

## Results day: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022- Advice to all A2 and A1 students

- Brampton College opens at 8.30am (TBC) on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August
- UNIVERSITY CLEARING HOTLINES start to open from 8am (each university has its own opening hours).
- THE NAIL-BITING MOMENT: From 7.30-8.30am (TBC) on 18<sup>th</sup> August, **the outcome for your CF and CI choices** (not your actual A level grades) are uploaded into UCAS – you will be able to log into your UCAS Hub to see whether you have been accepted at either your CF or CI university choice.
- If you meet your CF or CI grades, your UCAS Hub will show this – CONGRATULATIONS - You are off to Uni!
- If you want to find out what your A level grades are, you can come into Brampton College from 8.30am (TBC)

**If you do not get your CF or CI place: You will be given a Clearing Number in your UCAS Hub (Track) Have your UCAS ID to hand at all times**

### 1. Preparation for results day and UCAS Clearing

**FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.** The more prepared you are, the more likely it is you will pick up one of the best places in clearing. Some Russell Group / top universities do put places in clearing, but these can be limited and are taken up extremely quickly. Usually by lunchtime of results day. **If you end up in Clearing**, on 18<sup>th</sup> August, start calling university hotlines ASAP to secure your clearing place – You must ask for a VERBAL confirmation and give them your UCAS ID. You will also need to know your A level grades to secure a clearing place, so will have to come into college before calling the universities.

### 2. Make a list – we advise all students to do this

Research available degrees in clearing - From 5<sup>th</sup> July, UCAS.COM publishes a list of courses that are not yet full, and you will be able to find degrees that you are interested in, should you end up in clearing. This list updates again on the morning of 18<sup>th</sup> August. Make a list of your preferred degrees as well as university admissions and departmental telephone numbers so that you have them to hand on results day. You must also have your UCAS ID number to hand.

#### Clearing Plus

**It is best NOT to select this option if it is offered to you**

UCAS automatically selects courses for you if you miss your grades – It is much better to make sure you have done your own research and choose your own preferred university degree alternatives from the UCAS.COM clearing list.

### 3. What if your A level grades are higher than the grades needed for your FIRM offer?

- i) UCAS no longer has the 'adjustment' system, however **if your grades are higher than the entry requirements, you may be able to 'trade up' to a different degree elsewhere.** There are some important guidelines for this.
- ii) You must already have an unconditional offer – probably at your CF choice
- iii) It is important to keep hold of your offer, and telephone your new/potential university to find out if they can offer you a place on your preferred degree. You must ask for a VERBAL confirmation that they do indeed have a place for you.
- iv) If you find a new place, you then enter clearing but only AFTER you have a verbal confirmation.
- v) You do this by selecting 'Decline my offer' in UCAS Hub
- vi) **KEY ADVICE:** You have spent quite a lot of time researching and selecting your degrees carefully, and very often it is best to stick with your CF choice. If you achieve better than expected grades, then you should feel secure in the knowledge that your own academic standards should be above average for your first year at university.

### 4. IMPORTANT – how to use UCAS Hub on results day

- i) Never let go of a university place until you have secured an alternative with a VERBAL offer
- ii) Only use the 'Decline my offer' tab in your UCAS Hub if you have a VERBAL offer for another course
- iii) If you want to be fully released into UCAS Clearing – usually for a particular course and rejecting any places that you are holding - you need to use the 'Decline my offer' tab. But again, it is essential to secure a verbal offer prior to doing this
- iv) Once you have your new course confirmed, you must add this new university offer to your UCAS Hub after using the 'Decline my offer' tab
- v) Any changes to your UCAS Hub need to be done within 24 hours, however we advise making changes ASAP so that you can go ahead to book accommodation and organize student finance etc.