

Final UCAS Information for U6th

What Happens at Confirmation?

- Your results are sent to the universities by UCAS.
- If you meet the conditions of your firm choice, you will receive a Confirmation letter with a reply slip which should be returned to the university without delay. You should be able to track decisions through the UCAS on-line Applicant Enquiry Service.
- If you do not meet the conditions of your firm choice but meet those of your insurance choice that university will send you a Confirmation letter. Again, the decision will be posted on the UCAS website.
- If you fail to meet the conditions, you may still be offered your first choice or even a different course at the same university.
- If you are unsuccessful you become eligible for Clearing.
- Applicants are expected to honour their commitments at Confirmation. If they are placed at a university in the UCAS System (unless they are eligible to use the Adjustment process) they must take up that place or withdraw completely from this year's application cycle.

Clearing:

UCAS publish the official list of vacancies online from August 19th. If an applicant is eligible for Clearing an "Add Clearing Choice" button will appear on their Track "choices" screen which they can use to apply for a course. Applicants can contact different universities and colleges to discuss vacancies and may be informally offered several places. They will need to decide which offer to accept as they can only enter one choice on Track. If a place is provisionally offered, there will also be a date by which applicants must enter the course details on Track. Applicants will need to click on their "Add Clearing Choice" button and enter the institution and course details. This should only be done when candidates are sure they want to accept a place.

Places fill very quickly and competition is expected to be particularly intense this year. Make sure you are organised before August 19th.

Adjustment:

This is a new option introduced by UCAS last year. It will allow candidates who have exceeded the conditions of their first choice to reconsider where and what to study.

Only applicants who have met and exceeded their original (CF) offer are eligible and they will need to register on Track. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact a university or college to discuss an Adjustment place. An applicant has five calendar days to use Adjustment (from the later of August 19th or the day they go CF to UF).

Adjustment is entirely optional and there is no guarantee that there will be any vacancies on the courses applicants decide they want to be considered for. It is very unlikely that the most competitive courses will have any places available. Candidates should also be aware that there may be considerations regarding accommodation and student finance to be taken into account.

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Contacting Universities:

- Only telephone if it is really necessary. The UCAS Track Service helps to monitor decisions.
- There is no need to ring if you have met the conditions of your offer.
- If you have narrowly missed the grades needed you *should* ring – but be patient if you do not quickly get through.
- Any requests for a change of course, date of entry or point of entry should be made direct to the university which made the offer.

The UCAS website is: www.ucas.com

The UCAS helpline telephone number is: 0871 4680 468
Available: 07.00 – 19.00 on Thursday August 19th
08.00 – 19.00 on Friday August 20th
08.30 – 17.00 on Saturday August 21st
then normal office hours.

I will be available in my study at College on August 19th and 20th.

Good luck

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