

A Levels /BTEC Results Day 2021

Frequently Asked Questions

Results Day Tuesday 10 August 2021

Key things to remember for Results Day

On Result's day make sure you have all your important details and information to hand.

- Your UCAS ID number (and log-in details)
- Your UCAS clearing number – this will be on UCAS TRACK. If your unsuccessful with both your first and insurance choices, and become eligible for clearing.
- Clearing phone number for Universities you have applied to – you can easily find these on their websites.
- Pens and Paper (sounds obvious but you will get lots of information on the spot).
- May be even a phone charger.
- GCSE's results – they will ask!

Question	Answer
How will I receive my results?	You will receive your results via your college email after 9.00am on results day.
When will UCAS know about my results?	UCAS receives your results directly and will update your Track account accordingly. This will happened around 8am on results day.
When can I add a clearing choice using my Track Account.	You will not be able to add a clearing choice into your Track account until 3pm on results day. This will allow you time to look into your options and consider your choices.
What time does UCAS Track update on results day?	Track is where you are kept informed on your application's progress. Track is "FROZEN" in the days leading to the publication of your results. You will not be able to make any changes during this time. It is worth login on to Track once you have got your results so you have good idea of whether you're likely to have been accepted by your choices.
What will Track show?	If a final decision has been made by your university choices, and UCAS have been notified, you can expect to see the following changes on your Track account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unconditional – your place on the course has been confirmed. This may be your firm, insurance offer, or both. • Unsuccessful – you have not been accepted by your choice(s). You are now eligible to enter Clearing. • Unconditional Changed Course (UCC) – you don't have the necessary grades for your offer(s), but the university has proposed a similar course requiring lower grades. They may also offer an alternative start date, such as deferred entry. You have

	<p>five days to decide and can discuss the opportunity with the University in question.</p>
<p>What do I do if I meet my offer?</p>	<p>If you have at least one conditional place, and you have met the entry requirements, University will change the offer to Unconditional. This firm acceptance is confirmed in TRACK and UCAS confirmation letter (AS12) will appear on the page within 5 to 7 days of the confirmation via email. Universities will require further action on your part. This letter will explain any further instructions such as providing evidence of your qualifications.</p>
<p>What if I don't get the grades I need?</p>	<p>You have a few options of what you could do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have missed the grades by just a few marks, you should talk to the university in question. Remember they are under no obligation to reconsider their decision especially with places so competitive. You may be offered a place on another course. • Look for an alternative course through Clearing. • Use UCAS Extra to add another choice, how have offered you a place. You will need to accept it by the date displayed in TRACK. There's an option of adding another choice, if you decide to decline the offer.
<p>Do Universities accept lower grades in Clearing?</p>	<p>Each university is different and you would need to speak to them directly to see if they will be happy to accept a lower grade. Ensure that your prepared for the call and make yourself sound passionate about the course that you are wanting to apply for and enthusiastic They may accept you based on the UCAS points you have accumulated rather than your final grades.</p>
<p>Can you still go through clearing if you have an offer?</p>	<p>If you no longer wish to go to your firm or insurance choice but you met the offer, then you can choose to use the new self-release options offered by UCAS. This allows you to release yourself into Clearing in order to apply to a different institution. Make sure you explore your options before self-releasing. Once you self-release this will mean that you have no offers in place.</p>
<p>What if I get better grades than I expected?</p>	<p>You can either accept your offer or look at Adjustment. Adjustment gives you the option to pick an alternative course requiring higher grades. To use Adjustment, you simply need to have met and exceeded the term of the conditional offer from your firm choice.</p>
<p>Can I apply to you through clearing if I have not yet applied to university?</p>	<p>Yes, but you will need to complete a UCAS application to use Clearing. If you haven't yet applied, you can apply online now via www.ucas.com</p> <p>You will not be able to add course choices but once registered, you will receive an email with a link to UCAS Track which will display your clearing number.</p>
<p>Do I need a personal statement for clearing?</p>	<p>If you already have an application, then the personal statement you have submitted will be used. If you are applying for a different course, you may want to re-word your statement and offer it to the university when you speak to them.</p> <p>If you are make a new application you will need to create a personal statement.</p>

<p>What is the difference between clearing and adjustment?</p>	<p>Adjustment is for students who have met and exceeded the conditional of their firm offers. If you have not meet the entry criteria for your chosen courses, you can apply for alternative courses through clearing.</p>
<p>How long does it take to receive clearing offer?</p>	<p>Most of the Clearing process happens over the phone. You are provided with a clearing number and the ADD a CLEARING CHOICE button on UCAS TRACK. If you have to be released by either your firm or insurance choices you will need to wait for confirmation that this has been done which may take up to 2 weeks.</p>
<p>Can I defer my university place on results day?</p>	<p>You can ask your university to defer your place for a year. You will need to tell them as soon as possible. Be prepared to explain your reason. While many universities will agree to this, some will not. You will then need to make the decision whether to take your place or withdraw. If you withdraw, you can then reapply for the next year. Remember all because you secure a place this year, does not guarantee you a place for next year. again the process begins for the next student intake.</p>

The Careers Team are on hand all through the summer to help you in exploring and securing your next steps. If you need help from a member of the careers team you can email careers@southessex.ac.uk and a member of the Careers Team will respond.

Alternative if you want to speak to a specific member of the team you can call

- Jade - 01375362670
- Sally - 07455 791241
- Vanita - 01375 362504
- Emma - 01375 362668
- Heather - 01702 220614