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Mock Exams & Reports

University Applications & Predicted Grades

Careers Advice & Guidance

Results Day, Graduation & Life after DBIS



# Key Mock Exam & Reporting Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>
13.10.22	Thursday	Year 13 Short Reports with Tutor Comments Published
23–25.11.22	Wednesday–Friday	Modular Mock Exams
15.12.22	Thursday	Year 13 Strength & Target (& modular mocks) Reports Published
27.02–03.03.23	Monday–Friday	Year 13 Mock Exams
23.03.23	Thursday	Year 13 Mock Reports Published
28.03.23	Tuesday	Year 13 Parent–Teacher–Student Conferences

## Deadlines for Submission of UK Applications

The deadline for **Oxford, Cambridge, medicine, dentistry and veterinary science** courses is **Saturday 15th October 2022.**

The deadline for **all other applications** is  
**Wednesday 25th January 2023.**

The internal deadline for submission of **UCAS applications** is **December 2022.**

# Receiving Offers – UK

## Conditional

This means that the student has been offered a place on that course, as long as they meet the entry requirements. This will be three grades or a UCAS points total, e.g. ABB or 120 points. Some universities may make a lower offer if you make them your firm choice.

## Unconditional

This means that the student has been offered a place on that course unconditionally. In other words, no matter what the final grade is, the student will get in.

## Unsuccessful

This means that the application has been unsuccessful and that the student has not been offered a place on that course.

# Replying to Offers – UK

**Universities**  
must respond  
to all  
applications  
submitted by  
the January  
25th deadline  
by 18th May  
2023.

**Applicants**  
must respond  
to all offers by  
8th June 2023.  
Any offers not  
responded to  
will be  
withdrawn by  
default.

**UCAS Extra** is  
available for  
applicants who  
have not  
received any  
offers from  
their initial  
application.

## **Deadlines for Submission (Australia/ Canada)**

### **Australia**

Students can start in June/July or February/March as Australia works on a calendar year rather than a school year. Given the exam times and results-day schedule, most students apply the in October/November of the preceding year. Students who need visas should aim to start in September.

### **Canada**

A typical deadline is 1st March, but it can be as early as 1st November for some programmes. Students are strongly encouraged to submit their application far in advance of the posted deadlines. Spaces fill quickly for popular universities and programmes, and it is common for a programme to close before the application deadlines listed.

**Deadlines  
for  
Submission  
(Hong Kong/  
USA)**

## Hong Kong

Early-round consideration at most universities is the second or third week of November of the preceding year. This significantly improves chances of acceptance. Normal round can run all the way until August for September enrolment, depending on the university.

## USA

Application deadlines vary significantly depending on universities. Early Action or Early Decision can be as early as the end of October. Normal applications can run up to March, depending on the university. Students need to check these dates carefully.



# Predicted Grades

All teachers will provide a predicted grade for their subject. This is based on GCSE performance, ALIS data, AS results and professional judgement. These grades are shared and discussed with every student.

There is often an incorrect assumption that the best thing teachers can do is to set the predicted grades as the grades required to get into the chosen university. This is not the case; teachers should set predicted grades that are 'aspirational but achievable'.

A student might get a conditional offer from a university based on their predicted grades, but if they do not get those grades in their final results then the conditional offer is taken away and the student will not get accepted into that university, so inflating predicted grades does not help anyone.

- We continue to support the students throughout the university application process.
- Once this is complete, we begin to look at life after DBIS.
- In our Careers Advice sessions, we then move on to focus on how to apply for part-time jobs, explore work experience options, arrange mock interviews and research careers.

# Graduating Class of 2023

We want to make the end of school as memorable and enjoyable as possible – it's a big event!

Events scheduled to take place will be:

- Week of events preceding the start of Study Leave
- Graduation & Awards Ceremony – caps & gowns
- 'Paper Plate' Awards
- Whole-School Clap Out
- End-of-Year Graduation Ball
- Fundraising events to support prom – Odd Socks Day, CNY
- PTSA-supported events

# A Level Results Day – Thursday 17th August 2023

**Results will be available online and in person.**

**Key staff will be in school to support on the day.**

**UK applicants will be able to check on UCAS Track from 8am UK time if they have been placed in their Firm or Insurance choice.**

**We are here to support you even after you have left us – it doesn't stop on the day you get your results.**

Our graduates of 2023 will always be part of our DBIS family. We will ask students for their contact details before they leave, and they will become part of our DBIS Alumni network.

We are looking to expand our network through social media, events and inviting alumni to speak to current students. We also aim to link our graduating students up with DBIS alumni at their new university where possible.



**Please ask any questions via the chat function**