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Dear students and parents / carers of Y13,

A Level Results Day: Thursday 15th August 2024.

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying a break after a challenging examination period.

This communication provides details our arrangements for collection of examination results on Thursday 15th August 2024 as well as providing an insight into the UCAS Track process post results.

Please note that this letter needs to be considered alongside the **UCAS Guide to Results, Confirmation and Clearing 2024** PowerPoint explaining the range of UCAS Track outcomes and next steps available to students on results day.

For full details on Track options please see [UCAS: Understanding your UCAS Track options](#)

Results Day.

The school site will be open to students from **08:00am on Thursday 15th August**. Due to the annual Examination Results Embargo, we are not permitted to release examination results before 8:00am.

A-level results slips will be issued from inside the DT block, where members of the sixth form team will be available to speak to students and offer support. You are advised to have your (fully charged) mobile with you in case you do need to contact universities to discuss confirmation of places / access through Clearing.

Please ensure that you are able to access UCAS Track as well as your Teams and school email accounts for communications throughout the day.

If you wish to lodge an appeal in response to your grade outcomes, please ensure you speak to Mr C Hughes on results day or communicate via email as soon as possible prior to **Thursday 22nd August 2024**. For non-urgent requests, students must see Mr C Hughes in person in school no later than **Monday 9th September 2024**. All requests have a cost implication and fees must be paid by the student. Mr C Hughes will also be able to advise with regard to accessing examination scripts and potential re-marks.

Appeals advice from UCAS can be found here: [UCAS Grade Appeal Advice](#).

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Please note:

- Results **cannot** be communicated over the phone or via e-mail.
- Results must be issued to students (not parents / friends). If you wish to give permission to a relative to collect your results on your behalf, you must complete the permission form which is available on the school website: [WGSB Examinations](#)
- Examination certificates will be available for collection in the Autumn term.
 - All students and parents / carers will be notified by personal e-mail in November 2024 and certificates can be collected from reception by students.
- Please note that students must have completed the Clearing process before they will be eligible to collect examination certificates; this includes paying all debts owed to Cashless Catering. Please check with the Sixth Form Team if you are unsure whether Clearing has been completed.

UCAS Guidance.

It is worth noting that universities receive A level results (directly from UCAS) several days before students. This allows each institution sufficient time to process their final decisions.

In most cases, university decisions will also be updated at approximately 8:15am on the UCAS Track account; the time that we release A Level results.

UCAS offers a wealth of support and advice to students regarding results day, and we would recommend familiarising yourself with these details in advance of Thursday 15th August. [UCAS Results Day 2024](#)

Confirmation and Clearing.

As in previous years, we expect and hope that most students will get the A Level grades they need to meet the terms of their 'Firm' conditional offer.

However, it is worth students and parents familiarising themselves with the 'Confirmation' and 'Clearing' processes in advance of results day. Detailed guidance is available on the UCAS website. [UCAS Clearing Guide](#)

Please ensure you have your **personal UCAS ID and password** with you to access UCAS Track.

Unifrog also offers guidance and support regarding Clearing; all students continue to have access to this whilst they are still on our roll.

Students will be able to add a Clearing choice from **13:00 on Thursday August 15th**.

Whilst you can research Clearing options from **July 5th 2024**, it is only possible to add a 'Clearing' choice in 'UCAS Track' after 1pm on A Level results' day; please access the [UCAS Search Tool](#).

Students who perform better than expected.

Any student who does better than expected and wishes to secure a different place, will need to decline their confirmed place and find a new place using Clearing. Students can use the [Clearing Plus](#) tool to find relevant universities with spaces whose entry requirements match their results.

Declining an Unconditional Place.

If you are holding a 'Firm Unconditional' place you no longer wish to take, you can use the 'decline my place' button in UCAS Track. We recommend you talk to a school adviser before you make this decision.

If you use the 'decline my place' button and complete the steps, your place will be declined and your contract with the university or college will be cancelled. This means you will lose your place so you should only use this button if you are sure you no longer want to accept it.

Advice on declining your place can be found here: [Decline my Firm choice on UCAS](#)

By doing so, you will be eligible to use Clearing and Clearing Plus.

Alternatively, you may decide to delete your entire Apply 2024 application and reapply using Apply 2025. In this instance, students will need to contact the Sixth Form Team in September 2024 for further advice. Please note: a student cannot use Apply 2025 if they also hold a live Apply 2024 application.

Further information, support and guidance:

September 4th 2024 is the last date for any remaining offer conditions to be met and is the last date for applicants to use the Decline my place button in their application.

21st and 22nd October are the last dates to add Clearing choices and for universities / colleges to make decisions.

Further guidance for parents regarding Clearing can be found here: [UCAS Parent Guide to Clearing](#)

Exam Results Helpline:

National Careers Service Exam Results Helpline: **0800 100 900**

- 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday
- 10am to 5pm Saturday and bank holidays

Students or their parents can contact the helpline to speak to a local professionally qualified careers adviser if they need advice on their next steps after receiving their results.

For those considering a different path, this may be helpful: [Apprenticeship Search](#) as well as the [Govt apprenticeship search](#).

UCAS offers advice on internships, gap years and studying overseas here: [Alternative plans post-results](#).

UCAS can be contacted on 0371 468 0468.

Students should have their **UCAS Personal ID** ready so UCAS can access personal records quickly.

This service will be available Monday to Friday, 08:30-18:00 and will open at 08:00 on Thursday 17 August (UK times)

Support for students whose results have not gone to plan and maybe struggling with anxiety and disappointment.

Here are some websites that maybe be helpful to access in the event of any exam result-related stress.

[Young Minds Exam Stress Advice](#)

[Charlie Waller Exam Results and Clearing](#)

[Student Minds Mental Health Support](#)

I hope this information is helpful and wish you all the very best for results day and beyond.

Mrs L Ahern



Assistant Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form.