

SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As Results Day approaches, we would like to provide some brief information about the UCAS Clearing process and reassure you that support will be available for all students.

What is Clearing?

Clearing is a service provided by UCAS that enables students to apply for university courses that still have places available. It is used by students who:

- do not receive the grades required for their firm or insurance choice;
- decide they would like to apply to a different university or course; or
- receive better grades than expected and want to look at different options

Many excellent universities and courses recruit through Clearing each year, and it can provide students with a fantastic opportunity to find a course that is right for them.

How can parents help?

Results Day can be an emotional day, particularly if things do not go exactly as planned. Your support and encouragement are invaluable. We recommend allowing your son/daughter to speak directly with universities, as admissions staff will usually want to discuss the application with the student themselves.

If your son/daughter is considering Clearing, encourage them to:

- stay calm and explore all available options;
- research courses before making any decisions;
- have their UCAS Personal ID and examination results to hand when speaking to universities; and
- take notes during any conversations with admissions teams.

Support from Southend High School for Boys

Our Sixth Form and Careers teams will be available on Results Day to provide guidance and support with university decisions, including advice on Clearing, alternative pathways, and next steps. We strongly encourage students to speak to us before making any final decisions so that we can help them make the choice that is best for them.

Further information about Clearing can also be found in the links below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OxKxuHSg7i4>

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/final-choice/results-day-and-clearing-advice-for-parents-and-guardians>



We wish all of our Year 13 students the very best of luck with their results and look forward to supporting them as they take their next steps.

Kind regards,
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