

A Level and BTEC revised grades – UCAS applications

As you will be aware A Level students now have 'Revised grades', this is the best grade between the Centre Assessed Grade (CAG) and the official published result last week. BTEC revised grades are in process following last night's announcement. The Triple Lock system has now gone. You can appeal a CAG but not against your mock, but a mock may provide evidence to challenge a CAG. Information on how to appeal has been sent to you already.

Please note, no student is worse off, but many nationally have had grade improvement. Those students now with revised grades that have gone up as a result are in the more difficult position in terms of their original FIRM offer. Up to 15,000 didn't get their original FIRM offer after receiving the official grades last week, but now after this week's u-turn, have the correct grades.

If you are in this situation it is really important to note the following from UCAS:

*We have emailed your students today to provide an update and advise them on their next steps. Please remind students that **no one's grade will go down**, and if they **already have a place, this will not change** – it's still theirs if they want it.*

It's really important your students understand:

- 1. Offers **will not automatically change** in Track.*
- 2. When the revised grades are issued, students **will not automatically be confirmed at their original firm choice**.*
- 3. Students will need to contact their preferred university or college (including their original firm) who will be able to advise what to do next.*

UCAS have stated that they should have received all revised grades from awarding bodies by today and will have uploaded to UCAS system for universities to see by tomorrow. If you want to change your place in light of your revised grades you should call up your original FIRM and take the advice on how best to process this from the University. This process is being called 'unpicking'. Alternatively if the FIRM is on clearing, you can 'self-release' into clearing and apply that way, but please check first!

Self-release is now being extended for two more weeks, until Friday 11th September.

There is a Facebook live event this Friday for students with more information.