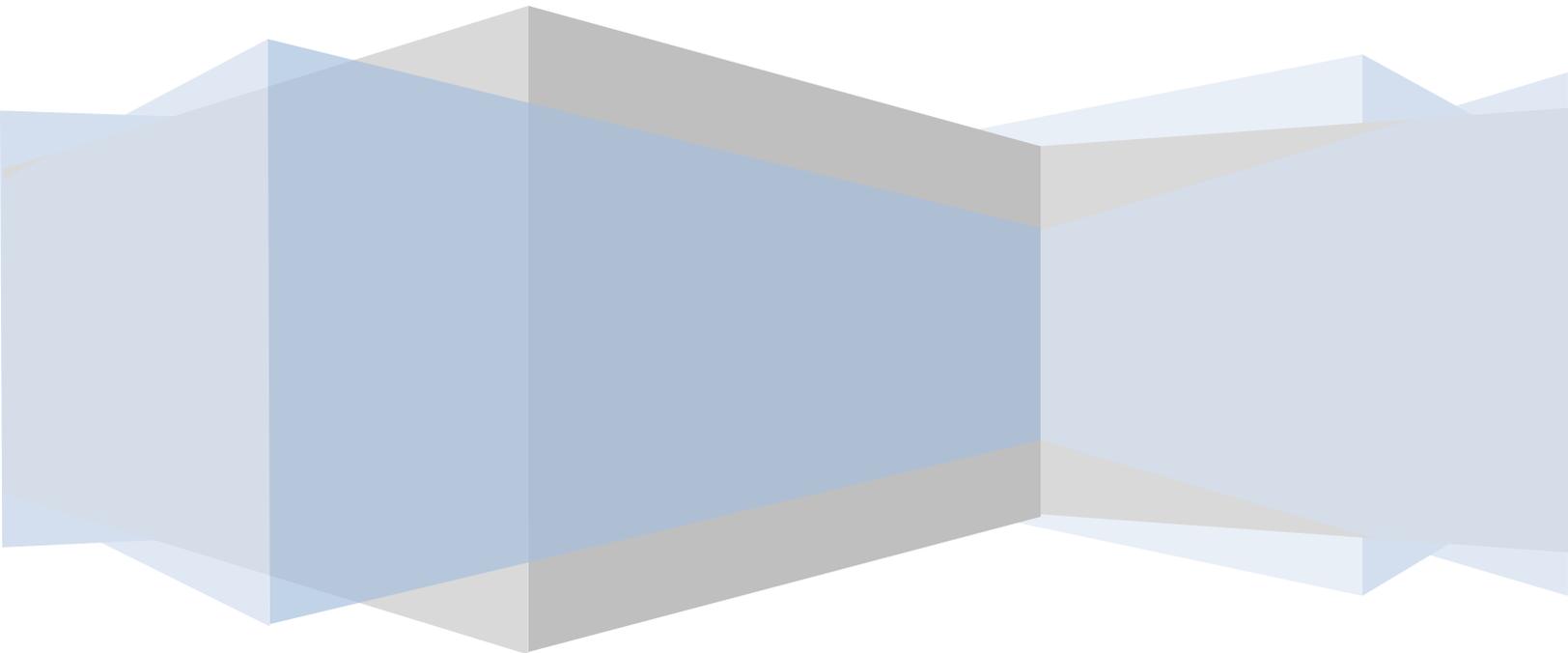




Results Day: Clearing Information and Apprenticeships

Thursday 16th August 2018



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Please read this information carefully – If you do not get the results you need to get into your firm or insurance choice of University you can come into college on the morning of results day to receive advice.

The A level results will be released to all students in two ways:

1 Via 'My Aquinas'

On results day you will be able to log on to the 'My Aquinas' website from 06.30 am to access your results.

2 From College

If you require a Provisional Statement of Results one can be collected from college from 9.00 am on results day. You may need this especially if you are gaining employment as the examination boards do not send out any formal confirmation of your results. You will receive your official confirmation when you are given your certificates on Certificate Evening - Monday 17th December 2018. Please make sure your contact details (address and mobile phone number) on **My Aquinas are up-to-date.**

The following important dates are from the examination board regarding **Reviews of Marking**. If you feel a mistake has been made with the marking of your examination paper which means you have lost your University place you may consider a remark especially if you have narrowly missed a grade. **These dates are subject to confirmation.**

24 th August 2018	Last date for Priority Remarks (University applicants should ideally request by 22 nd)
24 th August 2018	Last date for Priority Photocopies

Confirmation

UCAS will send a letter of confirmation to those students who have been accepted by their firm or insurance offer. This may not arrive on results day but students will be able to check whether their places have been confirmed on Track. UCAS Track can be accessed at www.ucas.com UCAS have stated that Track will be working from 8.00am (However, the UCAS servers may not be able to handle the traffic – so there may be problems). It is possible that even when Track is working some applicants may find that their choices are not updated. This can happen if the universities are slow in communicating their decisions to UCAS, your qualifications on your application do not match the information received from the examining board or it may mean you are borderline as you have not quite achieved the grades in your offer. The university is delaying making their decision as to whether to offer you a place as they are waiting to see if other students decline their place.

It is important to remember that if you have satisfied the conditions (i.e. achieved the **precise** results or above) demanded by your firm choice, your place will be confirmed and there is no need for you to contact the university concerned.

UCAS will send the majority of applicants' results to the universities and colleges before results day. It is therefore essential that you have provided UCAS with accurate and full examination information. If you have made any changes to your qualifications since your application to UCAS e.g. you have withdrawn from an examination, it is important **that you inform your firm choice and insurance choice university as this could delay confirmation** of your place.

Universities will have received the results three days earlier and will therefore have had time to decide whether or not to accept you should your results have fallen short of the offer you are holding. If you have just failed to meet the conditions of your firm choice don't panic- they may still take you! If not, you may well have been accepted by your insurance choice. If you have satisfied the demands of your insurance offer, you do not need to contact the university concerned as they will automatically confirm your place.

If you have not met the requirement set by either of your offers look at UCAS Track to check whether or not you have still been accepted with the grades you have achieved. They may have offered you a place on another course which is similar. If the University do this - check the content of the course very carefully. Is it what you want to study?

Not achieved the results required

If you have not met the conditions of either of your offers and have not been offered an alternative course by your chosen universities you may need to enter **Clearing**

College will be open from 08.00am on 16th August to offer support and advice to students about Clearing.

If you are likely to need help when you come to college – be prepared! You will need to bring:-

- Your UCAS Personal ID number, username and password
- The course codes
- Your mobile phone fully charged
- Copy of your UCAS application form with your personal statement
- Telephone numbers for your firm and insurance offers
- The names of admission tutors- if you know them
- It may also be worth your while giving some thought to alternative courses and institutions; bring any relevant information with you so that you can make early contact, thereby increasing your chances of finding a suitable place.
- **Generally it is better if you make the phone calls - not your parents or tutors.** So bring a fully charged mobile phone.

If you have forgotten your Personal ID, Username and Password you need to contact the UCAS. (0871 468 0468)
Do this in advance of results day.

Trying to establish what your position is by telephoning the admissions tutor for the course is time consuming - it can take a few hours! If you feel you may not get the grades required and still want to go to University start checking UCAS Clearing vacancies from early July and find out which courses still have places. Contact the university beforehand to discuss the course content. Produce a list of the results day telephone numbers of the universities you are interested in so you have them ready on results day.

You are eligible for clearing if

- You are not holding any offers
- You have not withdrawn from the UCAS scheme
- The offers you were holding have not been confirmed because you have not achieved the results required
- You have declined offers or you have not responded by the due date and therefore hold no offers
- You are a late applicant i.e. you applied after 30th June

Course vacancies in Clearing are published on the UCAS site from early July until late-September. You will need to contact institutions direct to discuss your options and suitability for the course.

How do you enter Clearing?

If you are eligible **you will be automatically** entered into an **electronic Clearing system**. This will be available on Track. An 'add clearing choice' button will appear on your Track 'choices' screen. This button is not usually available till the afternoon of results day in order for you to have time to carry out research before making a decision.

What do you need to do?

1. Make a note of your **Clearing entry number** (*This can be found on Track*) and your **Personal ID number**. (*The Personal ID is a 10 character number presented in the format 123-456-7890 and you will have used it, together with your password, to access Track*). You will need to quote these during clearing.
2. Check the lists for the courses that interest you. Lists of courses with vacancies will be available:
 - In The Telegraph newspaper on Thursday 16th August 2018 (subject to confirmation)
 - On the UCAS website - www.ucas.com
 - Unofficial listings may appear in other newspapers but these may not be complete
 - University websites will list their own vacancies
3. Once you have decided on a course you **must** contact institutions directly to discuss your options and suitability for the course. You should do this immediately - and you should make this contact yourself. Try telephoning first - this is the quickest way. If you can't get through try e-mailing or even visiting the department! If the University are satisfied you have met their entry criteria they will give you a verbal offer stating that you must accept it within a given time period.
4. Once you have a verbal acceptance you must then put the details on Track. The university will then confirm your place on Track by displaying 'clearing accept'.
5. Even if you do manage to sort out a place through clearing shortly after getting your results, you will usually not be able to input your clearing offer until the afternoon of 16th August. (This stops you rushing into a decision as you can only put one clearing place into the system).
6. When you find a place through Clearing and been accepted UCAS will send you official confirmation.

Further advice about how to apply for vacancies in Clearing is on the UCAS site.

Clearing vacancies will be listed on their search tool from early July.

Adjustment

Are your results better than expected?.....In a small number of cases applicants achieve better results than required for the firm offer they have accepted and may want to reconsider their choice. Applicants who have achieved better results will, for five calendar days only, be able to look for an alternative course that has places available whilst still holding their original choice. This five day period will usually start from 16th August. There will be a button on the Track system to enter the adjustment process. Do **not** press this button if you are intending going to the university for which you are holding an offer.

Full details of this will be available nearer the time on the UCAS website. There will be no Adjustment vacancy lists but universities have been encouraged to be open about available places on their website.

If you are in a position to take advantage of this adjustment period (i.e. to apply for a course for which you had previously not expected to achieve the entry requirements) there will be staff in college on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th August to offer advice.

Student Number Controls

Universities and colleges can openly recruit students with ABB+ or equivalent as they do not count towards the total number of places given to them by the Government. In practice this means that if Universities can accommodate more students on a particular course and the student achieves at least A,B,B or equivalent then the university could offer that student a place.

Foundation Year

If you don't meet the Maths or science entry requirements for a science/technological degree then a university may offer you a one year foundation"/access" course that gets your sciences "up to scratch". The reason may be you did not pick the correct A levels but sometimes it may be because you did not achieve high enough grades in the A levels you took. Check where the course is based as it can be "franchised" out to a partner college. Find out the costs of the course and check with the University on their transfer policy to the higher level course once the foundation year has been completed.

Foundation Degrees and Higher National Diplomas

Two year-long FDs and HNDs have similar content and aims i.e. both are vocational (job related courses) with lower entry requirements than degrees. As with *Foundation Year* courses, these may be studied at a local partner college. Success in either course may allow entry to a full honours degree at year two or even year three.

Please Note

- It is unwise to be away from home on results day especially if you are out of the country.
- If you want your results to be posted to you, please leave a stamped addressed envelope at the main office before you leave. On the inside of the flap you should write your name, tutor group and subjects.

Remember...There will be some staff in College on August 16th and 17th for drop in appointments. If you require further support the following week staff will be available but please ring to make an appointment.

Not Going to University

Hopefully you have now secured an apprenticeship or made alternative plans for next year. If you are still looking for an apprenticeship position, make use of the service The Apprenticeships Store offers during the summer. They are based in Stockport at Stockport Exchange, near the swimming pool. Staff will support you to look for vacancies and will help with your application. You will also be given support to register on the National Apprenticeship Database if you have not already done so when you visited the Apprenticeship Store during tutorial.

Alternatively, you can approach apprenticeship training providers directly. They will also support you in finding an apprenticeship. Some of the local providers which work with the college include

The Apprentice Academy, Manchester.

Damar Training, Stockport.

The Growth Company, Manchester.

SETA Engineering, Stockport.

Businesses also approach the college with vacancies. These are advertised in the Careers Centre and are also put on Careers Twitter.

Destination Information

We like to know where all our students progress to after Aquinas College. If you accept a place at University we are told your course details and institution from UCAS. However, if you progress onto an apprenticeship, employment or are taking a gap year, **please will you email the college** letting us know your plans careers@aquinas.ac.uk

Thank you and good luck for the future.

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