Results day checklist

**Plan B ready? Here’s how to stay ahead**

Before you get your results, think about your plan B, C or D! Be ready if you change your mind. If you have an insurance choice, think about what your next steps are and whether you’re still happy with it.

* **Browse your options** – start exploring universities, colleges, and courses from July 5. Don’t forget apprenticeships or a gap year!
* **Revisit and reconsider** – look back at your original choices. Would you still be happy going there if a place opens up?
* **Check the requirements** – double-check course details, especially entry requirements, for any new courses you’re considering.

**5 steps to prep**

Get everything in place for when you get your results:

* **Make a list of top choices** – write down the courses you’d be interested in so you can quickly check if they’re in Clearing. Check ucas.com for available options on results day.
* **Know how to contact** – find the best way to reach each university, whether by phone, email or another method. Check out their Clearing webpages for details.
* **Know why you want that place** – be ready to explain why the course interests you. Have bullet points prepared, keep your personal statement handy (if helpful) and have your grades ready!
* **Think about what matters to you** – prepare questions about things like location, accommodation, societies, student life and available bursaries. Can you do a campus tour? Find the best fit for you.
* **Take control** – remember universities and colleges want to speak to you, not your parents or anyone else. Being prepared helps you take the lead and make confident decisions.

**On the day checklist:**

Stay prepared for a smooth and simple process.

* **Fully charged mobile phone** – to make calls and stay connected.
* **Personal ID Number** –found on your application; you’ll need this to speak with UCAS and universities.
* **Clearing number** –found in your application; you may need it for Clearing.
* **Your grades –** have them ready to share when needed.
* **A copy of your personal statement** – helpful for inspiration if asked why you’re interested in the course.
* **Double check entry requirements** – contact universities if you’re unsure.
* **Confirm offer timescale** – if you’re offered a course ask how long you have to decide and add it to your application.
* **Pen and paper** –to take notes and jot down important details!

**Useful contact numbers:**

* [UCAS](https://www.ucas.com/contact-us): 0371 468 0 468 or +44 330 333 0230 from outside the UK (international call rates apply).
* Exam Results Helpline: 0800 100 900
* Skills Development Scotland Results Helpline: 0808 100 8000