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A Level Results Day 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

The A Level Results day will take place on Tuesday 10th August 2021. We will be managing the day in a similar way to last year, which proved successful. Results will be posted on students' Go4Schools accounts from 8:30am.

Please note, while we can post results home (please contact reception if you require this), we cannot give out results over the telephone. Staff will be available for face to face support or telephone appointments from 9.00am, but by appointment only (please see below for further details). Please note that UCAS offers are often already confirmed on the website by this time and some universities also confirm acceptance by text to your mobile phone. We recommend that all students check that they are able to log into UCAS prior to the results day.

Student Support

We have included Frequently Asked Questions below and we strongly encourage students and parents/carers to read this to understand how the day will be run. You may find your answer here without having to call the school. Queries can also be emailed to sixthformleaders@shfgs.co.uk.

If you would still like to speak to a member of staff regarding your next steps, you have the opportunity to book an appointment by calling the school on 01296 424 781. Please only book an appointment if your query is not answered in the FAQs below.

In September, all Y13 student reports from Go4Schools will go offline. We advise students to download copies of their reports by the end of August.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Holdsworth
Deputy Headteacher

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Frequently Asked Questions

How were the A Level Grades awarded?

For the first time, students across the country have received their A Level results based on teacher assessment. Guidance on how the grades have been awarded can be found via the government website: <https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

The SHFGS teacher assessed grade centre policy can be found on the school website or via the link below:

https://sirhenryfloyd.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/key_information/Sir-Henry-Floyd-Grammar-School-52121-Summer-2021-TAG-Policy-final.pdf?t=1620219791

The SHFGS methodology of awarding teacher assesses grades by subject can be found on the school website and by also via the link below:

<https://sirhenryfloyd.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/document/GCSE-TAG-Subject-Awarding-Information.pdf?t=1624001648>

How will I receive my results and certificates?

Results will be available on Go4Schools from 8.30am on results day. The official exam certificates typically arrive in December and they will be posted to your current address.

May I contact my subject teacher about my results?

Please do not contact your subject teachers and discuss your results with them.

Can I appeal my teacher assessed grade?

There will be an appeals process for students to follow if they feel the teacher assessed grade is not appropriate. JCQ has published a guide to appeals for students and parents.

<https://www.jcq.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/JCQ-Guidance-for-Students-and-Parents-on-Summer-2021.pdf>

More details about the appeals process will be available on the school website in due course.

How will I find out if I have received my university placement?

Most universities will email you on the morning of the results day. UCAS will update your Track page to show that your conditional offer (CF) has become an unconditional offer (UF) and you will receive details of what you need to do, and when via your Track account or directly from your university. Please make sure that you know your password as the school can provide your personal ID but it does not have details of your password.

What does my status on Track mean?

If you are confused about what your status means on Track, use this link to help you understand and to find out your [UCAS results and next steps](#).

Do I have to accept my university place or is this automatic?

If you're holding at least one conditional place and you've met the requirements specified, the offer will change to "unconditional offer (UF)" and you are automatically accepted and no further action is required on your part. This firm acceptance is confirmed in Track and your UCAS confirmation letter AS12 (or CU12 for conservatoires) will appear on the page within five to seven days of the confirmation. The university will also send you a letter confirming your place and what to do next.

If you've missed the grades by just a few marks, you should talk to the university in question. Although they are under no obligation to reconsider their decision, especially with places being so competitive, it is worth a discussion as they may still accept you. Their decision on this will depend on whether they feel you will succeed on your course (including considering the grades you have achieved) and whether they still have places available.

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If you have met the grades for your insurance choice and have been automatically accepted but no longer wish to go there, you will need to contact the university and ask for them to let you go into Clearing (more info on Clearing below).

I have not made the grades for my firm or insurance choices - what do I do?

Don't panic - you still have lots of options.

Firstly, your university may still accept you depending on the grades you have received, so give them a call but please be realistic about your achieved grades vs the grades that were made on the offer.

If you do not make the grades required you will automatically be in Clearing on UCAS Track. You will know you're in Clearing if your Track Status says "You are in Clearing. Your Clearing number is [Clearing number]". This is on your home page under My Status. You can find more information on the UCAS website [What is Clearing](#).

You can use the [search tool](#) to find courses (there are over 35,000 to choose from) - it is the only official vacancy list and it's the most up to date. If you cannot find the course you are looking for, here are some tips:

- Consider different subjects
- Investigate if there is a foundation or extended degree at your chosen university or a different university. This can be a great opportunity to get onto your first choice course by doing an extra year and gain the same qualification (and you are still entitled to the same student funding).
- Keep checking - updates happen frequently and vacancies can appear at any time

Clearing+ is a matching service provided by UCAS using the details on your application with what universities are looking for. If you are unplaced, a button will appear in Track with "My Matches". Please see below for more info on Clearing and Clearing+.

What is Clearing and Clearing+?

Clearing is how universities and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses. You automatically go into Clearing if you are unplaced. You can use Clearing if:

- you didn't receive any offers (or none you wanted to accept)
- you didn't meet the conditions of your offers
- you've [declined your firm place](#) using the 'decline my place' button in Track

Official Clearing course vacancy information is only published by UCAS in their search tool. There are over 35,000 courses to choose from. ***This will be available from 15:00 on 10th August 2021.***

When you find a course you're interested in you should talk to the university or college and share your Clearing number (this can be found on UCAS Track, home page, top left hand corner, my status) and personal ID. They can then look at your application and have a more detailed discussion. If you secure a verbal offer you can then add this choice on Track.

[Clearing+](#) is a relatively new offer from UCAS. If you find yourself without a place this year in Clearing, they will personally match you to courses that may be of interest. You will find the details in Track under "My matches". This will take you to your top 50 course matches. You are then able to tell universities and colleges that you are interested in their courses by clicking the "I'm interested" button. They may call you if they still have vacancies and you meet the entry requirements.

If you do not like the look of any of these matches and would like to do something different you can still find courses available in Clearing using the search tool.

Use this link to find out more [UCAS Clearing](#).

N.B. Clearing will become available at 15:00 on 10th August 2021.

What can I do if I have met and exceeded conditions for my firm choice?

You can use the UCAS adjustment service to look for an alternative course and it gives you an option to reconsider where and what to study. You could potentially swap your firm place for one on another

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course you may prefer. Remember a lot of competitive courses will be full but other applicants might have missed their conditions or swapped a course too so it may be worth seeing what's available.

Your firm place will be kept safe while you are looking for a potential new option. **Adjustment is available from 08:00 on 10th August 2021.**

For more info please see [UCAS Adjustment](#).

I would like to defer a year and attend the following year. Will I be able to do this?

The answer depends on the university. Contact them to find out. Some institutions may not allow this.

Having seen my exam results I would like to apply for a different course during the current round of applications...

If you have an unconditional offer or you got the results you needed for your firm or insurance choice but no longer wish to study at this university, you can self release into Clearing by using the "Decline my place" button on Track which is available until 10th September 2021. (N.B. Only use this if you have spoken to the university first). Please see [UCAS declining your firm choice](#) for more details.

If you wish to study at the same university but on a different course you must call the university in the first instance to see if you can swap rather than going straight into Clearing (going into Clearing means any arrangements you have made for accommodation or scholarships will be cancelled too, which may be unnecessary if you are staying at the same university.)

I would like to resit one or more subjects and sit my examinations in summer 2022.

Unfortunately entrance to Year 14 at SHFGS is extremely rare. It is unlikely that you would be able to do so unless you have faced exceptional challenges that are unique to you (not including coronavirus) that have resulted in you significantly underperforming.

Where can I get additional information?

- [What to do in different circumstances, depending on your exam results](#)
- [Results day - who to contact for help](#)
 - University you have applied to. [Find contact info](#)
 - UCAS 0371 468 0 468
 - <https://www.facebook.com/ucasonline>
 - https://twitter.com/UCAS_online
- [UCAS Clearing information](#)
- [Times Higher Education - What to do when you receive your results](#)

Timeline for 10th August 2021 Publication of GCE AS and A level results:

- **08:30:** UCAS social media support available.
- **08:30:** UCAS Customer Experience Centre opens for applicants.
- **08:30:** UCAS Undergraduate Track available.
- **08:30:** Adjustment opens, and runs until 18 August.
- **14:00:** Eligible applicants can add a Clearing choice in Track.
- **18:00:** UCAS Customer Experience Centre, social media support, and Schools Team close.