

IB Results Day Guidelines

- Results will be available for collection from the Sixth form from approximately 3pm on Wednesday 5th July (advice will also be available).
- **If you have achieved or exceeded your UCAS firm choice offer**, congratulations! You will automatically get a confirmation letter in the post in due course and need do nothing else at this time; however, you may, if you wish, shop around for an even better place at another university; further details can be found on: www.ucas.com/adjustment. Please be aware that you will need to register through www.ucas.com/track to do so.
- **If you have not achieved your UCAS firm choice but have achieved the insurance offer**, then it is worth phoning to check that your first choice course will not accept you; however, they will not receive your results for a few days and so may not be in a position to make a decision until the end of next week. Even then most universities prefer to wait until the A Level results come out before committing themselves. Please see Mr Kosmaczewski, Mr Bainbridge or Dr Stites, if you need more advice. If you are happy with your insurance choice, you need do nothing: you will automatically get confirmation in the post in due course. See also '**Appeals**' below and please also read the advice from the IBO overleaf.
- **If you have missed both your firm choice offer and your insurance offer**, then it is worth phoning the universities before you do anything else to check that they will not accept you; however, they will not receive your results for a few days and so may not be in a position to make a decision until the end of next week. Even then some universities prefer to wait until the A Level results come out before committing themselves. If you have indeed been unsuccessful but still want to go to university this year then consult <http://www.ucas.com/clearing> and begin your research into alternatives. Please see Mr Kosmaczewski, Mr Bainbridge or Dr Stites and read the IBO advice overleaf. See also '**Appeals**' below.
- **If you did not get any offers or declined all of your offers** but still want to go to university this year then consult <http://www.ucas.com/clearing> and begin your research into alternatives. Please see Mr Kosmaczewski, Mr Bainbridge or Dr Stites, if you need more advice, and read the IBO advice overleaf.
- **If you did not apply for University this year** but want to go in 2017 then please see Mr Bainbridge or Dr Stites as soon as you know your plans.
- **Appeals** The detailed breakdown of results (paper by paper) will be available next week. Before lodging an appeal about your grade (Enquiry upon Results) you are advised to speak to your subject teacher(s) and/or Mr Kosmaczewski. To lodge an appeal you need to complete the Enquiry upon Results form.
- **Retakes** You may retake one or more subjects in November but please register by 15th July to avoid late-entry charges using the retake form. Retakes can also be taken at a later stage.

If you have any other questions or need help you can consult Mr Kosmaczewski or Mr Bainbridge who will be in school over the next two weeks until Friday 14th July.

Any exam-related questions (such as appeals) can be answered by Ms Tucker in the Exams Office.

WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, THERE IS NO NEED TO MAKE A HASTY DECISION.



Advice for IB University Applicants 2014 (adapted)

Although UCAS will receive results from the IB on 5th July, UCAS will not process them until Monday 7th July so University Admissions departments will not be able to access them until then.

The advice, as always, to students who have missed an offer is for the student to contact the university – it is useful for them to include the breakdown of component grades once these are available, as good grades in the Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, or subjects closely related to the application can strengthen a candidate's case. Additionally, if a candidate or school does wish to challenge IB results, they are encouraged to do so quickly - please remember that most universities have a 'cut off' date of 31st August for results for 2014 entry. The breakdown of results in individual components will be available from 7th July whilst grade boundaries for all subjects will be made available on the IB public website from 5th July.

Students who may be looking to find a university place through Clearing, or those who might want to use Adjustment to 'trade up' (in particular, but not exclusively, those scoring over 33 points) should be aware that this process officially begins with the publication of A level results. The most up to date information on this, and the key dates, are on the UCAS website. However, IB students in these circumstances should be contacting universities over the next few weeks, sending in details of their results, to see if they can secure a place with their results well in advance of this UCAS process.

For students who are asked by universities to wait until the publication of A level results, please be aware that universities have access to the A levels results several days in advance of students and schools, so IB students would be encouraged to contact universities on **Tuesday, 12th August**, for confirmation of their status before Clearing officially opens.

All universities have made it clear that it may take them several days longer than usual at A level results time to make decisions on candidates who have narrowly missed their offer due to the more complicated Number Controls this year. Remember that this can work both ways: while universities can recruit more freely for 34+ IB points, most won't be looking to expand overall numbers. Equally, universities want to ensure all their 'capped' places (those below 34 IB points) are filled.

Kind regards,

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