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Dear Parents and Students,

Results Day Tuesday 10th August 2021

A Level results will be available to collect from Sixth Form on Tuesday 10th August. You can collect results from 8.00am-12.00pm. I will be in school from 8.00am if there are any problems. If you wish for your results to be emailed to you or collected by somebody else, please contact Mrs Taylor, taylor_c@trinityhigh.com as soon as possible.

On 10th August, you will need to access your UCAS account, please make sure you have the following:

- Your UCAS personal password and your UCAS application number.
- Any personal letters or e-mails you may have received directly from the institutions you applied to, with e-mail addresses or telephone numbers of admission tutors.

All this could prove useful in case you have not met the offers made to you. You should access this **BEFORE** you come into school as this will tell you what the universities have decided about your offer.

This letter will outline two very important processes for results day that you need to be aware of. The UCAS process and Appeals.

University Admissions

How UCAS works on Results Day:

- a) Applicants who have met the conditions of the firm (F) choice will be sent notification on UCAS Track, with a reply action which you must complete without delay.
- b) Applicants who are unsuccessful at their F choice, but who meet the conditions of their insurance (I), will be issued an offer by their I choice on UCAS Track. There will be an action required online as soon as possible.



- c) Applicants who have not met the conditions of their offer may still be accepted by the university or college, and may need to wait a few days for them to make a final decision. The university or college may be waiting for some information (confirmation of exam results, non-academic information, etc.) to make a final decision. Applicants who are unsuccessful at both choices will become eligible for *Clearing*. They may be given a change of course, date of entry, or point of entry offer, which will be shown in UCAS Track. Applicants are not obliged to accept this. UCAS Track will display a Confirmation Change letter outlining the available options when all Confirmation decisions are made. They must then accept or decline the change. Applicants only have five calendar days to reply to a course change offer.

Clearing:

UCAS will be publishing the official list of vacancies on A Level results day. Every applicant will receive an advisory letter from UCAS on vacancy information and essential information about UCAS Confirmation and Clearing. The UCAS website has some excellent videos on how to approach Clearing. New for 2020 was the Clearing Plus facility which will match students to the most suitable courses based on their application profile.

We can help you with the clearing process and strongly advise that you come and speak to us so that we can help and support you through the process. The earlier that you can contact school/come and see me, the quicker we can help you; clearing places vary throughout the day and go quickly so the speed of your response is really vital.

Adjustment:

If you have done better than expected, you may be eligible for Adjustment.

Adjustment is a chance for you to reconsider where and what to study. If you've had a firm conditional choice accepted – and therefore made into an unconditional firm choice – you could potentially swap your place for one on another course you prefer.

Adjustment is available from A level results day until 7th September. It's entirely optional, and a lot of competitive courses will be full – but other applicants might have missed their conditions or swapped a course too, so it could be worth seeing what's available.

- If you try Adjustment but you don't find anything, you'll still keep the course you gained on results day.
- You'll see the option to register in Track. Your original UF choice will be safe while you're looking for another – you'll only lose it if you confirm you'd like to go elsewhere and the new university/college will add themselves to your application.

Please talk to Ms Tattum if you want to go through Adjustment.

Want to withdraw from UCAS and try again for next year?

Do so quickly, so that you are not depriving someone else of a place.

In summary, below is the procedure to follow if you are aiming to go to University in 2021:

1. Have you met your offer?

Do nothing: your chosen firm offer will confirm, usually within a few days. There will be a congratulations message on your UCAS page.

2. Nearly met your offer (down by a grade or even two grades)?

'Phone your "firm offer" to see if the offer still stands. If not, and you have met your insurance offer; wait to hear from the institution concerned.

3. Not met either of your offers – firm or insurance?

You could try telephoning both institutions. A university asking for the higher grades isn't likely to come down very far – but it could be worth a try. Otherwise, you go into Clearing.

Appeals

- If you are not happy with your grades awarded you are entitled to make an appeal. If you wish to appeal against your results there will be some information available on the school website from Mr Johnson regarding this. The information can be found in the COVID-19 section of the school website in the '2021 Teacher Assessed Grades' option **It is important to note that an appeal may result in a grade being lowered, staying the same or going up. So if a students put in an appeal and the grade is lowered, they will receive a lower grade.**
- If you are unhappy with your results please speak to staff on hand during the day, Ms Tattum, Mr Johnson or Dr Alnuamaani are your first ports of call. In summary, Year 13 students can apply for a **Priority Appeal.**
- **Priority appeals** will be handled more quickly than other appeals against grades, where possible before UCAS's advisory deadline of 8th September. Priority appeals are only open to A level students starting university this autumn who have missed out on the conditions of their firm insurance offer. If you decide to confirm your conditional choice the JCQ have said you cannot have a priority appeal. When you do make an appeal you will need your UCAS number so the JCQ can let the university know about it.

If you are going to appeal you must let your university know. They will then let you know if they will hold a place for you pending the outcome of your appeal. Universities are not obliged to hold these places for you; it is at their discretion.

I hope this has given you plenty of information about the next few weeks and please remember to check the Covid 19, '2021 Teacher Assessed Grades' section of the school website for the most up to date information and further information about appeals.

With best wishes for a relaxing summer,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian Nicholls', written in a cursive style.

Julian Nicholls
Head