



Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing with information about A Level Results Day on 10 August 2021.

It has been a time of great uncertainty for our Year 13 students, and I want to take this opportunity to commend all 2021 leavers on the mature way they have conducted themselves over the last year. We are all incredibly proud of the fantastic achievements of our students.

Results Day

Results will be available in school from 8.30 am. To ensure that we comply with the current social distancing guidelines, we ask that parents wait in the playground outside the Desborough Hall, whilst students go to collect their results.

Please remember that, to ensure that we continue to keep ourselves safe, we will stagger the release of results by houses, as follows:

8.30 - 8.45 am - Ascott
8.45 - 9.00 am - Claydon
9.00 - 9.15 am - Halton
9.15 - 9.30 am - Waddesdon

The Sixth Form team will be on hand to support students with advice and guidance in terms of their next steps, including support with the clearing process. We encourage students to ensure parents are included as a nominated access on their UCAS account as, should they find themselves in clearing, it is helpful for parents to be able to also communicate with universities as well as students.

Should students have any questions regarding UCAS in advance of Results Day, please contact Mrs Beck, our UCAS Coordinator: cbeck@tringschool.org

Please see further information below from Mrs Beck around some of the key processes following the collection of students' results.

Results Day - UCAS

We understand that results day can be overwhelming for students and parents. We want to reassure you that you will receive full support on the day. The Sixth Form Team, including Mrs Beck, will be available during the whole day to support both parents and students. Students will also have access to Chromebooks to get onto the UCAS website. Please note that the UCAS Track system will not be available to applicants until 8:30am on 10 August.

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Although the process for awarding grades may be different, the admissions process to confirm students' University places will remain similar to previous years. All applicants will be treated fairly and consistently, as they are in any other year.

It is really important that students are in school for Results Day on 10 August. It is much easier to deal with UCAS and universities with the support of the Sixth Form Team and parents, rather than trying to call from somewhere remote. If a student is unavoidably absent, they need to brief the named person they listed on their UCAS application form as "Nominated Access".

Over the summer, students should ensure that they keep their details up to date on UCAS Track as their university may wish to contact them. Please ensure that addresses, email addresses and phone numbers are correct. We also encourage students to have a note of their username, password and Personal ID with them on results day, as well as contact details for their Firm and Insurance choice, and Clearing choices, if applicable.

Possible outcomes for University places

Hopefully, on results day you will receive the exam grades that you need to secure your University place. However, if you just miss out, it is possible that the university may still accept you anyway. Before you panic, check UCAS Track – you may still have an offer.

Possible outcomes on the day are:

1. You are offered a place at your Firm or Insurance choice:

Once your UCAS Track status updates (this can sometimes take a few hours on results day morning as things get busy) you'll be sent a confirmation email from your firm or insurance choice.

2. You might be offered an alternative course at the University:

This is called a "changed course offer" (which you need to accept or decline).

3. You are not accepted onto your Firm or Insurance choice and are therefore eligible for Clearing:

Being in this position can be very hard, but please be assured that you still have a very good chance of getting onto an excellent University course through Clearing.

About Clearing:

Students looking for a place through clearing will be presented with a personalised list of available courses. '[Clearing Plus](#)' will match unplaced applicants to relevant courses with vacancies. Clearing will also still be available in the traditional way, with places on courses that universities haven't managed to fill being listed on the UCAS website via their 'Clearing Search Tool'. The official and up to date Clearing vacancies are published on the UCAS website from 5 July. You can also search for clearing places via Unifrog. Their new Clearing tool will appear on the Unifrog homepage where you can research and favourite Clearing courses.

It is important that students should contact universities directly in the first instance to secure a place in Clearing and then confirm it via UCAS Track once they have been accepted.

Self releasing into Clearing:

Anyone with a confirmed place on results day who changes their mind can also now 'self release' themselves into Clearing using the 'decline my place' button in UCAS Track. However, a word of caution on this; you should think extremely carefully before releasing yourself into Clearing and make sure you speak to other course providers first – your existing university place is unlikely to remain open if you change your mind. Changing universities at this stage means you'll have to reapply for accommodation and update your student finance application. If students want to stay at the same university but swap the course they're studying, they should contact the provider as they may be able to arrange the swap without you having to decline your place. For more information about self releasing, click [here](#).

Rest assured that should you be in the position of being in Clearing, the Sixth Form team will be available to help you through the process.

4. If you have done better than expected and exceeded your conditional Firm offer:

If you are in this lucky position, you might be curious about courses with higher entry requirements. If so, you can use the [UCAS Adjustment](#) service. As with Clearing, make sure you do your research on courses and universities properly before deciding to switch – higher entry requirements doesn't necessarily mean a course is a better match for you. Again, support will be available on the day to help you through this process.

Confirming your University place

Once you have secured your place at university, your confirmation letter should appear in Track five to seven days after your place is confirmed (your letter is not emailed or posted to you). Make sure you check your confirmation letter carefully, it will tell you if there is anything else that you may need to do.

If Track doesn't update

Universities are not supposed to keep people in limbo for too long, but unfortunately there may be some students who find themselves still waiting for their offers to come through on results day. Some Universities may request evidence of exam results before offers are confirmed on Track. However, if Track still has not updated by mid-morning on results day, you'll need to phone the university and ask for an update. The hotline phone number may be listed on the university's website, or it might have been sent to you in advance. If you haven't got a special number then just phone the university's normal number and make it clear you are an existing offer holder, not a clearing applicant. Remember that we will be on hand to support you.

Planning to apply for 2022 entry to University

If you are taking a planned gap year, perhaps have had a change of mind about starting uni this year or find that you now want to apply, students should refer to the email sent out on 21st June 2021. In order to apply to universities through the UCAS 2022 application cycle students will need to follow these instructions: [Instructions for setting up your UCAS application 2022 entry](#)

If you already know that you are applying for 2022 entry, please could you let Mrs Beck know, along with what course you are thinking of applying to.

Further Support

Unifrog Results Day and Clearing Webinars:

To help you navigate the process and understand all the options open to you, Unifrog have/will be hosted three webinars in the run up to results day>

Results day: Get prepared and understand your options -Tue 6 July, 5pm (recorded and on the website)

Results day: Navigating Clearing - Wed 7 July, 5pm (recorded and on the website)

Results day: Next steps and preparing for university - Wednesday 4 August, 5pm

For further information and to sign up, click here: [Results Day and Clearing Webinar](#)

Parent access to Unifrog:

Parents can visit www.unifrog.org/code and use the sign up code **TRNGparents** to get signed up to Unifrog. Parents will then need to fill in the required fields such as name, email address and create a memorable password before clicking 'Sign up'.

Unifrog Results Day and Clearing Know How Guides:

Unifrog has also added six new guides to the 'Results day and Clearing' section of the Know-how library so students can start to familiarise themselves with what happens on Results day. The guides cover all aspects of Results day and Clearing; from what to do if you get higher or lower grades than expected, what happens after you accept your place, and a guide for students using Clearing to apply for the first time this cycle.

Support for Parents:

The presentations we have delivered to students this year can be found on the [Your Future](#) site. The UCAS site also has lots of resources and information dedicated to helping parents and carers. In particular, the [Clearing Guide for Parents](#) is a helpful read in the run up to results day. Parents are also encouraged to sign up to the UCAS Parent Monthly Newsletter. Further resources for parents and carers can be found [here](#).

Finally, please refer to the 'Preparing for Results Day' section of the [Your Future](#) site for further information and resources.

In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cait Beck, our UCAS Coordinator. Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to celebrating together on 10 August 2021.

Yours faithfully

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