

A Level Results Day: Thursday 13th August 2026.

Dear students and parents / carers of Y13,

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

This communication provides details of your arrangements for the collection of examination results on **Thursday 13th August 2026** 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 Confirmation and Clearing & Clearing Checklist Poster** which accompany this letter. Please find other supporting information attached.

These resources include all the information you will need to understand the range of UCAS Track outcomes and options available to students following the release of results; you are advised to read the details in advance of 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 **8:00am on Thursday 13th August**. Due to the annual Examination Results' Embargo, we are not permitted to release examination results before 8:00am.

Please enter the site via the atrium and make your way to the annex to collect results from the Examination Team. You are invited to proceed to the main hall where members of the sixth form team will be available to speak to students and offer support as required.

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 can 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 20th August 2026**. For non-urgent requests, students must see Mr C Hughes in person in school no later than **Monday 7th September 2026**. All requests have a cost implication, and fees must be paid by the student. Mr C Hughes will also be able to advise regarding accessing examination scripts and potential re-marks.

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

Please note:

- Results **cannot** be communicated over the phone or via e-mail.
- Results must be issued to students (not parents / friends). If you are unable to collect your examination results in person, please ensure you have completed the Results Collection Proforma which is available from Mr C Hughes; this is also available on our school website: [here](#).
- Examination certificates will be available for collection in the Autumn term.
 - All students and parents / careers will be notified via personal e-mail address in November 2026 and certificates can be collected from reception by students.
- Please note that students must have completed the Clearing process before they are able to collect examination certificates; this includes paying all debts owed to Cashless Catering. Communications have been sent to students and parents / carers if this process has not been completed; please check with the Sixth Form Team if you are unsure.

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 8:00am 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 13th August. The following page offers a range of advice for results day and options on / after the release of results: [UCAS Results Day 2026](#)

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](#).

The attached infographic may also be of help.

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 roll.

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

Whilst you can research Clearing options from **July 2nd 2026**, it is only possible to add a 'Clearing' choice in 'UCAS Track' after 1pm on A Level results' day; you can access the [UCAS Search Tool here](#).

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 that you talk to a school adviser before making 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 Matches.

Alternatively, you may decide to delete your entire Apply 2026 application and reapply using Apply 2027. In this instance, students will need to contact the Sixth Form Team in September 2026 for further advice. Please note: a student cannot use Apply 2027 if they also hold a live Apply 2026 application.

Further information, support and guidance:

September 2nd 2026, 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.

19th October is 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 Clearing Toolkit for Parents](#)

A leaflet regarding other school leaver options is also attached to this letter.

Exam Results Helpline:

Need help with Clearing, call **UCAS** 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 13th August (UK times)

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 and 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](#).

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 & Clearing](#)

[Student Minds Mental Health Support](#)

[Kooth](#) (free, safe, and anonymous mental health support online (providing NHS services))

I hope this information is helpful and from all at WGS6, we wish you the very best for results day and beyond. Please join our [Alumni](#) and keep in touch!

Mrs L Ahern

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Ahern', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Assistant Headteacher / Head of Sixth Form.