

## Mr D Gimson and Ms V Berry, UCAS Leads

19 May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers of Year Thirteens and Year Thirteen students

This letter contains a large amount of significant information – please read it thoroughly to the end, even if some sections do not affect you personally. **You will find a reply form at the end of the letter which we expect all students to complete.**

This year has been particularly complicated and difficult for Year Thirteens. However, we are very confident that the great majority of students will get good outcomes this summer.

Please do take care of yourselves as results approach. Helpful advice on looking after your well-being can be found at <https://www.cwmt.org.uk/clearing>.

### Results Day Thursday 18 August from 9.30 AM and post-results support

Students can come into school to collect their results from 9.30 AM on 10 August. We will be handing out results in envelopes and students will be able to meet with staff and friends in school.

It is very helpful for students and staff to be able to talk on Results Day, but you can also make arrangements for alternative collection of results: <https://forms.gle/1bv7a9eC7JuNfr1V6>

However you receive your results, staff will be available to help and support you with your ongoing plans. On the day we will have an appointment-based system.

The plan for the day is as follows:

- Register and sign in from **9.30** am
- Hand in your old student ID and lanyard at reception - essential
- Should you wish to speak to a member of staff about your results:
  - A member of staff at the exit gate will support you to make an appointment to meet a member of the Sixth Form team/careers team/subject teachers.
  - Appointments will need to be booked and we appreciate your support and patience with ensuring that social distancing is in place at all times.
  - You may be given the opportunity to have a meeting at that time or come back for a meeting at a later part in the day. (You will be required to sign in again at reception.)

Due to building works during the summer we are unable to confirm the exact plan for the day. Updated information will be emailed out a few days prior to results day. We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Post-Results Services

Post results services will be available on results day. There are several types:

- Clerical re-checks
- Reviews of marking
- Access to scripts

JCQ have put together this [guidance](#).

Please be aware that there are fees to pay if you wish to apply for a post results service. Services are requested using the [request, consent and payment form](#). The table of fees can be found [here](#) and on the school's website.

Should you have any concerns about your grades, please do speak to a member of staff and we will support you in your next steps. You may find the [JCQ FAQs](#) on how grades are awarded for exams missed due to illness useful.

Before you submit a request for a review of marking, please note that, as a result of a review

- your original grade can go **down**
- your original grade can go **up**
- your original grade can remain the **same**

Once you have submitted a review request you can only withdraw your request if the centre has not yet acted on it. If your grade is lowered as a result of a review request, you cannot revert back to the grade you received on results day.

## UCAS Support

The great majority of students get into their First or Insurance choices of university. However, if results are disappointing, **it is very important to talk to staff as soon as possible - please book a meeting on Results Day**. Even if you are feeling upset, it is best to tackle the situation straight away. Lots of subject staff with specific knowledge of your work and skills will be available on the morning of 18 August, but after lunchtime it will be harder to contact them.

Most problems on Results Day are rapidly resolved through Clearing. The Sixth Form team will be available in school and online to support you and provide advice all day on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 August. We will also be available by e-mail and will be very happy to talk on the phone.

## Clearing

If you are worried that you may not get the grades you need for your Firm or Insurance choices, it will be well worth investigating the Clearing vacancies, which will be on the UCAS website from Tuesday 5 July. We strongly recommend that you have considered alternative universities **before** you receive your results, so that you are prepared on Results Day. It can be very stressful if you are trying to find a suitable course and university on Results Day.

You cannot enter Clearing until you know that you have been rejected by your Firm and Insurance choices – you should be able to check on Track if you have your place or not from 8.00/8:30am for BTEC Level 3 on 18 August, before coming in to collect your actual results.

If you do need to enter Clearing then getting on the phone as soon as possible after you have your results is essential. Staff will be on hand to help you, and parents are very welcome to join you at school, but the calls are best made by you personally, with staff on hand to give a telephone reference if needed. A very clear description of how the clearing process works can be found here:

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

UCAS also provides a service called Clearing Plus: this will give you a list of courses which may be suitable for you, and you will be able to indicate to universities that you are interested in them on Track. The universities may then contact you directly. However, you will still be able to search for courses on Clearing, and contact universities yourself.

If you decide that you no longer want your Firm or Insurance offers, you can decline them both and self-release into Clearing at any time.

Many universities provide guidance on how best to use Clearing - a local example can be found here:

[https://www.brookes.ac.uk/clearing/?dm\\_i=BBQ,6WRRY,EAR3JX,RRMZ0,1](https://www.brookes.ac.uk/clearing/?dm_i=BBQ,6WRRY,EAR3JX,RRMZ0,1).

## Adjustment

If you have done better than expected, you may want to consider switching to a more competitive university. UCAS is not running its usual 'Adjustment' system this year, and advise you to decline your firm offer and go through Clearing. Please consult with staff if you would like to do this.

## Scholarships

As soon as you have a definite offer, it is worth investigating whether there are any scholarships which you could apply for at your university. Please check your university website or go to <https://www.thescholarshipclub.org.uk/> for a sense of the kinds of bursaries and scholarships available. There are hundreds of scholarships which go unclaimed every year so you are in with a strong chance of receiving one, if you apply.

## Applications to UCAS in Year Fourteen

A reminder that if you are planning to apply through UCAS after your results, you should meet the recommended Cheney deadline of **Friday 7 October** and must meet the final Cheney deadline of **Friday 4 November**. We very strongly recommend that you use the period after 18 August to finalise your choices and personal statement and submit your UCAS form as soon as possible after 1 September. The deadline for early applicants (Oxbridge, Medicine etc.) is **Friday 9 September**.

## Careers Advice

If you are pursuing alternatives to university, please contact Mr Davis, the school's careers adviser ([jda@cheneyschool.org](mailto:jda@cheneyschool.org)). We recommend that you arrange to talk to him, and/or to the Sixth Form team, as soon as possible.

## Publicity

The school normally prepares a Press Release mentioning the results of particularly successful students. If you would prefer not to be mentioned, please let Ms Warbrick ([swr@cheney.school.org](mailto:swr@cheney.school.org)) know by the end of term (Thursday 14 July).

## Textbook return

Please return all library books, textbooks and any other books that have been lent to you asap. **These resources will be needed by next year's students and it is crucial that they are returned by Thursday 14 July at the very latest.** Please do not give Cheney staff extra work chasing you to return your books!

If you want to keep your books to work from over the summer then you need to contact Mrs Fenton ([jfe@cheney.school.org](mailto:jfe@cheney.school.org)) by the same deadline if you haven't already done so. There is a box in the school reception for book returns but make sure you include your name on an enclosed piece of paper.

## Your Google Drive and Cheney Gmail

During the Autumn our IT team will disable your ...@cheney.school.org account and google drive. Please spend some time looking through your stored documents, files and google classrooms. Save anything you might need in your own storage system as we will not be able to retrieve lost documents.

## Parent Pay

Some students may have some credit on their school lunch account. Please check your ParentPay account and email Ms Beesley ([jby@cheney.school.org](mailto:jby@cheney.school.org)) by **Friday 14 July** if you would like this credit to be transferred to a sibling or refunded. If you request a refund, this will be transferred to your parents'/carers' ParentPay account. You will then need to request a refund from ParentPay directly.

## Back to Cheney

We would like to invite all leavers to attend the **Back to Cheney** event from 9.30 to 1pm on Friday 16 December 2022. Please indicate whether you are able to attend in the Reply Google Form below.

## Reply

Students, please let us know that you have received this letter and provide us with a little more information by completing this form as soon as possible. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflPOhq3Y4LUNljBb8sNIhVF0sT92eE53ft8VvYGEEcirG4ag/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflPOhq3Y4LUNljBb8sNIhVF0sT92eE53ft8VvYGEEcirG4ag/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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Don't hesitate to contact us with any UCAS specific questions or the wider Sixth Form team on any other matters.

We look forward to seeing you on Results Day and wish you all the best of luck.

With best wishes,  
Yours faithfully,

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