



## Year 13 A Level/BTEC Results Day Useful Careers Information and Frequently Asked Questions

There will be a team of staff to help support you on results day and they will help you with any queries you have. There will be Sixth Form staff and our Careers Advisor (Karen Morgan) present on the day.

### PLACE OFFERS – if you have met the grades for the course you applied for - well done!

1. Do check on your UCAS account and check your application status to see what else (if anything) you need to do. Most Unis will ask you to confirm that you will be taking up your place – don't forget to do this (they usually give you a few days). **Check your offer – it will say whether you have met your firm choice or insurance choice offer.**
2. **Waiting for confirmation** – (occasionally you will get this message) - sometimes UCAS are still waiting for your university to confirm your offer. Send them your results if asked. You should get further information shortly. If you are still getting this message after a day or 2 then do check directly with the institution or call UCAS to check all is progressing as it should.

### NO PLACE OFFERS – what do I do if I don't get the grades I expected for Uni?

- **Do not assume you haven't been offered a place at your chosen University.** Always check directly with them or via your UCAS application. Many may still have your place for you if you have dropped a few points, call and find out if not clear from your UCAS account.
- **If you have not met your main or conditional offer the University may have an alternative course offer for you.** Do check out the course detail in any new offers they make to you before deciding (i.e., the syllabus content may be very different - even though the degree title is similar, sometimes the new course may be delivered in a different faculty or town, would this affect your decisions). You do not have to take their alternative offer – do look around... are there other courses available elsewhere you prefer?
- **Don't feel you have to rush to accept the first offer.** Take time to look at a few and decide what is right for you. Staff are here to help if you have any queries.

### CLEARING – no place offers

If you have been refused a place by your firm or insurance offer, then you can go through **Clearing**. This is where all courses with vacancies will be listed. You will be able to search by subject or institution. All the information about what you need to do is available at: -

[www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/ucas-undergraduate-results](http://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.

**Alternatives via different routes:** - 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 Advanced, Higher & Degree Apprenticeships). There are Higher and Degree apprenticeships in areas of law, business, finance, engineering and the sciences to name a few. Check them out if interested...

### 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 (Foundation Degree). *Note – this is adding an extra year of study and cost. Speak to your Careers Adviser or Sixth 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 Sixth form, college, or distance learning (you may have course fees to pay).

### Apprenticeships/Employment

- You may be able to apply for a higher-level apprenticeship, including degree apprenticeships and this will lead to a 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](http://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:-

- [www.ucas.com/apprenticeships/what-you-need-know-about-apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeships-0](http://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships/what-you-need-know-about-apprenticeships/degree-apprenticeships-0)
- [www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)
- [www.advice.milkround.com](http://www.advice.milkround.com)

## CAREERS GUIDANCE

There is plenty of support available today. School staff will be able to support you if you need help, or you can speak to Mrs Morgan our Careers Adviser. Staff will be able direct you to Mrs Morgan and advise when she is free. Mrs Morgan will be available on Friday, as well as Results Day.

***If you need help either book a slot whilst at school, or call/leave a message on 01423 798722 – this is a direct temporary school line for Mrs Morgan (as Reception will be staffed am only).*** If she is interviewing someone Mrs Morgan will be unable to answer but do leave a message, and she will get back to you as soon as she is free.

In addition to support from school there is also support available via the **National Careers Service** - Call 0800 100 900 or use webchat: [www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us](http://www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us) 8am to 8pm Mon-Fri, (Saturday 10am to 5pm). You will be able to talk to a Careers Adviser if you need further support outside of school time.

## 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/](http://www.eclips-online.co.uk/) Site licence requirements prevent placing password on website. Students have the password in their planner. It was issued to parents in the careers newsletter sent Sept. The password will also be on the leaflet in student's results envelope.

The following are useful leaflet links: -

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

Good luck!

Karen Morgan, Careers Adviser

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