

EXPLORING YOUR OPTIONS & CLEARING



UNIVERSITY of BRADFORD TODAY'S SESSION

- What is clearing?
- Key dates
- Types of offers
- What happens at HE providers on results day
- Get results day ready
- What do we take into account and interviewed courses
- Over achievement, deferring and Plan B
- Questions



CLEARING

Clearing is how universities and colleges fill any places they still have on courses

From 5 July - 20 October, students can apply through Clearing if students:

- Are applying after 30 June
- Didn't receive any offers
- Don't want to accept any of their offers
- Did not meet the conditions of their offers
- Have declined their firm place





UNIVERSITY of BRADFORD KEY DATES 2025 ENTRY

UCAS set the following deadlines for decisions to be made by the university/college:

16 May 2025 – Applications received by 30 January
5 July 2025 – Clearing opens
17 July 2025 – Applications received by 30 June (this

includes UCAS Extra choices)

TYPES OF OFFERS

- Conditional offer students are starting to find out grade information (Access courses etc) these will need to be verified by exam boards
- Withdrawn course choice has been withdrawn by either the student or the HE provider
- Unconditional offer Once all results are in and entry requirements have been met





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WHAT HAPPENS AT HE PROVIDERS

- Pre- Clearing, all HE providers are offering a range of support for example:
 - Clearing masterclasses
 - \circ Clearing support for parents and carers
 - \circ Webinars
 - Find out about the support available for students with Disabilities

GET RESULTS DAY READY



Remember we are all here to help	Collect results from school or college	Research in advance
Find a quiet space, to process and plan	Consider what to say before making calls	We prefer to speak to the applicant
UCAS ID, pen and paper at the ready	Stay calm and confident	Have a Plan B and be realistic

UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD ON THE DAY

- HE providers become call centres, with staff and students receiving and making phone calls
- Ambassadors in schools and colleges
- We are all on hand to speak to students, parents and carers and staff in schools and colleges
- We are open extended hours and over the weekend and some HE providers have Clearing Open Days





WHAT DO UNIVERSITIES TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DURING CLEARING?

- Academic achievements have students met the required grades for the course?
- Non-academic achievements/previous experience/s
- Have students taken part in any activities which might reduce their offer (contextualised admissions schemes)



UNIVERSITY of BRADFORD INTERVIEWS

- Courses that interview in the main cycle will still interview in Clearing
- This interview could be in person, but is most likely to be online with an academic
- How can students prepare for a clearing interview?
 - $\circ~$ Research the course and HE provider
 - Think about what you might be asked and contact universities before results day to see if they have resources that they can share





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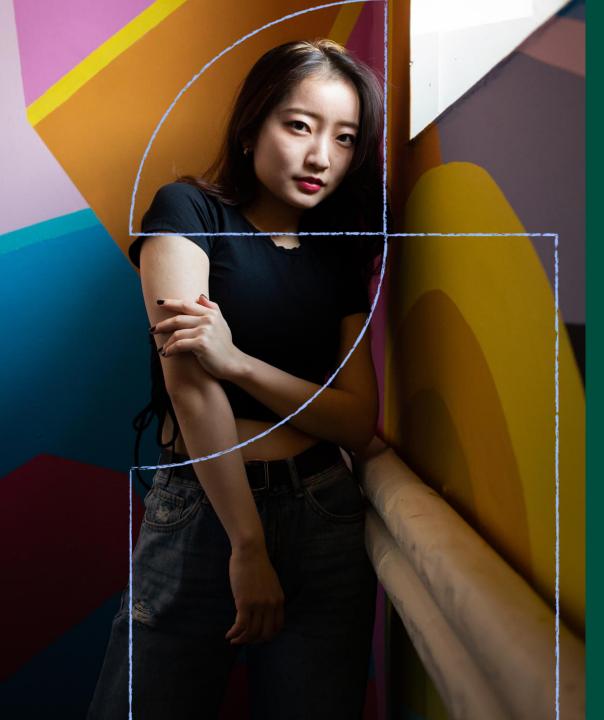
WHAT HAPPENS IF STUDENTS OVER-ACHIEVE

 If results are higher than expected and students want to change universities/courses, if they are holding a firm unconditional place, they can release themselves into Clearing – we recommend speaking to universities first before you do anything

UNIVERSITY of BRADFORD DEFERRING

- Students can select a 'deferred' start date for their chosen course, but we recommend speaking to HE providers first to make sure that they are okay with this
- Deferred entry can be a great way to travel, earn money and gain experience before starting a course





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PLAN B

- Resits and Gap years
- Access to HE course
- Foundation Years



RESIT/GAP YEARS

- Resit and look to 2026 entry
- If students were unsuccessful at an interview for a course but gained the required grades; they might decide to take a gap year and apply for 2026 entry – There are some courses where students can be reinterviewed in clearing (check with each HE provider)
- Gap years can be a great way to gain valuable experience especially for subjects related to health, where students need experience as well as qualifications
- Universities do not look negatively upon applications from people taking a gap year or doing further study prior to applying again if they have not been successful in the first year of applying



ACCESS TO HE COURSES

- A great option if students did not do the right subject(s) at Level 3
- Students can look at these as an option if they did not achieve the grades they wanted in their Level 3's, as they are:
 - They take 1 year
 - There are lots of different options including Access to Social Sciences, Access to Science, Access to Engineering, Access to Computing

UNIVERSITY of BRADFORD FOUNDATION YEARS

- They offer a great entry point to lots of degrees
- Funding is from Student Finance
- Study takes place at a HE provider
- Access to fantastic facilities
- Student life
- They are a great way to find out about courses and subject interests before progressing to an Undergraduate course





INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

A range of support is available for students before they join:

- Care experienced students
- Estranged students
- Adult learners
- Young carers
- Refugee and Asylum Seekers
- Children of service personnel
- Gypsy, Traveller, Romany, Showman and Boater (GTRSB)
- Disabled students



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