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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well, and that your child found the A Level exams manageable and is feeling as positive as possible about them. I wanted to write to you regarding A Level Results Day on Thursday, 14 August 2025. We understand that this day can bring a mix of anticipation and anxiety for students and their families, so we've compiled some key information to help you support your child effectively.

This email is detailed and covers various scenarios that may arise on the day. Please take the time to read it through carefully.

1. Accessing Results and UCAS Hub

- All results will be delivered to students via the Student Portal shortly after 8am on Thursday 14th August.
- Please click <u>here</u> for a reminder how to access the Student Portal. Please check that your child is able to
 access the Student Portal. If they have difficulties accessing their account please email
 ithelp@rgshw.com
- Results are published directly to students.
- Students will only receive an electronic copy of their results. Please be aware that we can not give results out over the phone.
- Should they require a PDF copy of their results or a paper copy, please contact the Exams Office bah@rgshw.com
- Students may nominate a representative to collect their results on their behalf. Please complete the <u>Permission to Collect Results</u> form
- UCAS Hub Updates: from 8:00 AM on results day, students can log into the UCAS Hub to check the status of their university applications. Please note that the UCAS Hub does not display A Level grades; it only shows the status of university offers.

2. If Your Child Meets or Exceeds Their Offer Conditions

- **Confirmation of Place:** If the conditions of the firm offer are met, the university will confirm the place, and this will be reflected in the UCAS Hub.
- **Next Steps:** Your child will need to accept the place on UCAS. Please encourage your child to review any communications from the university regarding enrolment, accommodation, and induction activities.
- Alternative Options: If your child wishes to explore alternative courses or universities, they can use the 'Decline my place' option in the UCAS Hub to enter Clearing. However, this decision should be made cautiously, as declining a confirmed place is irreversible.

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3. If Your Child Does Not Meet Their Offer Conditions

Possible Outcomes:

- Acceptance Despite Missed Grades: some universities may still accept students who narrowly miss their offer conditions.
- **Rejection:** if both firm and insurance offers are unsuccessful, your child becomes eligible for **Clearing**.

4. Considering a Change of Course or University

- **Changing Courses at the Same University:** your child should contact the university directly to inquire about switching courses.
- **Changing Universities:** if your child wishes to attend a different university, they must decline their current offer and apply for a new course through Clearing.

5. Appealing Exam Results

- There are a number of **Post Results Services** available to you. All services can be viewed <u>here</u>. This information will be shared again on Results Day.
- There will be a member of staff for each subject available on Results Day to give you advice. The list of available staff and their contact email will be shared with you shortly before Results Day.
- **Impact on University Offers:** It's essential to inform the university about the appeal, as they may hold the offer pending the outcome. However, there's no guarantee the university will reserve the place.

What is Clearing?

Clearing is a UCAS service that matches unplaced students with available university courses. Students become eligible for Clearing if they are not holding any offers after results are published. Students can search for available courses via the UCAS website and contact universities directly to discuss vacancies.

Additional Tips for Parents

- **Stay Calm and Supportive:** your demeanour can significantly influence your child's stress levels. Offer reassurance and a listening ear.
- **Prepare in Advance:** familiarise yourself with the UCAS Clearing process and have a list of potential courses and universities as a backup plan.
- Encourage Open Communication: discuss all available options with your child, including gap years, apprenticeships, or alternative qualifications.
- Seek Professional Advice: don't hesitate to contact the school or UCAS for guidance tailored to your child's situation.

For more detailed information, please visit the <u>UCAS website</u>. In particular, they have created a <u>Pocket Guide for</u> <u>Parents</u> which details information for Results Day and Clearing.

If you require support from the Sixth Form Team:

We hope this helps you navigate A Level results day with confidence. For anyone that requires support, we will be available in person on the day from **8am-1pm** to provide advice and support where we can. We will be based on the **Ground Floor of the Sixth Form Centre**. Please enter via the entrance on Amersham Road. Alternatively, you may send an email requesting a call back to <u>SixthForm@rgshw.com</u> (please also provide details of your query), you will receive a call back by 1pm.

Kind regards,

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