

Year 13
Parent Support
Information Group

Wednesday 19th May

Key dates

- **28th May:** Last teaching day for year 13
Leavers Assembly
Leavers Ball
- **1st – 4th June:** Half term
- **7th June:** Exam period begins
- **30th June:** Return textbooks and other resources
- **19th August:** Results day
- **20th August:** Post exam surgery (appointments)

**Volcano – ash
cloud disruption**

Results day

- Thursday August 19th from 8.30am
- AL1 in Charnwood
- Post 16 Atrium at Redland Green School
- Must collect results in person – results will not be given over the phone or via email
- Post 16 team will be around to provide support
- Post examination surgery (by appointment)

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Results day

- UCAS 'Track' will allow you to see if you have met the entry requirements for your chosen courses but not grades. Available (hopefully) by midnight
- AS results from 1.00pm
- Remember UCAS ID number
- Remember telephone number for admission tutors of firm and insurance offer

A* - How it works

- A* is new for 2010 examinations
- Awarded only for A2 subjects and AS extended project.
- Students have to gain an A grade overall in their A level
- Students would also need to gain 90% of the maximum uniform marks on their A2 units.

www.ucas.ac.uk

The screenshot shows the UCAS website homepage in a browser window. The address bar displays <http://www.ucas.ac.uk/>. The browser's search bar contains "Yahoo! Search". The page header includes the UCAS logo with the tagline "helping students into higher education" and navigation links for "Students", "Parents", "Advisers", "HE staff", and "About us". A secondary navigation bar contains "Contact us", "FAQs", "Site Map", "Astudio yn y Gymraeg", and a "Google Custom Search" box with a "Go" button.

The main content area features a banner with the text "Managing applications to UK higher education courses" and a photo of two women. Below this are four vertical navigation buttons: "> Course Search", "> Apply", "> Track progress", and "> Where to study", each accompanied by a small photo of a student.

Key announcements include:

- Important: system availability - 21 - 24 May**: All electronic services will be unavailable between 18:00 Friday 21 May and 08:00 Monday 24 May while essential electrical and power maintenance work takes place. [Read more about services affected](#)
- Customer Service Unit opening hours**: Our Customer Service Unit will be closed from 09:55 to 13:30 on Wednesday 19 May for staff training.
- Adult Learners' Week - 15-21 May 2010**: UCAS is delighted to support [Adult Learners' Week](#).

Other promotional elements include:

- Join yougo, our student network**: Watch video guides on UCAStv and follow us on Twitter.
- 50% off subject guides from UCAS**: Attend an event and save a packet with UCAS Card.
- Unistats**: A blue banner at the bottom of the main content area.

The footer contains links for "Terms and conditions", "Privacy statement", "Accessibility", and "Company registration", along with the copyright notice "Copyright © UCAS". A system tray at the bottom left shows an "Error on page." message, and the bottom right shows "Internet" and "100%" zoom.

UCAS Extra

- An Extra choice!
- Available between February to end June
- To use Extra applicants need to have:
 - already made five choices
 - received decisions from all these choices; and
 - either had no offers or declined
- Course vacancies available on UCAS
- Offers can be accepted or rejected
- No offers = Clearing

If you get your grades...

**Check UCAS
Track regularly!**

- **Scenarios:**

1. Accepted by Firm Choice
2. Accepted by Firm Choice and exceed offer
3. Receive changed course offer
4. Accepted by Insurance Choice
5. Don't meet conditions of any offers

- **Outcomes:**

1. Receive Confirmation letter (post)
2. Receive Confirmation letter (post) or apply through 'Adjustment'
3. Accept/decline alternative course
4. Receive Confirmation letter (post)
5. Automatic entry into Clearing

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- UCAS 'Adjustment':
 - Results have met and exceeded conditions of conditional firm choice and
 - Paid full application fee of £19
 - Open 19th – 31st August
 - 5 day window to register and secure an alternative
 - Remain accepted at original choice
- CELEBRATE!

If things don't go to plan...

Check UCAS
Track regularly!

- Don't panic or make rash decisions
- The university may still accept students
- No offers = automatic entry into Clearing
- Be available to speak to universities/admissions tutors
- Take careful note of UMS scores
- Appointments with Post 16 team
- Connexions
- Students will not be allowed to return to Year 14
- Consider retakes (caution needed!)

Gap year students

- Finalise university plans/next steps before going overseas
- Planning – so much choice / which organisation / how long...
- Is it right for you?
 - How will you benefit?
 - How will you spend your time?
 - Cost!
 - Safety
 - Insurance / visas / health

Haven't applied to uni yet?

- Start the process early (early September)
- Apply through the centre or as an individual
- Priority always given to current Year 13
- Remind tutor to update reference before student leaves

Connexions

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Questions