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Dear Parents/Guardians

With A Level examinations now fully underway, we thought it would be helpful to provide you with some information about options for students who have applied to university this year once results are available.

We will issue results from the Sixth Form block in person at 10am on Thursday 18 August.

On this day full support will be available from the Sixth Form team at BWS.

Options when your son receives his results:

If your son's grades are different to his original expectations, there are two scenarios.

1. Adjustment

If his **exam results turn out to be better than expected** and not only meet, but exceed, the conditions of his conditional firm offer, he has the option to use Adjustment. This allows him to register and apply for other aspirational courses in a five-day window, whilst holding his original confirmed place. Visit www.ucas.com/adjustment for more information.

2. Clearing

This will be an option if he has been **unsuccessful in gaining a place with either his firm or insurance choices**. Even though he can't approach a university for a Clearing place until he has his results and he has been made unsuccessful by the universities he applied to, it's worth doing some research in advance to consider the types of courses that could be an option. This could save time if he needs to use Clearing in the future. Because he will deal directly with university admissions staff in Clearing, he should treat the process as a mini interview. Nothing can be gained from a speculative phone call with little or no understanding of the course or university, particularly during Clearing – it is still a competitive process and should be viewed as such. Visit www.ucas.com/clearing for more information.

If your son has signed up to the UCAS **direct contact service**, please make sure he doesn't wait for calls from universities and colleges with potential offers. He should follow the usual Clearing process and do his own research and make calls.

If he hasn't applied through UCAS it's not too late. He can submit an application to go into Clearing between 1 July and 20 September 2016.



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Finally, we are looking forward to seeing your son at **10am on Friday 24 June** for a brief gathering in the Chapel followed by the return of borrowed textbooks and a BBQ lunch at 12pm.

Thank you for your support over the last two years and we wish your son well in the examinations.

Yours sincerely

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