

NEXT STEPS

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY FOR UNIVERSITY?



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RESULTS DAY

Results day can be a nerve-wracking experience. Here is a helpful guide for every possible outcome to make it easier for you.



Offer Accepted

If, on results day, you see that your application with your **"firm choice"** is showing as **"Unconditional"**, congratulations! If you previously had a conditional offer from your firm choice university, which is now Unconditional, it means that your place at that institution is confirmed. Keep an eye on your emails for information on what to do next.

Awaiting Decision from University

If your application is still showing as **"CF" (Conditional Firm)** on results day, this means that a decision hasn't been made on your application. It may be that the university are missing some information on your application. Check your emails or get in contact with the university directly to find out what the problem may be.



Missed Grades - Successful

Accepted Firm

If you miss your grades, check **UCAS Track** as your Firm choice university may still have offered you a place. It depends on how many places they have left on your chosen course. They will look at each candidate holistically on a case-by-case basis and any remaining places will be offered to those who the admissions team feel are best qualified for the course.



Missed Grades - Successful

Course Change Offer

If you missed your grades and your chosen institution cannot confirm your place, you may be offered a place on an alternative course in a similar subject area. Or you might be offered a place on a foundation year. It is up to you whether you choose to accept this new offer. Take some time to think it through and make sure you chat to a member of staff at the university to get any questions answered. You'll need to look out for email correspondence from the university concerned, and make your decision on UCAS Track in the usual way.

Accepted Insurance

Congratulations! You may have missed your offer from your first-choice institution, but you've been accepted into your insurance choice. On UCAS Track your offer will show as **UF (Unconditional Firm)** with your insurance choice. Keep an eye on your emails for information on what to do next.



Missed Grades - Unsuccessful

Clearing

You may have missed your grades for both your firm and insurance choices. **Don't panic.** If you still want to go to university, you will be able to apply for a place at an alternative institution via **Clearing**. Universities will publish the courses that they have available spaces on to their website or via UCAS. You can get in touch with as many as you like to see if they can offer you a place before deciding on the one you want to go to. This can be done over the phone, on live chat, or via **Clearing +**. You'll then make one choice, once you've considered all your options, and select that University as your clearing choice on UCAS Track.

Grade Appeal

If you are unhappy with a grade you have received, you can speak to your teacher about applying for a re-mark. If your university place is dependent on this re-mark, make sure you ask for a priority re-mark to ensure your results make it to the university as soon as possible.



Exceeded Predicted Grades

Adjustment

If you exceeded your predicted grades you have the option to apply for **Adjustment**. This is where you can decide to apply to a university with higher entry requirements than you applied for originally. This is completely optional.



Changed your mind?

I want to change university

Do you want to change university? If you have been accepted on to your firm choice, your insurance choice will no longer hold a place open for you. Get in contact with the university you would like to attend to check if they have a place available before you take any action. Once you have received an offer from another institution (either verbally or by email), you can release yourself to clearing via UCAS Track and then make your new choice.



Defer Entry

If you have decided to take a year out, you can get in touch with your university to ask whether it is possible to defer your place for a year.

Withdraw

You can withdraw from your course entirely. This can be done by contacting the university directly, or via UCAS Track. Make sure you are 100% certain you are happy with this decision. If you change your mind there is no guarantee that your place at that university will still be available.



I want to go to university but I haven't applied previously

Good news. It's not too late to apply for university this year. To do this, you will need to create a UCAS account, write a personal statement, and speak to a teacher about being your referee. Once you have a UCAS ID number you will be able to apply to universities through Clearing. You can get in touch with as many universities as you like to see if they can offer you a place before deciding on the one you want to go to. This can be done over the phone, on live chat, or via Clearing +. You'll then make one choice, once you've considered all your options, and select that University as your clearing choice on UCAS Track.





PREPARING FOR UNIVERSITY

The wait is almost over, and you'll soon be starting your new adventure as a university student! Here are some things you can do to help be as prepared as possible for your transition to university life.

Preparing for University MOOC

One of the ways that you can prepare for university study is to do a MOOC, which stands for Massive Open Online Course. You can find a whole host of different subjects online, offered by a range of higher education providers. For example, the University of East Anglia offer a free online 'Preparing for University MOOC', which covers Academic Writing, Independent Study, Referencing, and lots more!

for the course today.

Do I need to do any reading for my course?

Some universities will send you a reading list before you start which you can look at over the summer. If you haven't received anything, don't worry! This means the university won't have expected you to have done anything.



What support is available when I get there?

Universities offer a whole range of support to students, including access to guidance around wellbeing and mental health, disability support, money management, study skills and lots more!

If you have any support needs, such as a learning difficulty like dyslexia, a mental health condition, a physical disability or a long-term illness, it is important that you inform your university. You may have declared your condition on your UCAS form when you applied; in which case your university may contact you before your course starts to discuss if you'd like any advice or support. If not, make sure you get in touch with your university before you arrive. Remember that the is available, and you need to apply directly with Student Finance England for this.



It's important to discuss the support and alternative arrangements you might need (in accommodation, or during exams, for example), because any provision you've had in place at school or college won't automatically carry over to university. Don't be worried about giving Student Services a call or an email to discover what support is available to you.

TOP TIPS

Find out more about preparing for university:

- Managing your money: [Click](#)
- Packing for university: [Click](#)



TOP TIPS

- Keep an eye on your emails! This is the main way universities will communicate with you. Check your spam folder!
- Keep an eye on deadlines for student finance, scholarship applications, accommodation preferences, and more. Respond on time to ensure you have a smooth start to your university experience!





WHAT TO PACK

University is just around the corner and it's time to start preparing for the big move! From tea towels to toiletries there's a lot to remember. So, what do you really need to take with you to university?



Activity

Have a look through the items below and decide whether they'll be on your packing list or not. You can find our thoughts and tips on each item below on



ITEM

TAKE TO UNI?

Official ID	YES	NO
Plate, Bowl and Cutlery	YES	NO
Pyjamas	YES	NO
Student Railcard	YES	NO
Laptop	YES	NO
Photos of Family and Friends	YES	NO
Year's Supply of Biscuits	YES	NO
TV	YES	NO
Car	YES	NO
Collection of your old schoolwork	YES	NO



MAKE A LIST OF SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU'LL BE PACKING!

If you're not moving into university accommodation, why not use this space to note down points to consider before you start, like, how long your journey might take you and what the bus services are like.

A large, empty white rectangular area that serves as a workspace for writing notes. It is framed by a dark teal border on the top, left, and bottom edges. On the right side, there are three decorative icons: a hand holding a teal pen pointing towards the top right corner, a teal briefcase, and a teal map icon with a location pin.



ACTIVITY ANSWERS

ITEM	TAKE TO UNI	WHY?
Official ID	Yes	Whether it's a passport or driving licence, don't forget to bring at least one form of ID with you. You'll need this for registration at the university, applying for jobs, and taking part in any over 18 social activities.
Plate, Bowl and Cutlery	Yes	You will need to provide your own kitchenware for your move to university. You can bring a few items with you or, if you're short on space, you can purchase these when you arrive!
Pyjamas	Yes	This may be an obvious item to pack, but the obvious items can sometimes be the easiest to forget. Nobody wants to get caught off guard if there's a fire drill during the night!
Student Railcard	Yes	Providing you with a third off your rail travel, if you're planning to travel home by train a railcard is a worthy investment!
Laptop	Yes	Laptops will be really helpful to you for research, getting coursework done and ordering in the late night takeaways. If you're worried about financing a laptop, speak to your university's student support team for guidance.
Photos of Family	Yes	You can personalise your room by adding photos to the noticeboard provided. It's always nice to have small reminders of everyone back home to make settling in easier.
Year's Supply of Biscuits	No	We'd all love to have a year's supply of biscuits, but you definitely don't need to bring any food items in bulk with you to university. There will be plenty of opportunity to stock up on everything you need when you get to university, as there will likely be plenty of shops close by.
TV	No	While this can be great for those study breaks and chilling with your friends a TV is not absolutely necessary. Remember if you do bring a TV and plan to watch live TV or BBC iPlayer you will need to buy a TV license.
Car	No	If you're moving to campus accommodation at your university, it is wise to check whether there is parking available on site. We advise speaking to the student services team at your university to find out more.
Collection of your old schoolwork	No	Say goodbye to your previous school work! Your university will have all the resources you need so there's no need to bring this with you.

GOOD LUCK!

* Information correct at time of publishing March 2021.

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