



King  
Ecgbert  
School

Celebrating 50 years of King Ecgbert School  
1969-2019

King Ecgbert School  
Totley Brook Road  
Dore  
Sheffield  
S17 3QU

0114 235 3855

enquiries@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk

www.ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk

**Headteacher:** Mr Paul Haigh  
**Chair of Governors:** Mrs Karen Milbourn

Date: 18 June 2020

Our Ref: RM/HW

I would like to let you know about arrangements for examination results and support with post 18 applications, particularly the procedure around clearing and adjustment.

**Please keep this letter safe as it contains information about results day. Further copies are available in school or on the website.**

## PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The school will receive A level and BTEC results on **Thursday 13 August 2020.**

Students will receive their results via email on their school email address and edulink account at 8 am on the morning of Thursday 13 August. With social distancing stipulations in place school will remain closed for the vast majority of students. Students **MUST** make sure that they reset their password now, this will then last for 90 days. IT support will be limited on the day although Mr Cooper can be contacted on [scooper3@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:scooper3@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk)

On results day and in the following weeks the sixth form team will be working to support students with university offers and other Post 18 issues via email and phone. Our KES UCAS support line will be available throughout the day 8 – 3.

Primarily on email [cstott@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:cstott@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk) and our school number 0114 2353855. Also available support for students about apprenticeships [pfennell@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:pfennell@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk)

In line with current government guidance, we will not be able to discuss individual results, decisions on school centre assessed grades or rank order.

We hope to formally present students with their certificates at a certificate evening in late December. We have provisionally booked for 17 December 2020 when we hope to be able to celebrate with students together. This will be confirmed closer to the time.

## A LEVEL GRADES

This is an unprecedented year with grades based on centre assessed grades and exam board moderation using statistical modelling. The grounds for appeal are very limited.



THE ROYAL SOCIETY  
Associate Schools and Colleges

If a student is unhappy with their calculated grade they have the option of sitting examinations in the Autumn term. The structure of the examinations will be the same as those planned for the Summer term but coursework marks will not be taken into account. At the time of writing, we do not yet have information about dates for these exams and will update the school website when we have more information.

## UNIVERSITY ENTRIES

We issue results at 8am to give you an early start for contacting universities – the lines will get very busy throughout the course of the day and over the next few days.

The best advice we can give you is to look at the UCAS website, the undergraduate section, under the heading '**Results, Confirmation and Clearing**'.

For those **holding firm and insurance** offers for university, if you have the required grades or points for your firm choice, you will see confirmation of your place on the **UCAS Track system**. You will be contacted by the university and further information will be posted to you. You do not need to contact the university. This also applies if you have a deferred entry place.

If your offer is not confirmed on Track, you are advised to come to school with the contact phone numbers of your firm and insurance universities, the details of your courses and your UCAS details. Once you have your results, you need to ring for information.

BTEC students sometimes need to e-mail results to the universities before they receive confirmation.

**Those whose places are conditional on health checks/DBS checks must ensure these are in place before results day.**

If you have just missed the required grades or points you may still be accepted by your firm choice.

If you have not been accepted by your first choice, you may have a place with your insurance offer. Again, look at 'Track' for confirmation.

You may be sent a 'changed course' offer which you can accept if you do not have a firm or insurance offer. Look at the UCAS website for details about this.

If you do not have a place with either your firm or insurance, **do not despair**. You may be able to get a place through **Clearing**, (although this is much less likely for popular courses such as medicine). Clearing is the system set up to get unplaced students on to courses where there are places. Students in this situation need to spend time doing research. They need to be flexible.

On Track, there is an 'Add Clearing Choice' button and you can add just one course after 3pm on results day. Places are listed on the UCAS website. Look at course titles and start checking the details of course content in the prospectus online. You can include the courses you declined on your application if they have places.

Before you can make your choice on Track, contact the university – by phone is best.

Don't make a hasty decision – let the university know that you are interested and see if you can arrange to visit the department and at the same time find out about the accommodation and social life. The university will let you know by which date you must enter the course details on Track for consideration.

You may be informally offered places by universities whose courses you are interested in. You then need to make a decision and add your one choice on Track. If the university accepts you, UCAS will send you a confirmation letter with all that you need to know.

If your results are better than expected and exceed the grade requirements of your first choice, you can look for courses which ask for these higher grades if you would prefer. You need to look at **Adjustment** on the UCAS website but be aware that you only have a short period of time to make this change and it will depend on whether there are places on the course you would like to change to. You must think carefully about this decision as you will need to consider accommodation and finance implications. There are no vacancy lists for Adjustments other than those for Clearing. You need to contact the university, say you are applying through adjustment and have your personal ID number ready.

If you have got into your first choice, but have **changed your mind**, you need to ring the university and explain. You must ask them to release you from the commitment you have made with them. This also applies when you have got into your insurance choice but have changed your mind. Once the university has agreed to release you from this commitment and informed UCAS, you can then go through the Clearing system. However, you must do your research and make sure you have a course offer before relinquishing your firm or insurance choice.

Please remember that universities prefer to speak to you, not your parents, teachers or careers advisors. In particular, many will refuse to speak to someone else unless they are your nominated access or you are with them in person to confirm your consent.

## APPLYING FOR UNIVERSITY IN FUTURE

Remember that if you are having a gap year and are intending to apply to university next year, you can use the Apply system through school, using the school buzzword. We can then check your application, add your reference and send it. Please keep Mrs Stott ([cstott@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:cstott@ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk)) informed of your plans and remember to apply in plenty of time.

## SOURCES OF ADVICE DURING CLEARING

- UCAS website – [www.ucas.ac.uk](http://www.ucas.ac.uk)
- Sheffield Futures – Sheffield Careers Guidance Services – Tel: 0114 2012800. Website [www.sheffieldfutures.org.uk](http://www.sheffieldfutures.org.uk) Can we still put this on?
- Support with Apprenticeship applications - [www.skillsmadeeasy.org.uk](http://www.skillsmadeeasy.org.uk)  
Tel: 0114 229 6183.
- National Newspapers – several newspapers print clearing vacancies. The official one is the Independent and the Independent on Sunday.

## LIBRARY, TEXTBOOKS & LOCKER KEYS

I would like to make a plea to parents and students to check if they have any school textbooks at home, including library books or locker keys. These **MUST** be returned to school. Please drop off between hours of 8 – 3 before the 8 July at main reception and we will return any deposits as needed. For safety and distancing restrictions please come individually and do not arrive at school in groups of friends.



## HOODIES AND YEARBOOK

The sixth form hoodies are now in school. You will be able to collect them from Main Reception when you drop off your textbooks.

We are acutely aware that your time in sixth form was cut short and that many of your rites of passage were cancelled. Abby and Maddie have been working very hard to make sure that you will have a yearbook to mark this time and we have had contributions from all form tutors as well as most students. Please place your orders by paying £10 on ParentPay by Friday 19 June. We will inform you when they have arrived and organise a collection date.

As ever we are here to support, so please get in touch to let us know how we can help. It has been a privilege to work with you all over the last two years. Watch your futures unfold and see you aspire to achieve. You are a fantastic year group and you deserve to do well.

Yours faithfully



Miss R McCairns  
Director of Sixth Form