

Friday 17th July 2020

Re: A-Level Results Day

Dear Year 13 Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to you regarding A-Level Results Day 2020 and with details of the arrangements for how this day will operate at Furze Platt this year. Also in this letter is some guidance around UCAS applications, Adjustment and Clearing.

Timings for the day

A-Level Results Day is scheduled for Thursday 13th August 2020. The school will be open and you will be able to collect your results in person from 9am.

This year, due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19, we will be giving out results in a staggered way. You will need to collect your results in the time slot designated to your house as detailed below. Please do not come into school before your time slot unless you are holding no offers from your universities and wish to discuss your options for Clearing. Further information on Clearing is given below.

House	Time
Bisham + Eton	8.00 – 8.30
Bray + Henley	8.30 – 9.00
Cookham + Marlow	9.00 – 9.30
Dorney + Windsor	9.30 – 10.00

Safety on site

In accordance with government guidance, the school must continue to follow the hierarchy of controls that have been used over the summer term. Unfortunately, at this current time we cannot allow friends and family to come in to collect the results with students, due to the need to minimise numbers of people in and around the school site. Parents should not gather at the entrance of the school and students should not socialise in groups outside of the school either before or after collecting their results.

The school has a one-way system that has been in operation during on site lessons over the course of lockdown and we will be following this system during Results Day. When you arrive on site, you will need to follow the signage up West Drive and down to the new Theatre. There will be hand sanitizer located on site for you to use.

If you have any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or if someone in your household does, please do not attend school on Results Day.

Please follow the [safer travel guidance for passengers](#) advice when planning your route to school, which encourages walking or cycling where possible.

How results will be issued

Results will be issued in the new Theatre building and, weather permitting, there will be some refreshments in the courtyard of the new Theatre with some opportunity for individual photographs. Students will be able to obtain their yearbooks when they collect their results.

When coming into school you will be given instructions of how to ensure social distancing when waiting for results. Please follow these instructions from members of staff.

If you are unable to collect your results and wish for someone else to collect them on your behalf, you will need to complete a results collection form, which can be found on the [examinations page](#) of the school website.

On results day, if there are any issues, Mr Ging and Mr Frankis will be available to respond to emails from around 8am. If emailing, please state as clearly as possible the nature of your query and supply a contact number if you wish to be called back. Emails will be prioritised and responded to as soon as possible. Mr Ging will be available to meet with during the school day, to speak to over the phone, or via email to give help and guidance if needed.

UCAS Applications – some advice and guidance prior to Results Day

Please note that UCAS Track will not be available until 8am on results day. When Track does go live, applicants can see either confirmation of their places or status updates. As well as the guidance that follows, further information can be found on the UCAS website: www.ucas.com/students/results

If you achieve the conditions of your CF (firm) offer, then UCAS will automatically send you a final confirmation of your place on Track. Once you have got your confirmation of a place, check to see if your university has sent you through any further instructions that you may need to follow. If you are happy with your confirmed offer, you must reply to this confirmation to secure your place. You should be able to view your confirmation letter in Track between five and seven days later.

If you do not get your CF grades but you do achieve your CI (insurance) grades and wish to accept this offer, check the conditions as above before accepting. UCAS will send you confirmation of your place in the same way as above.

Adjustment

If you achieve higher grades than required by your firm choice offer, UCAS Adjustment is a chance for you to reconsider where and what to study. If you have had a conditional firm choice accepted – and therefore made into an unconditional firm choice – you could potentially swap your place for one on another course you prefer. More details on Adjustment can be found [here](#).

Clearing

If you do not achieve your CF or CI offer grades and have no confirmed place, Clearing is open to you.

Clearing matches applicants who have not secured a university or college place with suitable vacancies. You are eligible for Clearing if you are not holding any offers or if you did not fulfil the requirements of your offers.

If you are eligible, UCAS will automatically let you know and will issue you with a Clearing entry number on Track. The system is being updated this year to make it easier, with the introduction of Clearing Plus. This uses an algorithm to match you with course vacancies which will be suggested to you, and you can

then apply for these online. You can use this service as well as or instead of the Clearing course search tool. Further information on Clearing can be found [here](#).

There is a useful video about Clearing that is specifically for parents and carers and this can be found [here](#).

If you check Track at 8am and find you are in Clearing and you wish to discuss your options regarding your UCAS application, please come into school as soon as possible to meet with Mr Ging. You do not have to adhere to the house timings at the start of this letter if you have no offers and have been notified that you are in Clearing.

Changing your mind

UCAS terms & conditions state that if you fulfil the conditions of your CF or CI offer but you decide that you do not want to take up the place, then you are withdrawing from the UCAS application cycle for 2020 entry. However, you can ask to be released into Clearing if you want to look for an alternative.

The UCAS system now allows you to release yourself from your offer through Track, using the 'DECLINE MY PLACE' button. You will only be able to use this button if your place has been confirmed. If it has not yet been confirmed, you will need to contact the university directly. Please do not use this button or contact the university until you have had advice from the sixth form team.

If you get the grades for your CF offer, but now want to go to your CI institution, you would have to contact the CI institution to see if they would accept you. If they will, use Track to release you from your firm offer.

In any eventuality of you changing your mind, please speak to Mr Ging, Mr Frankis or a member of the Sixth Form team before you make any decisions.

Returning of school equipment and destinations

If you have any school resources, such as textbooks or equipment, please bring this with you to Results Day. We are very grateful for any donations of textbooks or revision guides that are no longer wanted.

Similarly, if your lanyard is in a good condition and you would be happy to donate this to the Sixth Form, we would be thankful for any returns.

If you are not going to university, we have contacted you already to establish what your destination will be in September. If you have yet to reply to this request, please let us know on results day where you will be next academic year so that we can accurately report this information.

I wish all of you a very enjoyable summer, and we look forward to seeing you on Results Day, where we hope very much to celebrate your success with you. I will finish with the now-usual conclusion that these arrangements are subject to change. Should we receive any guidance that will cause us to have to alter plans for Results Day, I will write out to you once again.

With very best wishes



Peter Ging
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