



## ND VOICE

As this term and indeed the academic year draws to a close, we can both look back with a sense of pride at how far our Y12 students have come since starting with us, but also look forward to what we hope will be another set of excellent and well deserved exam results for our outgoing class of 2023.

### **Y13 Leavers' Ball**

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, we held our annual Y13 celebration event at the Quays Hotel Sheffield. For the first time we had moved away from the formal dinner arrangement and went with a more relaxed buffet. We did however keep the traditional Notre Dame Oscar awards which as always went down very well with the students. This was a fantastic evening and it was great to share this informal time away from school with our brilliant students. They all looked wonderful and I think we can safely say the class of 2023 really did scrub up well!



### **Y12 Assessment Intervention Week**

Following the recent Y12 assessment week which this year we brought forward to run before the main external exam season, Mr Smith (Deputy Head of Sixth Form) and I met with the students whose assessment grades gave us most concern. In all we held 44 meetings during the week with students who had achieved 2 or more U/E grades, or who on average were more than 1.25 of a grade away from their target. This was a very demanding week with some challenging but very positive conversations with both students and their parents. If you/your child were involved in these meetings, your support was very much appreciated, thank you.

### **UCAS Fair**

On the afternoon of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of June, Y12 attended the annual Higher Education Fair held at Sheffield Arena. The feedback from this event was very positive with students taking in over 130 higher education and degree apprenticeship providers, as well as a variety of subject presentations.

### **Enrichment days**

On Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> year 12 students attended Sheffield Hallam University in order to get a feel for university life; the visit consisted of presentations, campus tour as well as subject specific workshops. On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, students were in school attending presentations/workshops covering year 13 revision plans, gap years, degree apprenticeships and personal statements. The students also signed up for UCAS on this day with those students on the Biology field trip signing up once they returned to school.

On behalf of the Sixth Form Team, thank you for your continued support throughout the year and best wishes for a restful summer break with your family and friends.

God bless,

Martyn Birch-Head of Sixth Form

### **Y12 Football Competition**



Notre dame entered 2 teams in a recent Sheffield sixth form invitational event held at King Egberts school. Our 2 teams (pictured below) performed well. Congratulations to both teams for taking part, but particular plaudits go the "stripes" who won the tournament!



# Y13 Results Day

## Y13 Results day Advice

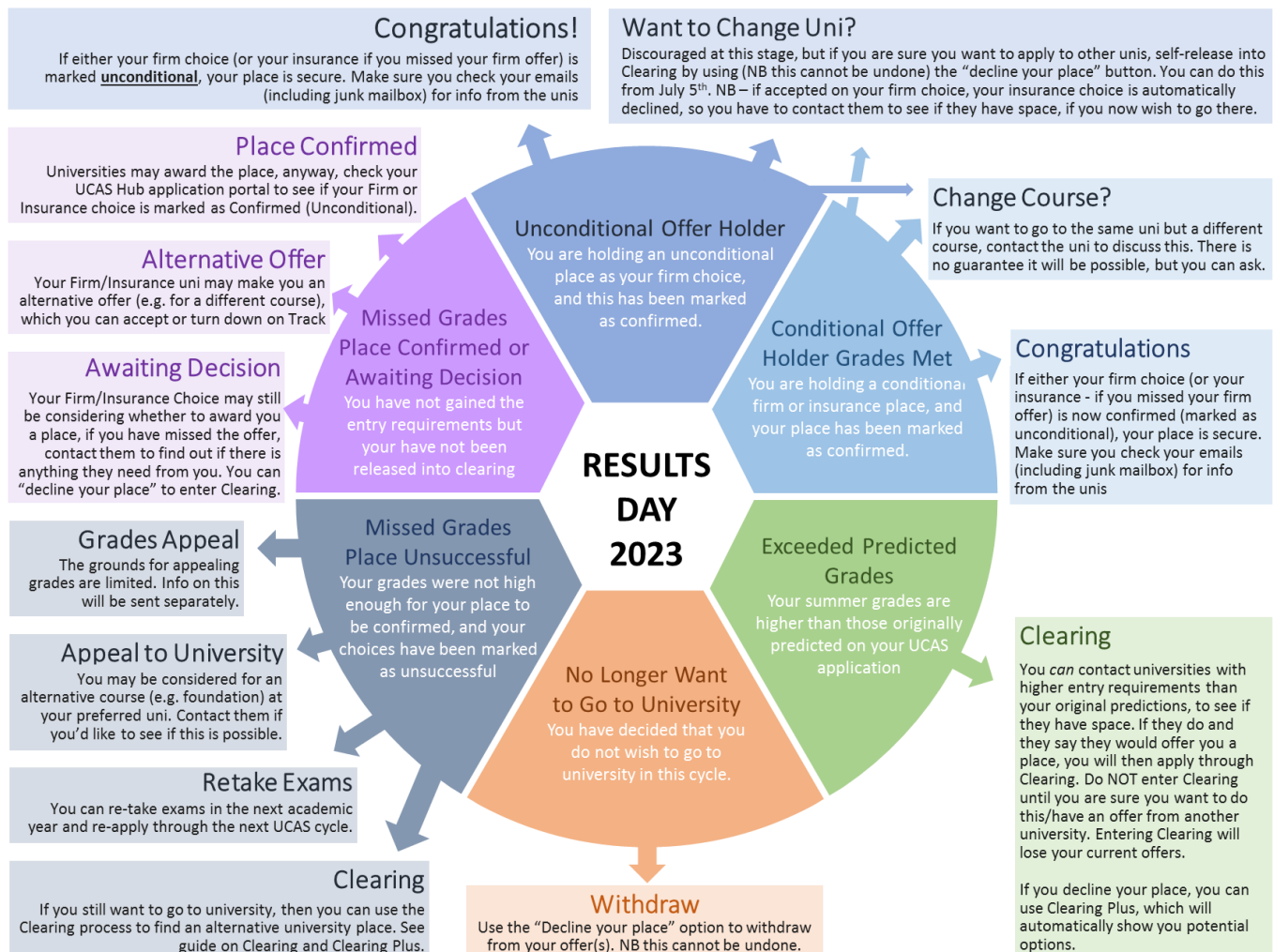
On A Level results day, UCAS will come live at **8am**. Students log on to UCAS to see if their place is confirmed. Possible scenarios:

- Students have the grades for their firm choice (or don't have the grades, but their firm choice still accepts them) – **PLACE AT FIRM CHOICE CONFIRMED**
- Students have the grades for their Insurance choice (or don't have the grades, but their Insurance choice still accepts them) – **PLACE AT INSURANCE CHOICE CONFIRMED**
- Students don't have the grades for either their firm or insurance choice – they will then be eligible for Clearing and will receive a clearing number. Students can then ring as many universities as they wish and gain as many offers as possible over the phone, **BUT CAN THEN ONLY PUT ONE DOWN THROUGH UCAS CLEARING LATER THAT DAY (Time TBC, but normally 4pm)**

If a student changes their University, they then just need to book accommodation with that institution on Results day and update Student Finance with their new institution/course.

Further information from UCAS is below.

[Supporting you through Confirmation and Clearing | Undergraduate, Conservatoires | UCAS](#)



# Y12 Update

Date	Activity
July-August 2023	Students work on personal statements.
September-October 2023	University entrance tests/BMAT registration opens – register with exams office in school.
September-November 2023	UCAS application form completed and personal statements finalised.
16 October 2023	UCAS Application DEADLINE for Oxbridge, Dentistry, Medicine and Veterinary applications.
Date TBC November 2023	BMAT and Early Entry Admissions Test Date (taken at school)
30 November 2023	SCHOOL deadline for all UCAS applications
31 January 2024	UCAS EXTERNAL Deadline for All Applications
February–May 2024	Student Finance applications to be completed
May/June 2024	Deadline for students to accept firm and insurance choices

## University Entrance Tests

Most courses and Universities do not require students to sit an entrance test. Please look on individual University websites or check at Open Days with regards to which institutions require these. The following tests will take place **in school** on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**.

- [BioMedical Admissions Test \(BMAT\)](#)
- [Test of Mathematics for University Admission \(TMUA\)](#)
- [Engineering Admissions Assessment \(ENGAA\)](#)
- [Natural Sciences Admissions Assessment \(NSAA\)](#)
- [Thinking Skills Assessment Section 1 \(TSA S1\)](#)
- [Thinking Skills Assessment \(TSA\)](#)

Registration for these open on **1<sup>st</sup> September** and students register for these with Mrs Paine when they return to Year 13 in September.

For students interested in both Dentistry and Medicine, the **UCAT** entrance test may need to be sat. This is **NOT** sat in school and is booked by the students themselves. Registration for this opened on the **20<sup>th</sup> June** and closes on **21<sup>st</sup> September 2023**.

Further details can be found via this link [Register | UCAT Consortium](#)

## UCAS Sign-Up

All Year 12 students have now signed up to UCAS and have an account. Students can apply to University from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**. The actual deadline for applications to be sent is **31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**, but we strongly suggest that students meet the school deadline of **30<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

Please note applications to Dentistry, Medicine, Oxbridge and Veterinary have a deadline of **16<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

# Revision & Pastoral Guidance

## Sources of support for parents and students

- [PowerPoint Presentation \(notredame-high.co.uk\)](https://www.notredame-high.co.uk)
- [How-to-best-help-your-child-with-revision.docx.pdf \(notredame-high.co.uk\)](https://www.notredame-high.co.uk)
- [Video for Parents 3: Grades and coping with pressure | Resources | Net Sixth Form](#)
  - [Greg-Thornton-Revision-notes.pdf \(notredame-high.co.uk\)](https://www.notredame-high.co.uk)
- **Revision revisited** - improve your subject understanding PDF activity - [click here](#)  
Accompanying video - Revision to improve understanding - [click here](#)
- **Understanding stress** and questionnaire PDF - [download](#)  
Accompanying video - coping with stress - [watch](#)
- **Barriers to learning activity** – PDF - [download](#)  
Self-reflection exercise about what barriers can be controlled more easily than others
  - The aim is for students to study around 20-24 hours independent study hours (3-4 hours per day) outside lesson time to help them achieve top grades.
- **PROCRASTINATION**  
For students who get distracted with their phones - use this procrastination video - [click here](#)
- **ROUTINES**  
For students who need more of a routine - use this video as well as the time management sheets that can be downloaded - [click here](#)  
Time management sheet - [click here](#)
- **PUTTING IN THE HOURS**  
For those who need persuading that high performing students put in the hours - [click here](#)

## Additional Revision Support Sources

- [Popplet](#)
- [Learning tools, flashcards, and textbook solutions | Quizlet](#)
- [Revision tips | Exam stress support | The Mix](#)
- [How To Stop Procrastinating | Managing Your Time | The Mix](#)
- [Ebbinghaus's Forgetting Curve - Why We Keep Forgetting and What We Can Do About It \(mindtools.com\)](#)
- [Study Motivation | How To Get Motivated To Study | The Mix](#)
- [Revision Tips | Best Revision Techniques | Study & Exam Tips | The Mix](#)
- [Revision Timetable Maker / Study Planner \(getrevising.co.uk\)](#)
- [Past papers \(getrevising.co.uk\)](#)
- [How to Create the Best Revision Cards | GoStudent | GoStudentPopplet](#)

## Additional Support Sources for Wellbeing

- [YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds](#)
- [Home - Kooth](#)
- [Golddigger Trust](#)
- [Welcome to The Corner - WHO WE ARE \(thecornersheffield.com\)](#)
- [Home - Epic Friends](#)
- [Door 43 | Sheffield Mental Health Guide](#)
- [Sheffield Wellbeing Resources - 2019-11 v1.1.pdf \(learnsheffield.co.uk\)](#)
- [lets talk.pdf \(sheffieldccg.nhs.uk\)](#)
- [On My Mind | Resources for Young People | Anna Freud Centre](#)
- [Parents and Careers | Advice and Guidance | Anna Freud Centre](#)
- [Anxiety - Every Mind Matters - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)