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Headmistress Mrs M Anderson B.Ed

Dear Parents/Carers and Year 13 students

I am writing to suggest ways in which you can prepare for A Level results day on 13th August. If a student has applied to university, I would advise looking at the sections on the UCAS website about clearing and adjustment procedures. If an applicant is not accepted by the first or insurance choice institution, she/he may have to search for an alternative course in 'clearing'. Clearing listings are available from July on the UCAS website. It is a good idea for students to follow what is available in clearing from July onwards in case they wish to apply for something after they receive their A Level results.

Sometimes students exceed their original first choice offer and might be curious about courses with higher entry requirements. If an applicant had a conditional firm offer which she/he met and exceeded, she/he would be eligible to use 'adjustment' to look for an alternative course, possibly one they previously discounted because of high entry requirements, whilst still holding their first choice offer.

I would recommend that students look at the information about exam results day, clearing and adjustment on the UCAS website prior to 13th August:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/ucas-undergraduate-results>

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing>

If a student has not applied for a university course, we can continue to support with references for apprenticeships, employment and further and higher education applications. I am happy to work with students to try to assist them in finding a permanent or gap year opportunity. It is clearly a difficult time for job hunting in many sectors. However, former students who have undertaken gap years have benefitted from volunteering experiences which can provide an insight into a certain sector and/or give them time to further investigate what they would like to do. There are useful links in the careers section of the school website which can be used for further research.

I am keen to build up my alumni links here in school and am always delighted when former students make contact and are able to share their experiences with staff and current students. I am also required by the Department for Education to report intended destinations of our students when they leave the High School. I would kindly ask that the attached Data Consent Form is completed by students and sent into school as soon as possible after results day on 13th August.

On the 3rd August the Careers and Enterprise Company have put together a national event to showcase the range of support for young people aged 16 and 18 through transition processes. The following link can be used to register for the event: <https://learnliveuk.com/the-careers-enterprise-company-my-choices/>
I would like to wish all students the best of luck on results day and will be available to help on the 13th and 14th August.

Kind regards

Mrs D Bushell
Careers Leader