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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 Y13 class of 2024.

Y13 Leavers' Ball

On Friday 7th July, we held our annual Y13 celebration event at the Quays Hotel Sheffield. The now traditional Notre Dame Oscar awards as voted for by the students were presented as part of the evening, and as always, these went down very well. 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 2024 really did scrub up well!



Y12 Assessment Recovery Week

Following the recent Y12 assessment week, if students received a grade that indicated they were at significant risk of achieving a U grade at the end of Y13, we invited them to be part of recovery week. This involved a meeting with Mr Birch/Mr Smith, a further opportunity to sit an assessment paper, then if needed, a follow up meeting was held. This was a really positive intervention, with the vast majority of students sitting the additional assessment enjoying an improved outcome and needing no further follow up

UCAS Fair

On the afternoon of Friday 7th 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 8th July 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 9th, 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.

Notre News



I hope as I did, you enjoy reading the accompanying 5th issue of Notre News, the Notre Dame Sixth Form Newspaper. As a new editorial team take the reigns in an impressively seamless transition from the outgoing Y13 team, this entirely independent (from staff) publication goes from strength to strength.

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

Y13 Results Day

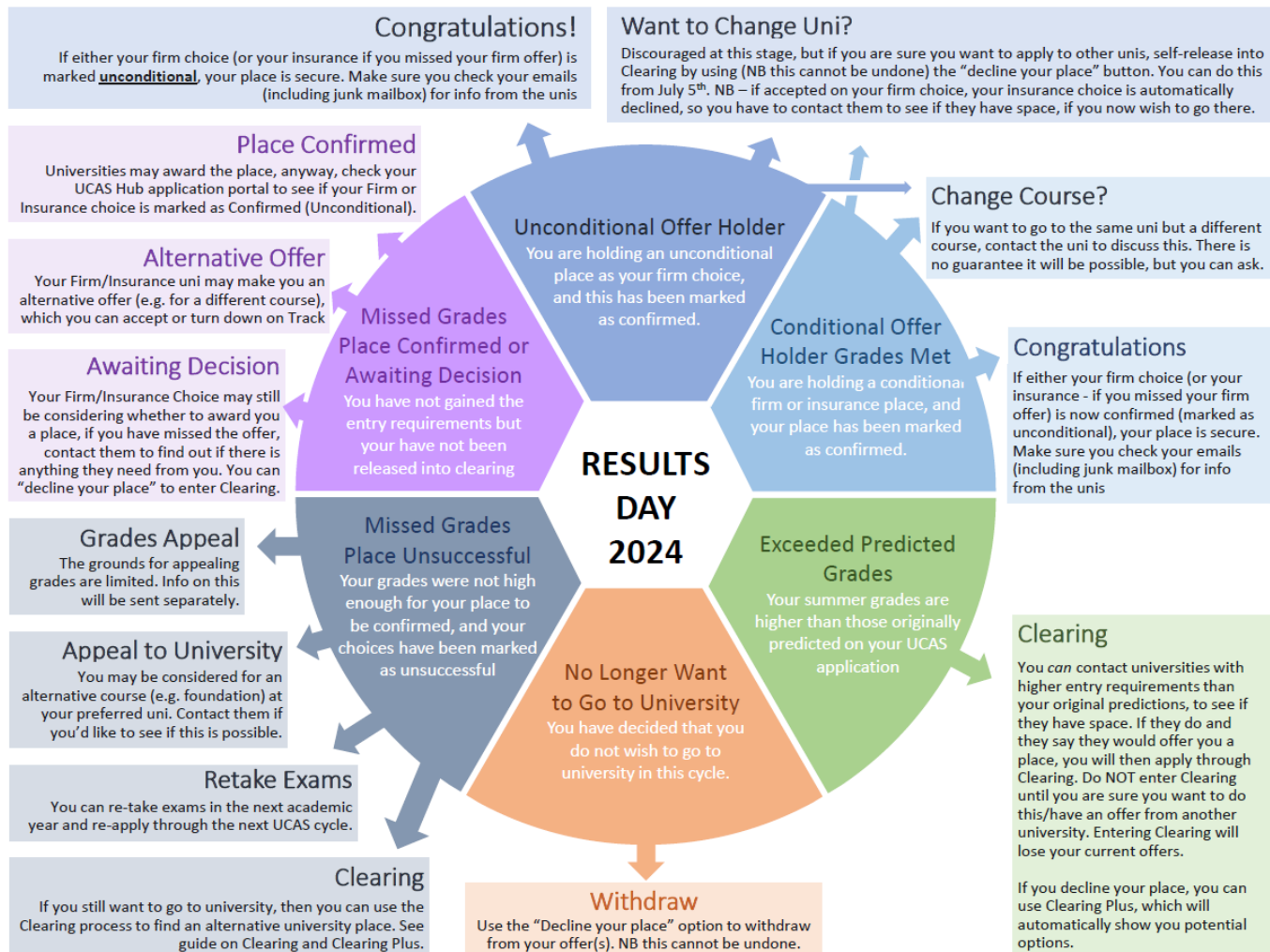
Y13 Results day Advice

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.

[Preparing for results day and Clearing | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)



Y12 Update

Date	Activity
July-August 2024	Students work on personal statements.
September-October 2024	University entrance tests– register with exams office in school.
September-November 2024	UCAS application form completed and personal statements finalised.
15 October 2024	UCAS Application DEADLINE for Oxbridge, Dentistry, Medicine and Veterinary applications.
30 November 2024	SCHOOL deadline for all UCAS applications
29 January 2025	UCAS EXTERNAL Deadline for All Applications
February–May 2025	Student Finance applications to be completed
May/June 2025	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**.

- 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 **1st September** and students register for these with the exams office 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 **18th June** and closes on **19th September 2024**.

UCAS Sign-Up

All Year 12 students have now signed up to UCAS and have an account. Students can apply to University from **Monday 2nd September**. The actual deadline for applications to be sent is **29th January 2025**, but we strongly suggest that students meet the school deadline of **30th November 2024**. Please note applications to Dentistry, Medicine, Oxbridge and Veterinary have a deadline of **15th October 2024**.

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)