

Dear Y13 Students and Parents,

I hope you are well and staying safe at home.

We wrote to you earlier this week about the DfE announcement to cancel A level examinations for 2020 and their draft plans for how they will award grades. We have received a number of frequently asked questions in response to those communications, which I hope will be answered in this letter.

Q. What should I do about my University Application?

A. If you have already made your firm and insurance choices, you no longer need to do anything else.

Q. What about the deadlines for replying to offers on UCAS?

A. Below is currently what UCAS have stated on their website <https://www.ucas.com/advisers/guides-and-resources/adviser-news/news/coronavirus-update>:

Following the government's announcement, stating 'universities in England should stop making unconditional offers or amending existing offers to students for up to two weeks' we have made the decision to extend May's decision and reply deadlines for undergraduate applications by two weeks. We will be emailing applicants to let them know, and will share new dates this week.

This extension will give students and their chosen universities and colleges the extra time they need to fully consider any decisions and offers, and ensure fairness in admissions is maintained. It also gives more time for further information to be shared on the awarding of grades for examinations and assessments which have been cancelled.

At this time, we are still looking to run Confirmation and Clearing in summer, similarly to previous years, giving applicants the flexibility to make choices throughout the remainder of the cycle.

We want to reassure you that we remain focussed on making sure no applicant is disadvantaged during this time of uncertainty, and will continue to be on hand to support you and your students each step of the way.

Please keep an eye out for our regular updates through email, [ucas.com](https://www.ucas.com), and across our social media channels

Q. Should I contact the universities I have applied for with queries?

If your query is specific to a university you have applied for, then you should contact them directly. Bear in mind, many will have information on their websites.

Q. How can I receive guidance, from school, about my future pathway?

A. If we are able to, we will invite everyone in Y13, regardless of their planned pathway, for an information, advice and guidance meeting after the Easter break. If we are unable to do this because the closure continues, telephone appointments will be made.

Q. When will I get my A level grades?

Please refer to the guidance online published by the DfE.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020/coronavirus-covid-19-cancellation-of-gcses-as-and-a-levels-in-2020>

As this is a completely unprecedented situation we are unable to provide further details at this time.

If you have any further questions that were not answered above, please do not hesitate contact me via email chanders@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk

Yours faithfully,

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