

Section 1 – Understand what happens on Results Day



Unconditional offers

There can be a bit of confusion about accepting unconditional offers, so before you select one as your firm choice, make sure you know the facts.

These websites provide advice and perspective:

<https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/advice/ucas-application/unconditional-offers>

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/universities/applying-to-university-and-ucas-deadlines/unconditional-offers>

<https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/unconditional-offers-serving-the-interests-of-students/>

If you accept an unconditional offer as your firm choice:

- 1. Your exam results won't affect whether or not you get accepted.**
- 2. You cannot have an insurance choice.** Because 'unconditional' means you'll get a place on the course, you don't need the option of another choice. If instead you accept a conditional offer as your firm choice then it's OK to accept an unconditional offer as your insurance choice. That said, a university may stipulate that their offer is only unconditional if you make them your firm choice, so be sure to check any terms attached to their offer before you reply.
- 3. You can't just go into Clearing to accept a different university** if you decide on results day that you no longer want the place. By accepting the offer you're entering into a commitment with the university, so it's important to make sure you pick your favourite choice to be your firm choice. If you do change your mind, you'll have to contact your unconditional firm

choice university and ask to be released in to Clearing. If your insurance choice is unconditional, you also need to be prepared to be accepted by that university if you are unsuccessful with your conditional firm choice.

4. Even though your place is confirmed at the university, it's important that you check the offer carefully. Even if you've already got your qualifications and have met the entry requirements, you might still need to do other things before you start, such as getting a DBS check or providing proof of your qualifications.

If you need help deciding which offer to accept as your firm choice, contact the Careers Team for advice. Family and friends can also offer alternative perspectives you might not have considered, and reading blogs from current students already at your university choices can provide a valuable insight into what it's like to be part of their student community.