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A Level Results Day: Tuesday 10th August 2021

Dear Year 13 Students and Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family are well, and that you've been making the most of all your free time.

A Level results will be available to collect from the Cabins on Tuesday 10th August. Year 13 can collect results from 8.30-10.00am. Year 12 can also collect results for AS Further Maths at this time. If you wish for your results to be collected by somebody else, please do let me know so we can arrange.

Information for Year 13 only

On 10th August, you will need to access your UCAS account so please make sure you have the following:

- Your UCAS personal password and your UCAS application number.
- Any personal letters or e-mails you may have received directly from the institutions you applied to, with e-mail addresses or telephone numbers of Admission Tutors.

All this could prove useful in case you have not met the offers made to you.

How UCAS works on Results Day:

- a) Applicants who have met the conditions of the firm (F) choice will be sent notification on UCAS Track, with a reply action which you must complete without delay.
- b) Applicants who are unsuccessful with their F choice, but who meet the conditions of their insurance (I), will be issued an offer by their I choice on UCAS Track. There will be an action required online as soon as possible.
- c) Applicants who have not met the conditions of their offer may still be accepted by the university or college, and may need to wait a few days for them to make a final decision. The university or college may be waiting for some information (confirmation of exam results, non-academic information, etc.) to make a final decision. Applicants who are unsuccessful at both choices will become eligible for *Clearing*. They may be given a change of course, date of entry, or point of entry offer, which will be shown in UCAS Track. Applicants are not obliged to accept this. UCAS Track will display a Confirmation Change letter outlining the available options when all Confirmation decisions are made. They must then accept or decline the change. Applicants only have five calendar days to reply to a course change offer.

It is important to note that UCAS Track does not confirm the student's A Level results; UCAS Track advises the students whether the university has accepted them on to the course.

Clearing

UCAS will be publishing the official list of vacancies on A Level Results Day. Every applicant will receive an advisory letter from UCAS on vacancy information and essential information about UCAS Confirmation and Clearing. The UCAS website has some excellent videos on how to approach Clearing. New for 2020 was the Clearing Plus facility which will match students to the most suitable courses based on their application profile.

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We can help you with the clearing process and strongly advise that you come and speak to us so that we can help and support you through the process. The earlier that you can contact school/come and see me, the quicker we can help you; clearing places vary throughout the day and go quickly so the speed of your response is really vital.

Adjustment

If you have done better than expected, you may be eligible for Adjustment. Adjustment is a chance for you to reconsider where and what to study. If you've had a firm conditional choice accepted – and therefore made into an unconditional firm choice – you could potentially swap your place for one on another course you prefer.

Adjustment is available from A level results day until 7th September. It's entirely optional, and a lot of competitive courses will be full – but other applicants might have missed their conditions or swapped a course too, so it could be worth seeing what's available.

- If you try Adjustment but you don't find anything, you'll still keep the course you gained on results day.
- You'll see the option to register in Track. Your original UF choice will be safe while you're looking for another – you'll only lose it if you confirm you'd like to go elsewhere, and the new university/college will add themselves to your application.

Want to withdraw from UCAS and try again for next year?

Do so quickly, so that you are not depriving someone else of a place.

In summary, below is the procedure to follow if you are aiming to go to University in 2021:

- 1. Have you met your offer?**
Do nothing: your chosen firm offer will confirm, usually within a few days. There will be a congratulations message on your UCAS page.
- 2. Nearly met your offer (down by a grade or even two grades)?**
'Phone your "firm offer" to see if the offer still stands. If not, and you have met your insurance offer; wait to hear from the institution concerned.
- 3. Not met either of your offers – firm or insurance?**
You could try telephoning both institutions. A university asking for the higher grades isn't likely to come down very far – but it could be worth a try. Otherwise, you go into Clearing.

I hope that this letter has been helpful in outlining the UCAS process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

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