

23rd April 2020

Dear Year 13 Students,

Re: University admissions process for 2020

I am writing to explain what we know about the university admissions process for 2020, as well as apprenticeships and other non-university options.

Ofqual have been clear that the grades pupils receive this summer will have equal status to grades awarded in all other years and will be treated this way by universities, colleges and employers. This will ensure that all of you will be able to move onto the next stage of your education or employment in the normal fashion once you receive your results. This includes Year 13s who had been planning on taking a gap year as your results will carry equal weight to next year's Year 13 in 2021.

In all other ways your university or apprenticeship application will proceed as normal. If you meet the conditions of your offer it will become unconditional and you will progress onto that provider. If you do not meet the conditions of your offer Clearing will still be open on UCAS from Thursday 13th August, as will Adjustment for those people who exceed their expected grades. Lastly, you need to ensure you meet all other deadlines you have including for accommodation at your universities, making your firm and insurance choices, which for many of you will be 19th May, and the Student Finance deadline for university courses, which remains Monday 25th May.

If you receive results in August which mean you cannot progress on to your first choice destination, you also have the option of sitting your A-level or vocational exams in the autumn. Ofqual have said that at that point you would need to speak to your university or apprenticeship provider to ask them if you can start your course in 2020 after the autumn exam series or if you will need to delay your entry until 2021.

Our Careers team at school will be fully available to support you with these conversations on Results Day on Thursday 13th August. This will either take place in school or remotely depending on the national circumstances. In either case, we will support you making these calls. We are also, of course, available to support you from now until then with advice and guidance.

If you have any questions about this please contact Ms Browne, our Central Futures Coordinator, on brownec@cfbs.islington.sch.uk.

Best wishes,

Mr Samuel
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