



Support After Exam Results - Thursday 22nd August 2024

So, you’ve got your GCSE results – congratulations if you’ve got what you wanted! But if your results aren’t what you had hoped for, here’s some advice.

“Take a deep breath and remember, any grade is an achievement!”





You’ve got the envelope; your results are in, and they are not what you were expecting! Whether they are better or worse than predicted, you are probably in a turmoil of emotions and don’t know what to do for the best. This document will look at the sensible steps you should take, whether you are facing disappointment or delight.

All over the country, there will be other students experiencing the same emotions you are, but you can be reassured that colleges, sixth forms and training providers are all preparing to offer advice on what to do next. Although this might be the first time you have faced this uncertainty, it won’t be the first time for your **teachers or career practitioners**; they will be able to help. Take a breath and look at your options; there are still plenty available, and it is what you do now to keep moving forwards that matters.

Exam Result Help Lines: If you need general support and advice about your next steps and to talk through the opportunities available to you consider calling one of the below. There is no such thing as a silly question, you can ask what you want about resits, appeals, work options, training and apprenticeships or college/sixth form opportunities.

Exam Results Helpline	Availability	Telephone	Email
	22nd – 23rd August 2024 27th August 2024	0370 7796 122	careers.service@hants.gov.uk
	Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm Saturday and Bank Holidays 10am to 5pm	0800 100 900	https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us

Websites for additional support:

-  National Careers Service: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>
-  Youth Employment: <https://www.youthemployment.org.uk/gcse-results-day-information-for-students/>
-  Skills for Life – explore your options and choices:
<https://www.skillsforcareers.education.gov.uk/pages/skills-for-life>
-  The Family Information Services Hub (FISH):
<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/family.page>

College or Sixth Form options:

Changing subjects or courses:

If you needed certain grades to get into a college or sixth form and you missed these, speak to them as soon as possible to find out if they will still accept you. If they won't accept you to the original course(s) you applied to, find out about similar courses they offer.

If you did better than expected in a particular GCSE subject, or you've been rethinking your goals and ambitions, speak to your college or sixth form as soon as possible to see if switching Level 3/A-level/T Level subjects is possible. Provided you meet the entry requirements, there are still spaces on the courses and there are no conflicts in your timetable, this shouldn't be a problem.

Changing sixth form or college:

If your original college or sixth form won't accept you to the courses you applied to and they don't offer any similar courses you're interested in, look around at other nearby institutions. These might have lower entry requirements or a wider range of courses to consider.

Many of the local colleges and sixth forms will be open for phone calls and email queries over the exam results period. See below for a full list of links to the college and sixth form websites and contact information. They may also have dedicated lines so check the best way to contact them on their website.

Appealing a GCSE grade:

If you want to query a grade – perhaps one is unusually low compared with others and you weren't expecting this, or you've narrowly missed a grade boundary – speak to your teacher in the subject or your head of year. They can request that the exam board reviews the marking of your exam entry. Do this as soon as possible, ideally, on results day itself when you pick up your results, but there could be a charge. Your school will be able to tell you more.

GCSE retakes:

If you don't achieve at least a grade 4 (formerly a C) in your maths and English GCSEs, you'll have to resit these to proceed to Level 3 qualifications. Resits for these can be taken when at college, sixth form or alongside an apprenticeship.

Apprenticeship options:

If your planned next step was into an Apprenticeship and you already have that job offer, the good news is that lower results than you hoped might not prevent you starting on your secured pathway. By the time you've received your results, it's likely that your future employer has completed their recruitment process; you've been through assessment centres, they've interviewed you and decided you were the best candidate for the job. Even if they made you a provisional offer, perhaps dependent on a maths or English grade, in many cases the training providers will offer qualifications you can take alongside your Apprenticeship to 'top up' a result that wasn't quite what you expected. In the first instance, talk to the training provider who will be running the apprenticeship and seek their advice.

If you have changed your mind and want to go to college or sixth form reach out to them to understand what they offer and the places they may still have available.

If you have decided to explore apprenticeships further, act fast, start to explore what is currently available, and what fields of work might interest you. Use the following links to get started:

 Learn all about apprenticeships: <https://amazingapprenticeships.com/apprenticeships/>

- ✚ Register on the finding an apprenticeship and search for current opportunities:
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>
- ✚ The apprenticeship and skills partnership: <https://solentapprenticeshiphub.com/become-an-apprentice/>

College contact details

Provider	Tel	Website	Type of course(s)
Andover College	01264 360000	https://www.andover.ac.uk/	A level, Technical & vocational
Arnewood Sixth Form	01425 625400	www.arnewood.hants.sch.uk/sixth-form	A level, Technical & vocational
Barton Peveril College	02380 367200	www.barton-peveril.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational
Basingstoke College of Technology	01256 354141	www.bcot.ac.uk	T level, Technical & vocational
Bay House Sixth Form	02392 587931	https://bayhouse.gfmat.org/sixth-form/	A level, Technical & vocational
Bishop Luffa Sixth Form	01243 787741	www.bishopluffa.org.uk/sixth-form	A level
Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury	01722 333851	https://www.bishopwordsworths.org.uk/sixth-form/	A level
Bitterne Park 6th Form	02380 294155	www.bitterneparksixthform.org.uk	A level, Technical & vocational
Bournemouth and Poole College	01202 205205	www.thecollege.co.uk	Technical & vocational
Brockenhurst College	01590 625555	www.brock.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational and T level
Burgate School and Sixth Form	01425 652039	https://www.theburgate.com/sixth-form-home	A level, Technical & vocational
Chichester College Group	01243 786321	www.chichester.ac.uk https://www.brinsbury.ac.uk/	A level, Technical & vocational and T level
City College Southampton	02380 484848	www.southampton-city.ac.uk	T level, Technical & vocational
City of Portsmouth College	02392 383131	https://city-of-portsmouth-college.ac.uk/	A level, Technical & vocational and T level
Eastleigh College	02380 911000	www.eastleigh.ac.uk	Technical & vocational and T level
Fareham College	01329 815200	www.fareham.ac.uk	Technical & vocational and T level
Farnborough College of Technology	01252 407040	www.farn-ct.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational and T level
Greater Brighton Metropolitan College	01273 667788	www.gbmc.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational and T level
HSDC	02393 879999	https://www.hsdac.ac.uk/	A level, Technical & vocational and T level
Itchen Sixth Form College	02380 435636	www.itchen.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational
Newbury College	01635 845000	https://www.newbury-college.ac.uk/	Technical & vocational and T level
Oaklands School and Sixth Form	02392 259214	https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/	A level, Technical & vocational
Peter Symonds College	01962 857500	www.psc.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational and T level

Queen Mary's College	01256 417500	www.gmc.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational
Reading College	0800 612 6008	https://reading.activatelearning.ac.uk/	A level, Technical & vocational and T level
Richard Taunton Sixth Form College	02380 511811	www.richardtaunton.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational and T level
Ringwood School Sixth Form	01425 475000	https://www.ringwood.hants.sch.uk/sixth-form/	A level, Technical & vocational
Salisbury 6 th Form College	01722 597970	www.salisbury6c.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational
South Wilts Grammar School - Girl's Grammar	01722 323326	www.swgs.wilts.sch.uk	A Level
Sparsholt College	01962 776441	www.sparsholt.ac.uk	T level, Technical & vocational
St Anne's Sixth Form	02380 328200	https://www.stannes6th.uk/	A level and Technical & vocational
St Philip Howard Catholic School, W.Sussex	01243 558218	www.sphsixthform.co.uk	A level, Technical & vocational and T level
St Vincent College	02392 588311	www.stvincent.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational and T level
The Angmering Sixth Form, W.Sussex	01903 778391	www.angmeringschool.co.uk/sixth-form/	A level, Technical & vocational
The Sixth Form College Farnborough	01252 688200	www.farnborough.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational
Totton College	02380 874874	https://www.totton.ac.uk/	Technical & vocational
University Technical College (UTC), Portsmouth	02393 120200	www.utcportsmouth.org	A level, Technical & vocational and T level
University Technical College (UTC), Reading	01189 381020	www.utcreading.co.uk	A level, Technical & vocational and T level
Wiltshire College	01225 350035	www.wiltshire.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational
Worthing College	01903 275755	www.worthing.ac.uk	A level, Technical & vocational
Yateley Sixth Form	01252 879222	www.yateleyschool.net/sixthform	A level, Technical & vocational

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