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University Offers

- Offers are only official once you have received a letter or email from UCAS, (even if you receive an offer direct from a university or college).
- If you have a question about a decision, you should contact the university for advice.
- The universities are given a deadline by which to make a decision about your application.(31 March though some may take longer)

The following decisions can be made:

Interview/Invitation:

The university will contact you directly. Any invitation decisions are shown on Track and you must reply through Track

Conditional offer:

- A conditional offer means that they will offer you a place if you meet certain conditions, e.g tariff points (eg 200 points from three A levels) or grades in named subjects (B in chemistry, C in physics).

Unconditional offer

- An unconditional offer means that you have met all the entry requirements and the university is happy to accept you.

Withdrawn application

- A choice may be withdrawn by you or the university. The reason will be displayed on UCAS Track.

Unsuccessful application

- This means that the university has decided not to offer you a place on the course.

Replying to Offers

- You don't have to decide which offer(s) to accept until all your universities and colleges have sent their decisions to UCAS, although you can decide earlier if you wish. If you have received all your offers by 31 March you must reply by 5 May

Firm & Insurance Offers

Points to remember when replying to your offers:

- Make sure that both the course and the university or college are right for you because you will be spending the next three or four years there.
- It has to be a university that is right for YOU! Not ones your friends /parents /siblings love.
- If you haven't already, make sure you go and visit the university, or re-visit. Remember though, to reply by the deadline.
- **Think carefully before you decide which offers to accept because once you accept an offer, including an insurance offer, you are committed to that course. You have entered a contract with that university**

Firm & Insurance Offers

You have to make 2 decisions: firstly a Firm acceptance (your preferred University), and secondly an Insurance acceptance, in the event that you don't get your preferred university.

Replying to your offers

You must reply to each offer in one of the following ways.

- Firm acceptance (F)
- Insurance acceptance (I)
- Decline (D)

Firm acceptance

- If you accept a conditional offer, you are agreeing that you will attend the course at that university, if you meet the conditions of the offer.

Insurance acceptance

- You can accept an offer as an insurance choice. This acts as a back-up if you do not meet the conditions for your firm choice.
- Please make sure you would like to go to your insurance choice, because if you don't meet the requirements of your firm choice, but meet the requirements of your insurance choice you are committed to that course.
- **The conditions for your insurance choice do not have to be lower than your firm choice, however it is safer to have a slightly lower insurance choice.**

Decline

- Once you have decided which offer to accept firmly, and which (if any) to accept as an insurance, you must decline all other offers. If you do not want to accept any of the offers, you may decline them all. You will then become eligible for Extra or Clearing depending upon your circumstances.

Extra

- To use Extra applicants need to have already made their 5 choices received decisions from all these choices and either had no offers and/or declined all offers
- Extra opens 25 February and closes 6 July
- If you want to apply through Extra refer yourself through Track and then use the course search. Alternatively a button will appear on your Track screen which you use to apply
- Courses available are indicated on the UCAS website by an 'x' after the course title
- You may only apply to one university & course at a time. The university must respond within 21 days. Before you apply try to contact the university to make sure they can consider you.

Extra

- Not all courses are available in Extra so contact universities directly as well
- You must respond to offers by 27 July
- The Independent newspaper publishes vacancies throughout Extra process
 - Thursday 25 February
 - Thursday 18 March
 - Thursday 29 April
 - Thursday 27 May
 - Thursday 24 June

Clearing

- If you don't get the exam grades that you hope for and do not secure a place on your Firm or Insurance choice you are eligible for Clearing
- Course Search, lists courses available in Clearing from 19 August. Courses are also listed in The Independent newspaper
- It is essential that you are not away on holiday on 19 August. You need to be available in person to deal with admission tutors and make decisions

Accommodation

- It is essential that you ensure you have put in an application for accommodation to your Firm choice of university
- Check individual university websites for further details

Student Finance

- Student grants were historically sorted out by the County in which you live, this was a paper system with lots of form filling.
- The system has now been updated, to an online version. It is now called Student Finance England, and everything is completed centrally through a Government website.
(www.studentfinanceengland.co.uk)

Student Finance

- Student Finance England will help you work out the financial support you'll get, apply for finance and keep track of your payments:
- An online calculator will help you work out how much you can get and even see what bursaries may be available at your preferred university or college
- After you have applied you will be able to manage your own account online; if, at any point, you need assistance or advice you can easily communicate with an advisor using secure messaging

Student Finance

- Every student going to University needs to complete the online forms or they will not get any financial help from the Government, where applicable. (02 fee code!)
- You will all be issued with a booklet at the end of assembly. It is your responsibility to apply online and any queries are directed to student finance.

The Final Countdown

- After Easter you only have to come into school for your lessons
- A2 exams! Start 11 June

**GRAND TOTAL OF 59 SCHOOL DAYS!
MAKE THEM COUNT**