

Exam Results 2026:

A guide to support your next steps

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Thursday 13th August: Level 3 results

(A-Levels, Level 3 BTECs & vocational and technical qualifications, e.g. T-Levels)

Results Day Checklist:

- Have your UCAS Hub Login details (UCAS ID and Password) ready to hand.
- Have the phone numbers for your chosen university's admissions team available.
- Make sure that you have plenty of phone battery and airtime minutes—you might be on hold for a while!

I got the grades I need: (Higher Education/Apprenticeships)

- **University applicants:** Log into your UCAS Hub to check if your Conditional Offer has updated to Confirmed. **Do not panic** if results are not there right at 08:15am! It can take up to 24 hours for universities to update their portals.

Or

- **Apprenticeships:** Contact your employer and your Apprenticeship Training Provider immediately to give them your grades and discuss your start date.

I did not get the grades I need (Higher Education):

- You should check [UCAS Track](#) to see if your offer at your preferred higher education establishment still stands as they may still accept you. *Please note some universities may take longer to decide if they can accept you and/or may request a breakdown of your results,*
- If your first choice is subsequently not available, you may be eligible for your insurance offer. Use [UCAS Track](#) to view these details.
- If neither your first choice nor insurance offer are open to you (or if you did not pick an insurance choice), you will be eligible for [Clearing](#), a process that allows you to search for and potentially access other course options at your preferred university, or, apply for remaining places at another university. Please see the UCAS website for details on [Clearing Plus](#) – a tool that signposts you directly to relevant universities whose entry requirements match your results.

-If you exceeded your expected grades, you are eligible for [Clearing](#). If you are holding a firm unconditional offer and want to change your university choice, you should click the 'decline your place' button in your application. **Please make sure you have spoken to the university concerned and / or your school Careers Adviser before going ahead with this step.**

-If you are seeking an Apprenticeship or job opportunities, please see page 8 for some useful websites.

-If you are unhappy with your grades, [find out how you can appeal.](#)

Please note

When considering your next steps, it is highly advisable to obtain advice and guidance from a qualified careers professional in your school or college.

Careers advice and guidance is also available via the [National Careers Service](#) or [UCAS](#).

Thursday 20th August: Level 2 results

(GCSEs, Functional Skills [Levels 1 & 2], Level 2 BTECs and vocational subjects).

Contact your school before results day to find out exactly how you will receive your grades (e.g., email, online portal, or picking them up in person). **Important: Keep your results slips safe! You may need these to prove your qualifications for work or further study.**

I got the grades I need

If you have an offer from a Sixth Form or college, check your email for your enrolment date and time. If you cannot find it, contact them immediately to check.

Apprenticeships: Contact your employer and your Apprenticeship Training Provider immediately to give them your grades and discuss your start date.

What to bring to Enrolment:

- Your official examination results slip.
- Proof of ID (Passport, birth certificate, or Home Office documents).
- National Insurance (NI) number.
- Any required signed documents from your parents or carer/giver.
- Documents for additional support or special educational needs (like your Education, Health and Care Plan EHCP).

Note: If your chosen sixth form/college requires you to sit their own entry test, ask them in advance what support is available for you to take the test.

I did not get the grades I need, or I have not applied

- If you have not applied to a Sixth Form or college, see point 3 below.
 - If you are seeking an Apprenticeship or job opportunities, please see page 8 for some useful websites
 - If you did not get the grades, you needed you will need to do one of the following:
1. **Get advice** from your chosen Sixth Form or college to find out what (other) programmes you may be eligible for.
 2. **Contact your Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) Coordinator** if you have an EHCP.
 3. **Research your options (again).** The websites listed on page 8 may help you.

Make sure your course choice fits in with your career plans and goals. It is essential that you pick the best courses that help you to achieve this. This may mean that you need to take some time to rethink your career plans.

**You do not have to figure this out alone. If you are confused about your options, you can:
Speak directly to your school or college Careers Adviser.**

**Or contact the National Careers Service for free advice at 0800 100 900 or
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>**

If you have not applied to a Sixth Form or a college

1. Check the [London Colleges website](#) to see which colleges are enrolling now.
2. Call the Sixth Form or college of your choice ASAP. Many Sixth Forms' and colleges have Open/Late Enrolment from a specific date; you will need to be attend open/late enrolment and work quickly if you do need to find an alternative option to meet your career path. Colleges are more likely to have spaces as they offer a wider range of courses. However, as some courses are heavily subscribed you should contact the college directly to see if you can join any waiting lists alongside looking for alternate courses or colleges.
3. Consider an Apprenticeship which enables you to gain a meaningful qualification and learn and earn at the same time. Find out more about Apprenticeship in the [My Choices at 16+ guide](#) or on the [Government website](#).

If you did not get the grades to start an Apprenticeship, you could opt for a **Study Programme** – a course of study, which gives you the opportunity to develop your Maths and English (also known as Functional Skills) if you did not achieve a grade 4, a study programme may also prepare you for work. Please contact the Post 16 Participation & NEET team for more information (contact details below).

If you are unhappy with your grades

Contact your school or college immediately to find out how you can appeal or consider resitting your GCSEs.

If you are considering resitting your GCSEs

You can contact one of the establishments below. A few things for you to be aware of:

- Check which subjects the school or college offers in terms of resits – in many cases, this may be in subjects: Maths & English only.
- Some schools may give you the opportunity to re-sit your GCSEs alongside other subjects.
- Some of the establishments have fees for their resits, be sure to clarify this first.

[Croydon Adult Learning And Training \(CALAT\)](#)

(For learners aged 19+)

[Croydon Metropolitan College](#)

[My Choices at 16+ guide](#) (see GCSE course listing page)

[South Thames College Group](#)

[London Learning Consortium](#)

This is not an exhaustive list.

If you need a fresh start to learning, Foundation study programmes in Maths and English or vocational subjects, e.g. *construction* may work for you. Check the [My Choices at 16+ guide](#) for a list of providers offering these courses locally.

Croydon Sixth Forms

Name of Sixth Form	Admissions Number
Archbishop Tenison's Church of England Sixth Form	0208 688 4014
Coloma Convent Girls School	020 8654 6228
Coombe Wood School Sixth Form	0208 289 4745
Harris Sixth Form: Harris Academy Beulah Hill Harris Academy Purley Harris Academy South Norwood Harris Academy Crystal Palace Harris Invictus Academy Croydon	020 8253 7777
Harris Professional Skills Sixth Form	020 3370 9238
Norbury High School for Girls	020 4516 1460
Oasis Academy Shirley Park	020 8656 0222
Riddlesdown Collegiate, College VI	020 8668 5136
Shirley High School Performing Arts College	020 8656 9755
St Joseph's College	020 8761 1426
The BRIT School	020 8665 5242
The Quest Academy	03300 100 701
Thomas More Catholic School Sixth Form	020 86686251
Woodcote High School	020 8668 6464

Croydon Colleges

Name of College	Admissions Number
Coulsdon College	01737 551176
Croydon College	020 8686 5700
John Ruskin College	020 8651 1131

Colleges Neighbouring Croydon

Name of College	Admissions Number
London South East Colleges: Bromley	020 3954 4000
Capel Manor College	020 8778 5572
London South Bank: Lambeth College	020 7501 5000
London South Bank: Technical College	020 7501 5000
London Colleges	020 7034 9900
North East Surrey College Of Technology (NESCOT)	020 8394 1731
Reigate College	01737 221 118
South Thames College: Carshalton campus	020 8544 4444
South Thames College: Kingston campus	020 8546 2151
South Thames College: Merton campus	020 8918 7777
South Thames College: Tooting campus	020 8918 7777
South Thames College: Wandsworth campus	020 8918 7777
Southwark College	020 3757 4000
Westminster Kingsway College	020 7963 4181

Useful Websites

Apprenticeships & Traineeships Croydon Works Get my First Job Government Apprenticeship website My Choices at 16+ guide Not Going To Uni General National Careers Service My Choices at 16+ guide	Further & Higher Education Success at School UCAS Clearing UCAS Track Where Can I Study (WCIS)
Employment websites Croydon Works Charity Jobs Diversity Jobs Group Employment for students Fish 4 jobs Get my First Job Indeed Job Centre Plus Not Going To Uni Student jobs TotalJobs Employment apps Indeed Job Today	Volunteering Croydon Voluntary Action Do It Life VInspired

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