



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

We know that exam results day may seem a long way off at the moment, however this letter aims to give you some advice about how exam results will be communicated, how parents and carers can support their children and what support services will be available if things do not go according to plan.

A-Level Results Day

A-Level results day is on Thursday 18th August 2022.

We will be issuing results between 9.00am – 11.00am in the Sixth Form Centre and we will be delighted to have students back on site to collect their results.

On results day, we are here to help. Staff will be in school from 9.00am - 2.00pm on Thursday 18th August to offer advice for those students who may need some extra support

If students are unable to collect their exam results on 18th August, they can either:

Have your results posted home

You will need to provide a stamped addressed A4 envelope with either a 1st or 2nd class stamp to cover postage. If you are using an A4 envelope, this will require a large letter stamp.

Results are posted out on results day; therefore, you will not receive them until a few days later. Stamped addressed envelopes should be handed into reception by **Friday 8th July 2022 at the latest.**

Ask someone to collect them on your behalf

We will need written permission from you stating that it is okay for someone else to collect your results for you

If results are being collected by anyone other than a KJS students, ID will need to be shown.

If your child's results are being received by one of the methods outlined above, **please note that we will require advance notice of this.**

In exceptional circumstances, and with prior arrangement, results can be emailed to students, however, please note that emailed results will be sent later on the Thursday afternoon.

How parents can help

At this point most students will need reassurance that whatever their results turn out to be they will have your support. Even when students don't quite achieve the grades they need, they do find alternative pathways and courses. Whilst we all hope that our children have achieved excellent results that give them the options they are hoping for, it may be useful to remind them often over the next few weeks that success in life is never determined solely by academic achievements. Talking through the different possible outcomes and working out a plan B can help manage expectations. Whatever happens there will always be choices to make and these choices are easier to consider before the emotions that results day can bring.

Careers advice

Mrs Morgan, our Careers Advisor, will be in school at the following times to offer advice and guidance to students:

Thursday 18th August 2022 – 8.00am until 4.00pm

Friday 19th August 2022 – 8.00am until 4.00pm

If you have any further questions or require any further information, please contact school on 01423 866061 or by email admin@king-james.n-yorks.sch.uk.

We wish all our Year 13 students the very best of luck with their results and we look forward to seeing them from 9am on 18th August.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Sugden
Headteacher



Year 13 A Level/BTEC Results Day – Useful Parents/Carers Information and Frequently Asked Questions.

You are waiting for your A Level/BTEC exam results this August – you may be feeling calm or slightly anxious. However you feel, we offer some gentle words of advice and guidance. When picking up your results here are some straight forward things to remember.

FIRSTLY, DON'T PANIC - whatever happens, there are always positive options you can pursue. There will be a team of people to help support you on results day (and after), and to help you with any queries you may have. There will be sixth form staff and our careers adviser (Karen Morgan) present on the day.

WHAT CAN I DO BEFOREHAND? - Be prepared. If you have applied to Uni check on UCAS Track in the morning. Arrive on time to collect your results, bring a pen, notepad, water bottle and mobile phone with you. Be prepared to wait on the day if things need sorting out, so don't book yourself onto a shift at work that afternoon! If you have applied to university via UCAS do make sure you have your login details with you.

PLACE OFFERS – what do I do if I don't get the grades I expected? – Do not assume you haven't been offered a place at your chosen University or training centre or apprenticeship. Always check directly with them or via UCAS Track. If you have not met your conditional offer they may have an alternative offer for you. TRACK can take time to upload on results day morning – so do call your university direct if you have not been given a decision via TRACKS.

If you have been refused a place you can go through clearing. All the information about what you need to do is available at :-<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/ucas-undergraduate-results>.

“DON'T SETTLE” - Give yourself time to consider your choices. If you go through clearing you must still research the course, as you may not find a course identical to your original choice. Some courses may sound similar, but the content can be very different, so do check the modules that make up the course.

Check whether there is more than one way to your destination, such as work-based training or distance learning. Apprenticeships have grown over the last few years with new routes and levels (such as Intermediate, Advanced, Higher & Degree Apprenticeships). There are Higher and Degree apprenticeships in areas of law, business, finance, engineering and the sciences to name a few).

Alternatives if you still want to go to University:

- Local colleges may offer Access to HE, Foundation Degrees or Degrees and it may be worth contacting the college direct. Look on local college websites. Another option is to take a similar type of degree which requires lower entry qualifications and may allow the opportunity to transfer. *Note – this is adding an extra year of study and cost. Speak to your Careers Adviser or 6th form teacher before taking this option.*
- Take a gap year and reapply next year – During this gap year you can do more qualifications either full or part time. You can consider studying at a 6th form, college or distance learning (you may

have course fees to pay). See above for different types of degree including Degree and Higher-Level apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships/Employment

- You may be able to apply for a higher-level apprenticeship, including degree apprenticeships and this will lead to level 4 or higher qualifications. Some employers will support you to do a university course whilst on your apprenticeship. See what apprenticeships and traineeships are available at www.apprenticeships.org.uk. You can search by job idea, apprenticeship level and postcode for those vacancies nearest to you. For degree apprenticeships check out these websites too:-
- <https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships/what-you-need-know-about-apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeships-0>
- <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk>
- <https://advice.milkround.com/>

What Advice and support will be available?

There will be plenty of support available on the day. There will be school 6th form & Yr. 13 staff available. We will also have our school Careers Adviser - Karen Morgan, who will be available on results day and the day after (remote, telephone and email).

In addition to support from school there is support available via the National Careers Service.

National Careers Service: Call 0800 100 900 or use webchat on www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us 8 am to 8pm Mon-Fri (please note that currently the website states there is a Saturday service but this is not in operation at the present). The National Careers Service will run the Exams Helpline this summer (as in previous years). We are still awaiting further information re the opening times of the exams line (as usually this is until 10 pm and on the Saturday after exams). We will issue an update if the opening hours will be longer.

Specific Careers information

Do not forget as a King James's student or parent you have access to eCLIPS – our online careers library support. www.eclips-online.co.uk/ Password kingj22

The following are useful leaflet links

- No offers? Wrong grades - <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/2.24>
- Routes into Higher Education - <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/2.20>
- How to find a job - <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/11.10>
- Employment at 18 with Level 3 qualifications - <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/11.06>
- Apprenticeships and work-based learning - <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/11.16>
- Coping with interviews - <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/11.13>
- Taking A Year Out - <https://www.eclips-online.co.uk/leaflet/2.25>

(If the hyperlinks do not work for you – do copy and paste into your browser of choice).

Good luck!

Mrs K Morgan
Careers Adviser