



# UCAS

## Accepting Offers



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# UCAS –WHERE YOU ARE CURRENTLY

**You should have all submitted your UCAS by now and are in one of the following positions**

- 1. Have heard back from all your universities and have a few or all offers**
- 2. Have heard back from some but not all your universities yet**
- 3. Have heard back from all your universities but have got no offers (come and speak to Miss Sandilands if you are in this position)**

# WHAT YOU HAVE DONE SO FAR?



1. You submit your application which includes 5 choices.
2. If you have applied for a course that involves some sort of test, assessment, interview etc. You will be contacted through emails and/or UCAS regarding when this will take place and what it will involve. You must be regularly checking UCAS and emails. applied for a course that involves some sort or text, assessment, interview etc. You will be contacted through emails and/or UCAS regarding when this will take place and what it will involve. You must be regularly checking UCAS and emails.
3. You then will hopefully receive an offer through UCAS/emails from each university.
4. In an ideal world you might have 5 offers to then chose from. Do not worry if you do not have 5.

# WHAT IF YOU HAVE NO OFFERS?



Extra is another chance for you to gain a place at university or college, between 26 February and 4 July 2025.

**If you included five choices on your application**, have received decisions from all five, and weren't accepted, or if you declined the offers you received, you will be able to use Extra. If you use Extra to add another choice you cannot reverse this to go back to your original five choices. If you don't hold any offers after 5 July, you will be able to add an additional choice using Clearing.

**How do you add more choices in Extra? SPEAK TO MISS SANDILANDS IF IN THIS POSITION**

1. Find a course you want to apply to.
2. Apply for the new course.
  1. Add the details to your application.
3. The university or college will consider your application – if after 21 days you don't hear back, you can choose to either continue to wait or add a new choice.
  1. If you receive an offer, reply and subject to meeting entry requirements you're in.
  2. If you receive an offer but don't want to accept it, you can decline it.
  3. If you're not offered a place you can search for other courses and add another Extra choice

## **Tips when considering a choice**

- Think about related or alternative subjects, as the entry requirements may be different. You can only apply to one course at a time, meaning you won't be able to have an insurance choice.

## **What happens next?**

Once you have received the decision from the university or college, you just need to accept it on your application. If you accept the offer, you won't be able to apply to any more in Extra.

Make sure you reply to the offer by the date shown on your homepage, or your offer will be declined automatically.

If you decline the offer, or you don't get a decision within 21 days, you can add another choice. It might take universities and colleges longer than 21 days to reply – they have until midnight on 17 July to make their decisions, but it's up to you whether you want to wait or replace them with a different choice.

If you don't get the offer you want in Extra, don't worry – you can still use Clearing to add another choice.

# HOW TO ACCEPT AN OFFER?



## How to accept an offer

**Firm acceptance** – this is your first choice.

If it's an unconditional offer, the place is yours! So that university will expect you as their student.

Or if it's conditional, the place is yours if you meet the offer conditions. So just in case you don't, you can pick a second offer as a backup – your insurance acceptance.

**Insurance acceptance** – the back-up choice to a conditional firm acceptance.

If you're choosing an insurance, go for something with lower offer conditions – make sure it's somewhere you'd still be happy to go to though.

That way, if your results are lower than expected, you might still meet the conditions at your insurance choice; then you'd have your place confirmed there.

Remember, you'll only attend your insurance choice course if you don't meet the conditions of your firm choice, but you do meet the conditions of your insurance. You can't choose between your firm and insurance when you get your results, so make sure you're happy with which is your firm and which is your insurance before you reply.

## How to decline an offer

**Decline** – you'll need to decline any other offers you get (3 others)

You can only accept one firm choice and one insurance choice (if you choose to have one).

You must decline all other offers.

# OFFER AND REPLY COMBINATIONS



- **Unconditional firm (UF)** – You're in!
- **Conditional firm (CF)** – You're in if you meet the conditions.
- **Conditional firm (CF) and conditional insurance (CI)** – You've made a first and second choice – you'll be in at the first if you meet the conditions. If not, you might have met the conditions of the second – if so you'll be on that course instead.
- **Conditional firm (CF) and unconditional insurance (UI)** – You've made a first and second choice – if you meet the conditions of the first you'll be on that course. If not, you'll definitely be on the second.

**I would recommend putting your favourite university first (even if the grades are high) and your insurance HAS TO BE LOWER ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

# REPLY DATES



**These are based on when we get the last decision in from your unis or colleges. Check your application to see your personal deadline.**

## **2025 entry applications**

**If you receive your last decision (heard back from all your universities) on or before 13th May 2026, your reply date is 3rd June 2025 (except if you're using Extra to find a place\*).**

**If you receive your last decision on or before 15th July 2026, your reply date is 22nd July 2026 (including Extra choices).**

## **2026**

***Extra – this is used if you have been unsuccessful and declined by all your universities you can add an extra one at a time until you get an offer.***

# ACCOMMODATION



**Accommodation application dates can vary  
Each university or college will have different deadlines for accommodation applications. You can usually find this information on their website for university or college halls, or through the accommodation provider website if you decide to choose a private accommodation option.**

**If you can't find out when you'll be able to apply, give your chosen unis a call or an email, or ask on one of their social channels. They might be able to tell you when you can apply – or at least have a rough idea.**

# Don't leave it until the last minute

## 1 Start searching for accommodation before you apply

That way you'll be prepared and have an idea of where you'd like to live.

## 2 Browse university and college accommodation listings anytime to see what's available

You'll also be able to compare accommodation information, like what furniture and bills are included. If it's still a while until you get your results – or until offers might come in – you can still research the kinds of accommodation you might like best.

## 3 Get your application in early

When you've chosen the kind of accommodation you want, it's usually first-come-first-served, so it's worth getting your application in as soon as you're allowed.

## 4 Create a shortlist

Some unis and colleges ask you to select a few preferred types of accommodation; as it's easier for them to offer accommodation that suits as many people as possible. This means you should create a shortlist of your preferred options so you're ready for that application to be sent off.

# **RESULTS DAY – THURSDAY 13th AUGUST**

- 1. At this point you will already have selected your insurance and firm choice well in advance.**
- 2. You come in on results day from 8am to get your grade results.**
- 3. UCAS will also open from 8am.**
- 4. Your UCAS will tell you whether you have gotten into your first choice, insurance or neither. It will not tell you're your grades but will tell you whether you've gotten into university.**
- 5. You will automatically get your insurance if you have not met the entry requirements for your first choice but meet your insurance entry requirements.**
- 6. If you have not got the grades from your first choice or insurance there is an option for you called clearing.**
- 7. On UCAS, clearing will be open for you to look at different courses.**
- 8. You need to be quick on the day and ensure that you get your results early as the clearing course spaces come on a first come first serve basis.**
- 9. If you need to call clearing I will be able to help you. You can phone up the different universities with your grades to see what courses you can get on.**
- 10. Do NOT worry, last year in summer 2025 we had ONLY 2 PUPILS in clearing as all students had got their first or insurance choice.**
- 11. Those who were in clearing got into a university for their course and are now thriving!**

# NOT APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY?

**If you are not applying to university you need to start thinking about your next steps and plans**

- 1. Apprenticeships**
- 2. Job opportunities**

**[You need to be applying NOW for next year](#)**

**I will be running another workshop on apprenticeships and how to apply which I will invite all pupils to who have not applied to university or who are thinking of going for apprenticeships instead. This will be in the coming weeks.**

**Apprenticeships are competitive – you must start looking as soon as possible if you want to join an apprenticeships scheme.**