



PRINCE HENRY'S HIGH SCHOOL

An "Outstanding" Academy for Students aged 13-18

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Prince Henry's High School UCAS information

UCAS OFFER KEY HELP AND DEADLINES:

Ultimately, you need to select two of your offers for your choices going forward. One of these will be your firm choice – if you get the grades then you will go there and one will be your insurance (back-up choice). However, **there is no rush to do this as most of you will have until June to decide**. It is sensible to wait until you have the results from your March mocks and start to see where you sit with modular exams and coursework. The only pressure is if you want to start making decisions about accommodation as university accommodation usually opens in March / April.

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/track-your-application/replying-your-offers>

Types of reply:

Firm acceptance – this is your first choice.

If you have an **unconditional offer**, the place is yours! That course provider will expect you as their student at the start of the course.

Or

If it is **conditional**, the place is yours if you meet the offer conditions. Just in case you don't, you can pick a second offer as a backup – your insurance acceptance.

Insurance acceptance – this is the back-up choice.

When choosing an insurance offer, go for something with lower offer conditions; that way, if your results are lower than expected, you might still meet the conditions at your insurance choice. Make sure, however, that it is still somewhere that you would like to go.

Remember, you will only attend your insurance choice course if you don't meet the conditions of your firm choice, but you do meet the conditions of your insurance. You cannot choose between your firm and insurance when you get your results, so make sure you are happy with which is your firm and which is your insurance before you reply.

If you are in any doubt about which offer to put for firm / insurance then discuss your options with your tutor or a member of the Sixth Form Team.

Please note: You only accept one firm choice and one insurance choice. You must decline any other offers.

OFFER AND REPLY COMBINATIONS

Unconditional firm (UF) You are in whatever your results are!

Conditional firm (CF) You are in if you meet the conditions (usually in relation to you achieving specific grades or points).

Conditional firm (CF) and conditional insurance (CI) You have made a first and second choice – you will be in at the first if you meet the conditions. If not, you might have met the conditions of the second – if so you will be on that course instead.

Conditional firm (CF) and unconditional insurance (UI) You have made a first and second choice – if you meet the conditions of the first you'll be on that course. If not, you will definitely be on the second.

HOW TO MAKE REPLIES

When the last decision comes in, UCAS will send you a notification as usual to say there is an update.

Then you can go to Track to make your replies. You will have a deadline shown in Track to do this by.

REPLY DATES FOR UCAS

These are based on when the last decision is made by your universities or colleges. Check Track to see your personal deadline.

2026 entry applications

Last decision received on or before...

Means the reply date is...

31st March 2026

6th May 2026

13th May 2026

3rd June 2026

15th July 2026

15th July 2026

For all key dates see: <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/undergraduate/type/key-date>

RESULTS DAY – 13th August 2026

UCAS EXTRA

If you have used all five of your choices but received no offers you can use Extra to make new choices. UCAS extra will open on 26th February 2026.

If you did not use all your choices in your initial application, you can just add another choice in Track, as long as it is before 30th June, and you have not accepted or declined any offers. If you originally only applied to one choice and want to add more, you will be asked to pay an extra application fee.

If you don't hold any offers after 15th July, you will be able to add an additional choice using Clearing (more information later).

Equally UCAS Extra can be used if you decide you don't want to accept any of the offers. You can decline them all and add more courses through <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/undergraduate/apply-and-track/track-your-application/extra-choices>. If you decide on this option you will not be able to go back to your original choices so should only do this if you are sure that you don't want to go to ANY of your original choices. **If you think that you want to do this they should come and talk to the Sixth Form Team.**

Alternatively, you can see what courses still have vacancies later on through the UCAS Clearing service – usually this will be done after you get your A level results in August. <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-clearing>

MADE CHOICES BUT CHANGED YOUR MIND?

If you accepted your offers in the last 14 days, contact a UCAS adviser to make any changes to your replies.

If it has been more than 14 days since you replied to your offers, there is a more detailed process you need to follow. As you have agreed to a contract with your chosen universities, it may be possible, but UCAS is unable to guarantee

you can change them. You will need to speak to the individual universities about changing your replies, and then call UCAS, to let them know what you want to do.