

What Next?

Sixth Form Results Day



2025

GUIDANCE NOTE ON UCAS - RESULTS DAY

THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST 2025

This booklet is about UCAS processes when you receive your results. **Please make sure that you complete a destinations form before you leave school on results day** or as soon as you know what you are doing. If you cannot return your destinations form on results day, please drop it off at reception as soon as you have a destination, or email Mrs Carter at li-am.carter@ga.newcastle.sch.uk with an update.

UCAS - WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

It is assumed that each student has selected a Firm university choice and, as strongly advised for obvious reasons, an Insurance university choice asking for lower grades. Sometimes this was not possible.

RESULTS DAY

Details of how you will receive your grades and how to obtain advice are set out in the letter that will accompany this booklet. **You will need your UCAS number to hand when you come into school to receive your results.**

RESULTS ARE WHAT YOU NEED?

IF YOUR RESULTS ARE WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR UCAS OFFER - WELL DONE & CONGRATULATIONS

- If you have got the right results you do not need to contact your university on results day. They are very busy and need to help people with problems.
- However, if you are unsure, please ask Sixth Form staff.
- You can check your status on TRACK, which will be updated on a regular basis by UCAS. TRACK will show Unconditional Firm (UF) instead of CF or CI.
- If you have been successful, you will see this message :-
"Congratulations! Your place at X university to study Y course has been confirmed." If TRACK still says conditional, this means it has not yet updated. Do not panic! Wait.
- You will need to accept your confirmed place.

RESULTS JUST BELOW WHAT YOU NEED?

YOU MAY STILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING A PLACE ON YOUR CHOSEN COURSE

1. Check TRACK as soon as it is available. Many universities will have a congratulations message for successful students. If it says 'unconditional' against one of your choices (Firm CF or Insurance CI), then that is the one that has accepted you. If not updated or if it says 'unsuccessful' - **phone university** (CF and/or CI, as appropriate). **You need your UCAS number and course code: you will ask them if they are still willing to accept you.**
2. You may be made a "changed course" offer, shown on TRACK as UCC. You are not obliged to accept this offer. You have five days to make up your mind, or you will lose the offer.
3. If you are appealing against your result, by asking for a re-mark, ring your University immediately.

RESULTS ABOVE WHAT YOU NEED?

Increasingly, students are using the clearing process to 'upgrade' to a different university or course. Follow the clearing instructions below but do not ask to be released from your firm offer until you have an alternative offer in writing.

RESULTS SOME WAY SHORT OF BOTH

**ALL IS NOT LOST SO PLEASE DON'T GET TOO DESPONDENT;
We can help you to go through Clearing to secure a university place.**

UCAS CLEARING

If you have not been successful at either your confirmed (CF) or confirmed insurance (CI) and you do not wish to reapply for entry in 2025, check Track. You will now have a CLEARING number. To discover what is available in Clearing, check university course vacancies on www.ucas.com.

CLEARING PLUS

Clearing Plus is a system that will automatically match you to courses you may be interested in based on your profile. You don't have to use this if you don't want to. You can find courses using the search tool if you would prefer. To use Clearing Plus look out for 'My Matches' button in Track.

Think things through and do not go for any place you see - You'll be committing yourself to three or four years somewhere and a significant investment in terms of money: it has to be a sensible choice for you. Phone universities offering courses you are interested in. **You need your Clearing Number and the course code(s).** You will ask if they are willing to accept you. If there is nothing you fancy, consider reapplying for 2026 and having an unexpected gap year. Speak to a member of the Sixth Form team.

HERE IS A CHECK LIST OF WHAT TO DO NEXT:

- Time is of the essence with Clearing. Most students are placed within the first 24 hours.
- Talk through possible options with us.
- You are eligible for Clearing if you do not have any offers or have declined a change of course offer.
- Contact a university that has a course that interests you. They will ask for your Clearing Number to confirm that they can consider you in Clearing. They can then view your complete application immediately online.
- Your Clearing Number is displayed on the 'welcome' and 'choices' pages in TRACK.
- **You can approach as many universities and colleges as you wish during Clearing, and for different courses than you previously applied for. Universities may also contact you to offer you a place - take time to think about this and don't rush into a decision.**
- Don't feel that you have to accept the first offer that you receive.
- If you declined an offer from a university earlier in the year you can contact them again to see if they will accept you in Clearing

ACCEPTING AN OFFER

When you are speaking to different universities, you may be offered several places. You will need to decide **which offer you want to accept**.

ADDING A CLEARING CHOICE

If a university **provisionally** offers you a place in Clearing, they will give a date by which you must enter their course details on TRACK. When you have made a decision, you need to click on your “Add Clearing Choice” button and enter the institution and course details. The “Add Clearing Choice” button will not be available until 2pm so that you can carry research properly. You can only enter details for **ONE CHOICE**.

Only enter a Clearing Choice if the university or college has provisionally offered you a place on the course and you want to accept it.

Do not panic, but try to calmly go through your options.

When contacting Universities be prepared to quote your:

- Clearing number and personal ID number
- A level and GCSE results
- the course title and course codes for which you wish to be considered.

Note:

- You should do the telephoning (or us in certain circumstances) not your parents.
- **You must find out the name of the person to whom you are speaking and write it down, especially if they make you an offer.**
- Be prepared to discuss your reasons for wishing to study a particular course. You will normally need to demonstrate an interest in the subject and some motivation/commitment - “because I couldn’t get in anywhere else”, etc. will not help your case.

- Be prepared to talk about additional experiences, such as work experience. You may be called for an interview, so be prepared for this.
- If you haven't already done so, you can apply for financial help towards tuition fees and living costs by contacting Student Finance England. Please visit www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance for more information.
- Remember to tell Student Finance England if you take a different course or attend a different university from your original application.
- You will have your Clearing offer confirmed in Track and by letter from UCAS.
- If you only made one original UCAS choice you will need to pay an additional UCAS fee.

In preparation for clearing, research a lower or higher tariff course than your firm and conditional courses of interest to you and bring the course number and admissions phone number with you on results day.

Watch this video to find out more about clearing:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing>

If you believe your grades are unrepresentative, further details are available on results day about how to proceed with an appeal. You could resit A-Levels in Summer 2026 and reapply through UCAS to universities in the autumn of 2025.

REAPPLICATION TO UNIVERSITY AND/OR A LEVEL EXAMS SUMMER 2026

Students who wish to reapply to university for 2026 will normally be fully supported by Gosforth Academy. A Level exam sittings may sometimes be advisable and individual guidance will be given, as necessary. Exams for external students at Gosforth do incur the standard exam board fee per paper, payable in advance. Email the exam office at exams@ga.newcastle.sch.uk about entries before the end of December 2025 for summer 2026 exam entries.

We are happy to support you with your autumn term UCAS application for 2026 entry in the same way that we help students in Year 13, so please contact Mrs Blackburn at karen.blackburn@ga.newcastle.sch.uk when you are ready to make your application. We can check your application for you if you apply before 31st October but after this date, it will be a reference only service.

ACTIONS TO TAKE PRIOR TO RESULTS DAY

1. Decide on your back up plan - do you want to go to that particular university or do a specific course?
2. Ensure you have researched and kept a note of course numbers and names of lower tariff potential targets for clearing. This may be by course or university.
3. Decide with your parents/guardians about whether they can support you at home if you wish to go straight home to make the phone calls.
4. Watch videos on UCAS if you are unsure of the process. **Bring your Clearing number and any of the course numbers to school.**

WHAT TO BRING ON THE DAY

1. A fully charged mobile phone with UCAS login.
2. A pen and paper to make notes if you are on the phone.
3. Details of university contact numbers/courses/back up plan (mentioned in previous section).
4. Your personal statement & GCSE results (in case you need to go through Clearing).

BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS AT UNIVERSITY

Check with the university that you go to whether you are entitled to any bursaries and scholarships. Some even award you money for strong A Level results.

PLANNING ON STUDYING AN ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL OR NURSING DEGREE?

NHS Learning Support Fund (LSF)

If you're starting and continuing your course from 1 September 2020 onwards, you can apply for NHS LSF if you're on one of the following pre-registration undergraduate or postgraduate courses:

- dental therapy or dental hygiene (level 5 and 6 qualifications)
- dietetics
- midwifery
- nursing (adult, child, mental health, learning disability, joint nursing, and social work)
- occupational therapy
- operating department practitioner (level 5 and 6 qualifications)
- orthoptics
- orthotics and prosthetics
- paramedics (DipHE and FD courses are not eligible for NHS LSF)
- physiotherapy
- podiatry or chiropody
- radiography (diagnostic and therapeutic)
- speech and language therapy

If you're eligible, you can get:

- a training grant of £5,000 per academic year
- parental support of £2,000, if you have at least one dependent child under 15 years, or under 17 years if registered with special educational needs
- money back for excess travel and temporary accommodation costs (Travel and Dual Accommodation Expenses) while you're on your practice placement.

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-learning-support-fund-lsf>

WANT TO EXPLORE ADDITIONAL FINANCE?

Register to explore any further bursaries you may be able to access

<https://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk/first-your-family-go-university/>

USEFUL LINKS/RESOURCES

UCAS:

<https://www.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing>.

Further details about types of bursaries, scholarships and grants can be found on:

www.ucas.com/finance/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries

Further guidance inc:

- Clearing plus
- How do I apply using Clearing?
- How does Clearing work?
- FAQs
- Looking after your wellbeing

KEY CONTACTS

Progression Manager: Li-Am.carter@ga.newcastle.sch.uk

Exams Office: Suzi Smith - Exams Manager
exams@ga.newcastle.sch.uk

UCAS Helpline: 0371 4680468
www.ucas.ac.uk

CUKAS Helpline: 0371 4680470

www.discoveruni.gov.uk (general advice on universities and how different courses and institutions compare)

INVITATION TO JOIN GOSFORTH ACADEMY ALUMNI

As a Year 13 2025 leaver, you are invited you to join our alumni programme. At its heart, the programme aims to build a community of former students that we can contact to help support current students as they consider their next steps after school.

Being an alumni member would involve school keeping your details for this purpose and checking in with you once a year by email. We may also invite you to school events and ask if you would be prepared to offer mentoring or share your experiences since school with small groups of students. To do this we need your consent to us holding information about what course or apprenticeship you are studying and/or where you are working. Further details are in the Alumni Privacy statement online and in your leaver pack and you can opt out at any time.

To join, simply fill in and return the Alumni Consent form to your tutor or the school office. Wishing you all the best as you embark on your next chapter and please consider staying in touch by signing the form!



<https://vlevm.ga.newcastle.sch.uk/4d6bfbeb885f8b6dd913979e9d8f356a/destination-form>

Please ensure that you complete the digital destination form on results day to tell us where you will move onto from Gosforth Academy. Filling out this form will enable us to provide further support if needed, as well as to collate whole year destination results. If we do not hear from you on results day, we may need to contact you to obtain the information on the form. Thank you.

BEST OF LUCK FROM THE SIXTH FORM TEAM.

KEY

Unconditional Firm (UF)

You have a **confirmed** place at either your original conditional firm (CF) or conditional insurance (CI) University.

You need to accept this offer on TRACK.

Conditional Firm (CF) or Conditional Insurance (CI)

If TRACK still shows this code next to your choice(s), the university have not made their final decision yet.
Please see Sixth Form staff.

Unconditional Change of Course or Year of entry offer (UCC)

You do not meet the conditions of your original course offer; however the University is giving you 5 calendar days to consider its **alternative** course choice. You are **not** obliged to take this.

Clearing

You have **not** met the conditions of either of your course choices (CF) or (CI) and can now seek another course or University place with help from the Sixth Form team.