wha
10:10	Whe - Z

UCAS Process

Confirmation of University places

We have outlined some additional points regarding the results day process below; however, we strongly recommend you read the UCAS Results web page:

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/results>

- According to UCAS, the Track system, which will confirm whether students have received a place at their chosen university, will be available from 8am 13 August.
- If you have forgotten your username or password contact the UCAS customer service department on 0371 4680468 ASAP. It is advised that students check they have all the relevant information to log in before the actual day.
- Applicants who have met the conditions of their firm choice will automatically be placed there. If you are close to your offer, it is still possible that you may be made an offer. Monitor the Track system closely and if there is no message contact the university directly.
- Applicants who are not confirmed at their firm choice but meet the conditions of their insurance choice will automatically be placed there.
- Students are expected to honour the commitment they have made by accepting offers. If students are placed at a university/college, unless they are eligible for Adjustment (see below), they must take up that place or withdraw completely from this year's application cycle.
- If applicants have narrowly missed the conditions of their offer and are going to lodge an appeal against the result, they should contact the admissions department of their chosen university ASAP.

Changed course offers

Applicants who have failed to meet their offer conditions may be made a changed course or year offer, which will be clearly indicated in the Track system. They are not obliged to accept this. Applicants have 5 calendar days to accept or decline a changed course offer, which can be done on Track as soon as the changed offer comes through.

Clearing

- Applicants who are unsuccessful in their application will become eligible for a process called Clearing. This gives applicants the chance to apply for other university courses which are not full up by the time results are released. They can apply for one course at a time through Track, but need to contact universities and colleges personally before entering their clearing choice.
- Here are the essential steps:
 1. Watch the video of how to use Clearing
<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/results/no-offers-use-clearing>
 2. Take the video's advice: research vacancies, then contact the university personally to discuss an offer.
 3. If they agree to give you a place, go onto Track and enter the clearing choice using the option provided.

4. If they don't agree, you can keep applying for different clearing places. We understand that some of you have to travel a considerable distance so may prefer to do your research at home and get support over the phone or video conference.

Adjustment

- There is the possibility that applicants pass their exams with better results than they expected, meaning they have exceeded the conditions of their firm choice. In this scenario, applicants have the option to reconsider where and what to study, to find an alternative place (one that had higher entry requirements) while still holding onto their original choice. This process is called Adjustment. The option to register for Adjustment will be displayed to applicants once their place has been confirmed. N.B. As always, we expect competition to be high for certain universities and courses, so it is crucial to be fully aware of every option and not decline any offers until the decision is absolutely certain.
- There is a video of how to use Adjustment at <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/results/ucas-adjustment-if-youve-done-better-expected>

School UCAS Support

There will be someone to help you in the Main Hall on the morning of Thursday 13 and in the Curriculum Office in the Bungalow on the morning of Friday 14 August. We will offer an appointment system. Please contact Joanne Smeatom on 01434 610 312 or curriculum@qehs.net to book an appointment on the day. We will do our very best to help you, either over the phone or face-to-face.

Appeals and Resits

Last week, Ofqual released information regarding the process around exam appeals and resit opportunities. The main headline is that there will be a full exam series for A Level this Autumn which is proposed for October. Additionally, they have provided an outline of the appeals process, but more detail is needed. We will share more information when we are in a position to do so. For now, below is the link to the Ofqual release.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofqual-publishes-more-details-on-appeals-and-confirms-autumn-exam-arrangements>

Yours faithfully,

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