

## **A LEVEL RESULTS DAY**

### **How can I be best prepared for results day?**

- Make sure you are able to access UCAS Track online so that you can view the decision made on your application
- Make sure you have the contact details for the universities that are your Firm and Insurance choices
- If you want to look for a place in Clearing or Adjustment, then you can use both the UCAS website and university websites to see if there are any vacancies in the subjects you are interested in. Note down the advertised Clearing/Adjustment telephone numbers for the universities which are offering these vacancies.

### **What's the best way for me to find out whether I have been accepted?**

- The best way for you to find out whether you have been accepted by your chosen university is to use UCAS Track online.
- UCAS Track is 'frozen' during the week before the release of A Level results. It will reopen at around 8am on Thursday 16 August and you will be able to log in to view university decisions.
- Most universities will also have a helpline for students who have any questions or concerns, but you should be prepared for it to be difficult to get through on the phone as many applicants will be contacting each university.

### **What should I do if I have not achieved the grades required by my chosen university?**

- You should check UCAS Track online for your chosen university's decision. In some cases, universities may accept a student who has achieved slightly lower grades than originally required.
- UCAS Track should show the decision of both the Firm and Insurance universities. If you have not been accepted by your Firm University, you should look for the decision of your Insurance choice.
- If you have been unsuccessful at both your Firm and Insurance universities, there is the option of looking for a place at another university through Clearing (see below for further information about Clearing).

### **What happens if a result is delayed, or I want to get a priority remark?**

- Universities are obliged to accept any Firm applicant who meets the conditions of their offer and whose results are confirmed by 31 August.
- If a result is likely to be delayed until after 31 August, then you should contact your chosen university to ask whether this deadline can be extended. It should be noted that in some cases, universities will not be able to accept results after this date (although it may be possible for a university to arrange for an Unconditional offer to be deferred to the following academic year).

### **If I achieve a better than expected results, what are my options?**

- If you are happy with your chosen university, stick with it
- If you are interested in looking at other universities and you have achieved higher grades than were required for your Firm offer, then you can register for **Adjustment**. Adjustment allows you to hold on to your Firm choice for five days whilst looking at other university options.

**If I decide that I do not want to go to my firm choice university, but I have not achieved better than expected results, what are my options?**

- If you are interested in other universities and you have not achieved higher grades than were required in your Firm offer, then you can look at other university options in **Clearing**.
- However, you will not be able to formally arrange a place at another university until you have withdrawn from your current Firm choice by asking them to release you into Clearing. You should never do this until you have spoken to the university you would like to go to and are certain you will be able to secure a place there.

**If I get into my Firm choice university, but decide I would rather go to my insurance choice, what are my options?**

- Once you have been accepted at your Firm choice university, the Insurance choice is no longer valid (even if it shows on UCAS Track that you are Unconditional there – status UI). This is the case even if you did not get the grades required for your Firm choice, but were accepted anyway. The Firm choice university can only release you into Clearing, it cannot release you to your Insurance choice.
- If you would prefer to go to your Insurance choice, you should contact the Insurance University to see if you can be accepted. If the Insurance University agrees to accept you, you should then contact your Firm choice and ask to be released into Clearing. Once you have been released into Clearing, you will be able to formally re-apply to the Insurance choice via Clearing.
- Remember that the Insurance choice is under no obligation to take a student who is Firm at another university, so you should make sure you will be accepted before getting released from your Firm choice. You may also wish to check with your Insurance choice whether any guarantees about accommodation would still apply to you as a Clearing applicant.

**How can I find out what vacancies are available through Adjustment and Clearing?**

- The UCAS website and university websites will provide the best listings of what vacancies are available through Clearing and Adjustment. Many universities will also have a Clearing and Adjustment helpline. If you are interested in a vacancy or a particular university, you should contact that university directly.