

NEWSLETTER

Message from Post 16 Team

It has been a busy few weeks here in Sixth Form! Year 12 have been hard at work sitting their mock examinations, a valuable opportunity to practise exam technique and identify areas for focus ahead of the summer. We have also battled through the recent heatwave, with students and staff alike managing the warmer weather while keeping to business as usual in classrooms and corridors. We marked the end of an era with our Year 13 Leavers' Celebrations, a wonderful occasion to celebrate this fantastic year group as they prepare for life beyond Sixth Form. And alongside all of this, students have been attending UCAS Conventions, gathering vital information and advice to help shape their university applications for the year ahead. It really has been a whirlwind few weeks, and we are so proud of how our students have approached each of these events with maturity and enthusiasm.

Year 12 Work Experience – Important Information

As part of our Work Experience programme, all Year 12 students must have completed every section of Unifrog before they will be permitted to attend their placement. Please ask your son or daughter to log in and check their Unifrog account to ensure everything has been fully completed. Any student who has not cleared all areas of Unifrog will not be able to go on their Work Experience placement.

If parent/carer permission is still outstanding, please complete this as a matter of urgency to avoid any disruption to your child's placement.



Year 13 Leavers Celebration

What a fantastic way to send off our Year 13 students! On Friday 19th June, we celebrated the Leavers' Celebration, marking the end of an incredible journey for this remarkable year group.

The event was a brilliant success, filled with laughter, nostalgia, and pride. Students and staff enjoyed a wonderful collection of photos charting their journey through Sixth Form, from their very first days to now confident young adults ready for the next chapter. Awards were presented to recognise the achievements, character, and contributions of individual students, celebrating not just academic success but the kindness, resilience, and spirit that has made this year group so special.

It was a privilege to share in the memories, the laughter, and the sense of community that has defined this cohort throughout their time with us. Staff across the Academy have spoken so warmly about this group, and it was wonderful to see that reflected in the smiles and stories shared on the day.

As our Year 13 students now look ahead to Results Day, we want to wish every single one of them the very best of luck. They have worked incredibly hard, and whatever the results bring, we are immensely proud of all they have achieved and excited for what comes next.

Read on for some helpful advice for parents and carers ahead of Results Day.

Results Day Parents Advice

A Level Results Day for 2026 falls on Thursday 13th August, and we know this can be an anxious time for both students and families. Here's a quick guide to help you support your son or daughter through the day.

What happens, and when

Most schools and colleges release results from 8am onwards, and we will confirm our exact arrangements closer to the time. UCAS Hub is "frozen" in the days leading up to results day, meaning no changes can be made to applications during this period. Once results are out, UCAS will update Hub to show the status of university offers from around 8.15am, though your school gives the grades while UCAS Hub shows the application status and next steps – these are two separate things, so it's worth checking both.

There are three broad outcomes:

- Firm offer met: If your child meets their firm choice's conditions, their place is confirmed and they'll see this on Hub.
- Insurance offer met: If they miss their firm but meet their insurance offer, they're automatically accepted into their insurance choice with no further action needed.
- Clearing: If neither offer is met, or if an offer was declined, your child will automatically enter Clearing.

About Clearing

Clearing has a great reputation problem – it isn't just a last resort. Thousands of students successfully find courses through Clearing every year, often at excellent universities. Courses available through Clearing can be searched from 2nd July onwards, so there's an opportunity to research options well before results day itself.

On the day:

- A Clearing choice cannot actually be added through UCAS Hub until 1pm, but students can start contacting universities about Clearing courses as soon as they have their results, arranging things informally ahead of the official window opening.
- Universities advertise available courses on UCAS and their own websites; it's best to phone universities directly rather than just applying online, and to have a UCAS Clearing number, grades, and personal statement to hand.
- Only one verbal offer should be accepted over the phone at a time, and a student can hold one Clearing choice at a time in Track.

A note for parents

It's a long and emotional morning, whatever the outcome. A few gentle reminders:

- Don't panic–Clearing into a course your child doesn't want – there is time, as Clearing runs for weeks, not hours. [Tutopiya](#)
- It's worth avoiding comparisons with other students' results, and having food and water on hand, as it can be an emotionally draining morning. [Tutopiya](#)
- If exceeding expectations, Adjustment is a separate, less well-known process allowing students to look at higher-ranked universities while keeping their original place safe, opening on results day morning and running for five days. [Tutopiya](#)

Whatever the outcome, we will have staff on hand on the day to support students, and we'd encourage any parent with questions to get in touch with our Sixth Form team.

For official guidance, the UCAS exam results helpline is available on results day: 0808 100 8000.

UCAS Discovery Day- Trip on Monday 23rd June

On Tuesday 23rd June, Year 12 students attended the UCAS Convention at the NEC. This event is a crucial part of the Salter Sixth investment in our students' future career pathways.

Universities from across the country were represented at the event, alongside a selection of employers and apprenticeships including the Army, the Royal Navy and Dyson Institute of Engineering and Technology.

As always, our students were exemplary representatives of the academy; mature conversations were held with current university students and tutors and pertinent questions asked regarding course structures and future employment.

All in all, a very constructive morning was had with lots of freebies claimed!

Students now need to use the information they have gathered to inform their next steps.

Visting university open days is crucial. This will enable students to get a feel for the place – both the university, the course, the students and the campus/ town. Reading about the universities and talking about them is important. However, seeing them and experiencing them is key.



Dates for your diary

15th June- 26th June- Year 12 Mock Exams
29th Jun- 3rd July- Year 12 Work Experience
6th July- Ecton Valley Trip
June & July- Year 12 Mock Assessment Centres (3 dates)



UCAS key date reminders:

25th June = 2nd draft personal statement deadline (on Teams)
9th July = All sections of UCAS application form completed apart from PS and choices
24th September = GSA deadline for Medicine, Veterinary Sciences, Dentistry, Oxford and Cambridge applications

Key 2026 A-Level Exam Details:

Results Day:
Thursday 13 August 2026.

