



Richard Hale Sixth Form Results Day Guidance

Students can collect their results from 8.00 am in the main hall. UCAS Hub will start updating student track at around the same time. This information can take time to upload and patience is required as a student's track status may not change immediately. The information on UCAS Hub could be as follows:

UCAS Track Status	What it means	Next Steps
Unconditional offer	You got the grades and have been accepted into one of your chosen universities. This could either be your firm* or insurance** choice	Celebrate! And start preparing for university
Unsuccessful (Eligible for Clearing)	You didn't get the grades for your firm and insurance choices	Start researching alternative courses and call up unis. Refer to the Clearing guide for more information
Unconditional changed course	You didn't get the grades for your chosen course, but the uni has offered you an alternative course instead	Carefully consider the course you've been offered. If it's not right for you, decline and start looking at clearing vacancies
Conditional offer	Your unis are still considering whether to offer you a place	Call your university to get an update on the situation

***Firm university choice** = this is the student's first choice university

****Insurance university choice** = this is the student's back-up university choice

Advice for students:

Students are advised to be prepared for clearing and for calling universities, even if they are confident. They should have the following with them:

- a fully charged mobile phone (and charger)
- a notepad and pen
- details of conditional offers, university contact numbers, their UCAS Track number, universities' UCAS and Clearing numbers
- notes from having researched universities and courses beforehand, with a list of questions to ask course tutors
- their personal statement and GCSE results.

FAQs:

1) What if I don't get the grades I need?

Don't panic – there are a number of options open to you.

1. If you have missed the grades by just a few marks, you should talk to the university in question. While they're under no obligation to reconsider their decision, especially with places so competitive, they may listen to you if you plan to appeal any grades.
2. Alternatively, you could simply accept the decision and go through the results day Clearing process.
3. If you do feel you could have achieved better grades, you may be able to sit A-level retakes. This means that you could delay your entry for a year until you get your results.

2) What if I want to request a review of marking, as I think I'm close to a grade boundary?

The person to speak to is our Exams Officer, Mrs Bradbury (available in the exams office). If a university place is resting on the outcome of a marking review, you can request a priority review. It is important to communicate this to our exams officer.

3) What is UCAS Clearing?

Essentially UCAS Clearing is a list of university courses that have spaces to fill. The process is a lot more fluid than the initial application. It involves calling up universities to enquire about places, selling yourself over the phone and sometimes doing a quick telephone interview. It is a good idea to have your original personal statement handy, as universities will have this information and may refer to any of it when you call. If you get a place through Clearing, you'll be treated exactly the same way as any other student. Selecting a Final Clearing option opens at 1pm. This ensures that students take time to make the right decision for them. Between 8am (getting your results) and 1pm, making a clearing selection should give you enough time to look on clearing, call the university clearing hotline numbers and decide whether the course and university is right for you.

4) What is UCAS Clearing Plus?

Clearing Plus is a relatively new addition that automatically suggests courses for you to apply to. It gives you options based on your qualifications, grades and the courses you originally applied for. Clearing Plus will appear under a button labelled 'See matches' in UCAS Track. You don't have to go with any of the courses presented to you by Clearing Plus; you still have access to the full selection of courses in Clearing. However, it can act as a handy tool to point you in the right direction. It might even bring courses to your attention that you weren't previously aware of.

5) Clearing opened in early July – are these the only courses available?

Clearing will be very different on results day. Even though we recommend having a look at the courses already listed on UCAS Clearing before results day, the list will quickly change as students are allocated to courses, or Firm and Insurance places are confirmed throughout the day and beyond.

6) Can I defer my university place on results day?

You can ask your university to defer your place for a year if you don't already hold a deferred offer. While this can technically be done up until the start date, the earlier you tell them, the better. Be prepared to explain your reasons. While many universities will agree to this, if they don't, you could choose to withdraw your application for this year and then reapply when the process begins for the next student intake.

7) What if I get better grades than I expected?

If you managed to exceed the conditions of your firm offer, and you would like to explore the possibility of picking an alternative course requiring higher grades, you can now simply do this through the UCAS Clearing service. You are able to decline your place and change your course and university through the Clearing process instead.

8) What if I am not going to university and am not sure what to do next?

Don't panic – impartial support is available to you from HCC, Services for Young People. Text 'RESULTS' to **07860 065173** with your name, date of birth and Richard Hale School. Alternatively you could email: sfyp.eastherts@hertfordshire.gov.uk if you live in the East Herts district, including Ware, Hertford, Bishop's Stortford and Buntingford; sfyp.welwynhatfield@hertfordshire.gov.uk if you live in the borough of Welwyn Hatfield, including Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield and surrounding areas; sfyp.broxbourne@hertfordshire.gov.uk if you live in the borough of Broxbourne, including Cheshunt, Waltham Cross and Hoddesdon.

UCAS Tariff points – summary information

Extended Diploma	Extended Certificate (Rugby ac)	AS level	A level	UCAS tariff points
D*D*D* (D1)				168
D*D*D (D2)				160
D*DD (D3)				152
DDD (D4)				144
DDM (D5)				128
DMM (D6)				112
MMM (M1)				96
MMP (M2)				80
MPP (M3)				64
			A*	56
PPP (P1)			A	48
			B	40
			C	32
	D*			28
	D		D	24
		A		20
	M	B	E	16
		C		12
		D		10
	P			8
		E		6