

Dear Year 13

19/07/2021

On Tuesday 10th August – A level and BTEC results will issued to your Heathland email address at 8.30am.

We are offering ‘surgeries’ where you can receive advice and guidance about university places and clearing from 9.00am – 12.00pm. I have attached some information for you about clearing to this letter.

When you arrive, please wash/sanitise your hands and then go straight to the Library via the Yellow stairs

Please do not bring any relative or friends with you to school, we wish to maintain social distancing as much as we can.

We hope that you will want to come into school, collect your results and let us know your plans for next year. You can come onto the school site to collect your results which will be available in the Main Hall from 9.00am until 10.00am. Please come through the Yellow doors to the Main Hall.

If you still have any textbooks to return, please bring them with you on results day. You will not be issued your results if you still have books to return.

In order to help keep everyone safe, please wear a mask when you are in the building and take a Lateral Flow Test the evening before coming to school. Obviously, if you test positive do not come to school to collect your results.

UCAS Update and Clearing Plus

Some key dates to be aware of:

5th July: Clearing went live – this means that if you are reconsidering your university choices, or are concerned that you might not receive the grades that you need for your chosen universities, that you can begin to look for vacancies on courses around the country. This can be accessed by searching through your own Track page on the UCAS website.

10th August: A Level Results Day – if you do not receive the results that you need you can still gain a place at University through Clearing. UCAS has introduced **Clearing Plus** which will enhance the process of clearing and make it more personalised for students.

The process for Clearing Plus works as follows:

- UCAS will match universities/courses with students that meet specified criteria e.g. not holding any offers, has achieved certain A Level grades.
- Students will be able to view any universities/courses that they have been matched with by clicking “View Matches” on the Track page. This will be available from **8.30am on 10th August**.

- If they want to, students can permit universities to contact them directly, if they still have vacancies in courses specified in Clearing Plus, by clicking the “I’m Interested” button.
- Students should not simply wait to be contacted but should continue to be proactive in searching for vacancies at other universities to ensure that they can get a place. This can all be done through the Track page of the UCAS website.
- From **2pm on 10th August** students can begin to add clearing choices through the Track page, if they have received an informal offer through direct contact with a university.

7th September: Deadline for confirmation of results to Universities – most exam boards are linked with UCAS, which means that results are provided directly to universities. However, if you have taken a course that is not recognised by UCAS, but is specified in an offer from a university, you must provide evidence of attainment directly to your university of choice by 7th September. Details of which courses are recognised by UCAS can be found below.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/sending-exam-results>

Covid-19 and Deferring Places

We are aware that some students will be considering the option of deferring their place at university until 2021. Whilst it is understandable that students may be unhappy with the prospect of distanced learning and other social distancing measures in their first year at university, **we would currently advise students not to defer.** This is for a number of reasons:

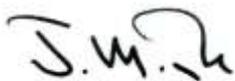
1. We do not know for certain that similar measures will not be in place in 2021
2. Many universities are reporting that they will look to continue distanced learning past the end of the pandemic
3. Many traditional gap year opportunities, such as travel, work experience, or volunteering, are likely to be unavailable for a significant portion of the coming year

For these reasons it would be advisable, in most cases, to continue to university as planned.

We are looking forward to seeing you in August – until then, keep well and enjoy the summer.

As a final note, could I please remind you that students must not come into school if they, or any member of the household, are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

Yours sincerely



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