

Results day checklist

Plan B ready? Here's how to stay ahead

Before you get your results, think about your plan B, C or D! Be ready if you change your mind. If you have an insurance choice, think about what your next steps are and whether you're still happy with it.

- **Browse your options** – start exploring universities, colleges, and courses from July 5. Don't forget apprenticeships or a gap year!
- **Revisit and reconsider** – look back at your original choices. Would you still be happy going there if a place opens up?
- **Check the requirements** – double-check course details, especially entry requirements, for any new courses you're considering.

5 steps to prep

Get everything in place for when you get your results:

- **Make a list of top choices** – write down the courses you'd be interested in so you can quickly check if they're in Clearing. Check ucas.com for available options on results day.
- **Know how to contact** – find the best way to reach each university, whether by phone, email or another method. Check out their Clearing webpages for details.
- **Know why you want that place** – be ready to explain why the course interests you. Have bullet points prepared, keep your personal statement handy (if helpful) and have your grades ready!
- **Think about what matters to you** – prepare questions about things like location, accommodation, societies, student life and available bursaries. Can you do a campus tour? Find the best fit for you.
- **Take control** – remember universities and colleges want to speak to you, not your parents or anyone else. Being prepared helps you take the lead and make confident decisions.

On the day checklist:

Stay prepared for a smooth and simple process.

- ☐ **Fully charged mobile phone** – to make calls and stay connected.
- ☐ **Personal ID Number** – found on your application; you'll need this to speak with UCAS and universities.
- ☐ **Clearing number** – found in your application; you may need it for Clearing.
- ☐ **Your grades** – have them ready to share when needed.
- ☐ **A copy of your personal statement** – helpful for inspiration if asked why you're interested in the course.
- ☐ **Double check entry requirements** – contact universities if you're unsure.
- ☐ **Confirm offer timescale** – if you're offered a course ask how long you have to decide and add it to your application.
- ☐ **Pen and paper** – to take notes and jot down important details!

Useful contact numbers:

- UCAS: 0371 468 0 468 or +44 330 333 0230 from outside the UK (international call rates apply).
- Exam Results Helpline: 0800 100 900
- Skills Development Scotland Results Helpline: 0808 100 8000