

BACKWELL SIXTH FORM (Year 13 Leavers) UCAS : When Results Are Known

Please read carefully. Contact the Sixth Form Team and/or UCAS if you need more help. Details are correct at the time of being sent out and are subject to change.

1 **RESULTS** should be available on Thursday 13 August 2026.

Make sure that you're available to speak to universities and colleges. It is important to plan your summer holidays so that you are at home when your results come out and for the two or three weeks following Results Day as there will be time limits within which you must act.

2 **IF YOU APPLIED TO UCAS:**

Remember that you were given an individual password to enable you to log on to the **UCAS Track Service**. This will allow you to see the status of your application, in the light of your results on Thursday 13 August 2026. If you have mislaid your Track password, you can request a new one through UCAS Track.

3 **CONFIRMATION OF YOUR PLACE**

Once you receive your results, you will be in one of the positions below.

- You are accepted by your firm choice;
- You receive a 'changed course' offer from your firm choice;
- You are declined by your firm choice and are accepted by your insurance choice;
- You are declined by your firm choice and don't have an insurance choice, or you are also declined by your insurance choice;
- You are not holding any offers.

Read through the information below to see what happens next.

You are accepted by your firm choice

You do not need to do anything. The university or college will contact you with any further information. They may need you to confirm the place or send proof of results, so make sure you note any key dates.

You receive a 'changed course' offer from your firm choice

If you receive a changed course offer, it means that your university or college has been unable to confirm your place on the course you accepted because you have not met the original conditions but are willing to make an alternative offer. You will have five days to reply after which the offer will be declined automatically.

Check the Sixth Form Team if this applies to you and you would like some support.

You are declined by your firm choice and are accepted by your insurance choice

If you are declined by your firm choice and are accepted by your insurance choice, your insurance choice will become your firm choice. The university or college will contact you with any further information on what to do next. They may need you to confirm the place or send proof of results, so make sure you note any key dates.

You are declined by your firm choice and don't have an insurance choice, or you are also declined by your insurance choice

If you are declined by your firm choice (and insurance choice if you chose one), you will be entered into Clearing automatically. Log in to Track to view your Clearing Number and start looking for another choice – see information below on 'Clearing'. Please speak to the Sixth Form Team if you would like some support.

You are not holding any offers

You may not have any offers because you were declined earlier in the year or you decide to decline any offers received. You will be entered into Clearing automatically. Log in to Track to view your Clearing Number and start looking for another choice – see information below on 'Clearing'.

4 CLEARING

You can take part in Clearing if you have applied through UCAS and you are in one of the following categories.

- You have not received any confirmed offers;
- You have declined all your confirmed offers or not responded to an offer deadline;
- Your offers have not been confirmed because you have not met the conditions (e.g. you have not achieved the required grades);
- You have declined a changed course, a changed date of entry and/or changed point of entry offer;
- You applied for one course which has been declined/unsuccessful.

How will you know if you are in Clearing?

Your application status will state 'You are in Clearing' or 'Clearing has started'. Your Clearing number will show under 'Application status' in your application. You can now search for a new course. All Clearing vacancies are listed in the UCAS search tool from July. They are updated regularly until mid-September.

When you have found a course you want to apply for, telephone the university or college and give them your Clearing number. They may ask you for your reasons for wanting to do that course, so be prepared.

If the university or college accepts your application for the course, they will give you permission to add that choice in UCAS Track. If this is the case, go into UCAS Track and add the choice under 'Add Clearing Choice'. It is then up to the university or college to accept the choice. This may take some time.

Can I swap my firm and insurance choices now I've got my results?

You cannot swap your firm and insurance choices. If you want to go to your insurance choice, you will need to check with your insurance choice university or college that they can accept you in Clearing.

My results are better than expected. Can I change my mind about my firm choice?

If you have done better than you thought and want to change universities, you can decline your place in your application to go through Clearing instead. Before you do this, you will need to check that they have spaces. If they do not have spaces, you will need to reapply in September for 2027. If this is the case, please do speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team for support.

5 TO TELEPHONE OR NOT TO TELEPHONE THE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE WHEN YOU GET YOUR RESULTS?

- (i) there is no need to ring the university or college when you get your results if you have met the conditions of the offer.
- (iii) if you have narrowly missed the conditions, ring but be prepared to be patient.
- (iv) If you are eligible for Clearing, it is possible to ring straight away. However, you must have your official Clearing number ready to give to them.

6 IF YOU DECIDE TO WITHDRAW YOUR UCAS APPLICATION OR TO APPLY IN FUTURE YEARS

If you decide to withdraw from UCAS, you must decline any offers you are holding. If you decide to re-apply in September, you will need to start a new application; there will be a new UCAS 2027 Guide available for you to collect from the Sixth Form Office from Friday 26 June 2026. We are happy to support you with your future applications, but you must contact Mrs I Hobbs by Friday 23 October 2026 at the latest.

7 RE-SITS

If you wish to re-sit any exams in Summer 2027, you will need to email exams@backwellschool.net as soon as possible and by December 2026 at the latest.

If re-sitting the exams in Summer 2027, you may wish:

- to sit exam(s) in school without tuition;
- to sit exam(s) in school after using private tuition. There are a few search engines which can help with finding tutors online or in-person such as TutorHunt and FindTutors. They will take a commission on top of the tutor's fee;
- to enrol at a college or sixth form which offers tuition as well as exam entry, for example 3A Tutors in Bristol or Bath Academy. Course fees can be very high so you will need to think carefully if you would like to take this option.

Please note, if you are re-sitting an exam with a coursework element, the mark from your first attempt will be carried forward to your resit. Alternatively, should you wish to complete a new piece of coursework, you will need to make appropriate arrangements to complete this with a Distance Learning Centre, and notify us of the details. We could then act as a host centre for your written exams. However, we are unable to advise on suitable centres.

8 **REVIEWS OF MARKING AND ACCESS TO SCRIPTS**

- Information about post results services (including deadlines and costs) will be published towards the end of term 6 on the school website under the “Curriculum/Exam Arrangements/Results Days 2026” tab. This information will also be available in hard copy form on results days, and on the results tab on the exams portal.
- There are various post results services available, including a priority appeal process if your university place is affected by your grade. There are strict deadlines for these services, and some are very short, so please ensure you are available on results day for advice if this is likely to impact you.
- We suggest you familiarise yourself with what is available and the relevant deadlines ahead of the results day.

9 **CAREERS ADVICE**

If you are uncertain about your post-18 plans and need careers advice, please contact Ms Farr, our new Careers Adviser, via email at any time at jfarr@backwellschool.net. The Sixth form Team will be available on Results Day for post-18 and careers advice.

10 **IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING ONTO A COURSE FOR 2026, DON'T FORGET TO APPLY FOR FINANCE THROUGH STUDENT FINANCE ENGLAND IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO.**

If you will be starting in September 2027, you don't have to apply for Student Finance until next February.

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