

Before Results Day (10th August)

- Make sure you have your Track login details. Check you can login as you will need this on Results Day to see whether you have achieved a place at your chosen university. If you have forgotten your password then make sure you reset it in advance.
- If you are expecting not to meet your offer or to do better, you can start to research courses before Results Day. You may also be considering different courses and subjects. Use the UCAS website course search tool as a starting point. Some universities may advertise that they have vacancies in advance, others will not publicise vacancies until 10th August.
- If you haven't already applied for university, but are thinking you might get a place through Clearing, complete your UCAS application now so that it is ready to send. Contact the Careers Zone for the UCAS buzzword.
- Make sure you can log into your original UCAS application (which is different to your Track login). Contact the UCAS helpline if you have any problems. You may need to access the application if you are finding a place through Clearing or Adjustment and it helps to have it easily to hand.
- If you have applied for one course, but think you may change to a different one, prepare a new personal statement in advance. Universities may ask you to email this through.
- If you have already decided that you don't want to take up either your Firm or Insurance choice (and are 100% sure!), contact UCAS straight away rather than waiting until Results Day. There are steps you can take to inform universities in advance.
- During Clearing and Adjustment, be prepared that you may need to speak to university staff on the phone. In most cases they will want to know your GCSE and BTEC or A Level grades, however they will possibly ask questions about why you are interested in the course/university. If you don't feel confident, then start to practice with friends and family.
- If you want to apply for a course through Clearing or Adjustment which usually requires an interview e.g. medicine, nursing, teaching, then prepare in advance for this. You may be required to have a telephone or web-based interview e.g. Teams or Zoom instead.
- If you only applied for 1 choice on your UCAS application and want to enter Clearing, you will need to pay an additional £6 online via a credit/debit card.
- If you haven't already applied for Student Finance, do it now!! Don't wait until results day for confirmation of your university and course. Go to www.gov.uk/student-finance

Further information is available on www.ucas.com/results-clearing or call 0371 468 0468.

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On Results Day

- Whatever your results, if you need help please access support from the staff at college. The Careers Zone team will be on-site all day on 10th August at both Accrington and Nelson. If you are unable to come in, email careers@nelsongroup.ac.uk with any university related queries.
- If you haven't achieved the results you need, don't assume you haven't got a place at your Firm or Insurance choice. Log onto UCAS Track as soon as you can to check. Whilst this will be updated at 8am, sometimes universities can delay making decisions for several hours. You may need to be patient or phone them to see what the situation is if your Track status hasn't been updated by 9am.
- If you are coming into college, bring your mobile phone fully charged and with credit. You may need it to contact universities.
- If you have achieved better results than those required for your Conditional Firm choice, you can apply for a different course through Adjustment, provided there are places available. Speak to staff at college on Results Day for advice if needed.
- If you haven't met the conditions of your offer, you may be offered a place on an alternative course. Before accepting, make sure you are happy with it. Check what you will be studying, progression and graduate destinations. You don't have to accept it, in which case you will be able to look for vacancies through Clearing.
- Consider using the UCAS Clearing Plus service. Universities can contact you if they have spaces available on courses similar to those you have applied to. If you are eligible for Clearing, you can access Clearing Plus by clicking the 'My Matches' box in Track and selecting the universities you would like to contact you.
- If you are trying to find a course through Clearing, make a list of the questions that are important to you. Course related information you might want to know could include specific modules studied, work placements, graduate destinations and links with employers. University related information could include the availability of accommodation, services available and support offered.
- If you get a place at a university you haven't visited before, look out for a virtual or on-site Open Day on the days following Results Day. You will be able to find out more about the university, department, accommodation and a wide range of other services.
- If your offer of a place is dependent on your GCSE Maths or English result, your place is not likely to be confirmed until GCSE Results Day on 12th August. If you have met the other conditions of your offer, your place will be held for you.
- Don't panic about your student finance application if your course or university changes. Changing your course details is easy. Please ask for advice if you need it.
- Once your university place is secure, make sure you sort out your accommodation straight away. Don't delay in sending off applications or deposits (if necessary).

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