



17 July 2025

Dear Year 13 students and parents/carers

We hope that you are all well and have been enjoying some well-deserved relaxation since exams ended. We are writing now with some reminders and updates as we reach the end of the school year. This letter covers:

- A Level Results Day
- Clearing
- Year 14 applications
- Transition and Clearing resources for parents/carers
- Celebration Tea - save the date
- Practicalities

### **A Level Results Day: Thursday 14 August**

On Thursday 14 August, students will be able to view their exam results on the Exams tab of **EduLink** from **08:00**. Results will also be sent to your school email address at around 08:30. Should there be any technical problems, we will post an update message on the school website. If you are holding university offers, you should also be able to access the **UCAS Hub** from 08:00 so you will be able to see if your place has been confirmed.

Students and parents/carers are very welcome to come into school on Results Day and we hope you will come in to celebrate your success. Staff will be available in school from 08:30 to support students if they want to explore Clearing, re-visit their plans or discuss priority reviews of marking. If you need additional support from us it will be quicker to get advice if you come into school. However, if you are unable to come in you can request a Google Meet or telephone call via the Google Form mentioned below.

The information available on EduLink will only show the final grade students have received for each examination and not exam paper detail. If students want to see this information to enable them to make informed decisions about reviews of marking, they will need to come into school on the morning of Results Day to collect it. Some students have provided stamped addressed envelopes for this and any stamped envelopes which have not been collected by 10:00 will be put in the post.

Information regarding reviews of marking and other exam board services is available on the school website [here](#). Mrs Tripathy will be available on Results Day to discuss requests for reviews of marking and the form to complete for this service will be available on the day. You can email Mrs Tripathy with any queries ([rtripathy@ahs.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:rtripathy@ahs.bucks.sch.uk)). If you intend to submit a request for a non-priority review of marking, please be aware that priority will be given to students requiring urgent assistance to secure university places.

We will send students a Google Form alongside their results and they can submit this to request support or guidance if they are unable to come into school. Priority will be given to students needing support with Clearing or university places for 2025, or seeking reviews of marking which may affect confirmation of their university place.

Results will not be released to anyone other than the student without their written permission, which **must** be signed, and results cannot be given over the telephone. Photo ID must be presented by anyone collecting results on behalf of a student (unless they are also an AHS student).

## Clearing

We will shortly send students our detailed guide to Clearing. Students are encouraged to read this information carefully, as thoughtful early research and prompt action on Results Day can increase the chances of success in finding attractive alternative courses. Clearing is not just for students who are unplaced. Many students use Clearing as a way to change courses or universities; further details are in the Clearing guide. We will be happy to support students who wish to change courses in this way.

There is still time to submit a last-minute UCAS application for an Autumn start this year and we would encourage students to talk to us at the earliest opportunity if they want to explore this. In the same way, some students may want to review or change their existing plans, and we are always willing to help them consider their options.

## Year 14 applications

If students wish to make a UCAS application in the next academic year for entry in 2026, then we are happy to help them and to submit the application on their behalf, but they will need to ensure they communicate early and regularly with us. We strongly encourage students to make an appointment to talk to Mrs Sutton some time in September, once the school year is underway. Applications for 2026 entry will need to be with us by 3 October (Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentists, Vets) or 1 December 2025 (for all other courses).

Not everyone will go to university or onto apprenticeships this year, of course, and we are very happy to help our former students whenever they want to submit applications for employment, apprenticeships or higher education. We will always do all that we can to support their applications.

## Transition and Clearing resources for parents/carers

During Extended Tutor Periods earlier this year we shared a variety of resources with Year 13 students to support them in their transition away from school.

The information available for students is complemented by excellent resources specifically designed for parents/carers, for example:

- UCAS has a [Clearing guide for parents/carers](#) which is full of essential information and practical tips for those supporting someone through the process. (This is a very good place to start.)
- University of Sheffield has a parents and supporters guide to Clearing [here](#).
- Newcastle University offers the opportunity to sign up to receive a Parents' Guide to Results Day and Clearing 2025 [here](#).
- University of York has produced an advice video for parents and guardians that aims to support parents/carers to support students if things don't go according to plan. (Scroll down the [webpage](#) for the video titled *Supporting your student*.)
- Queen Mary University of London is offering a webinar on *How to manage Clearing and Results Day for Parents and Carers* on 30 July 18:00 - 19:00. Sign up to attend [here](#).
- Bucks Mind put together [this resource](#) for parents/carers about transition to higher education. While the guidance is tailored to starting university, there is much good advice for anyone moving on to a new pathway so we believe it will be useful for parents/carers of all Year 13 students.

## **Celebration Tea - save the date!**

We would very much like to invite current Year 13 students and parents/carers to come back to AHS for an informal **Leavers Celebration Tea** on **16 December 2025**. It will be an opportunity for everyone to see each other again, to catch up with former teachers and staff and to collect A Level certificates. Please save the date. More information will follow.

### **Practicalities**

Please remember that **school email addresses and IT access will lapse at the end of August**. Students must make sure they have retrieved any important documents from their accounts and make sure that UCAS, employers and universities are no longer likely to contact them through their school address. All their Google documents and resources are linked to their school account and they will lose access to those too, so they must take action to ensure they have what they need. We are able to maintain access for students who decide to re-sit any A Level exams in summer 2026; please update Mrs Sutton as soon as possible if you opt to do this so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

If anyone still has **library books** or **locker padlocks**, please return them to school as soon as possible.

To request a refund on any **cashless catering account credit balance**, please email [finance@ahs.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:finance@ahs.bucks.sch.uk) with your bank account details. Alternatively, you could transfer the balance to the account of a sibling who attends the school or you may like to leave the balance with the school and we will use it to enable students whose families are facing financial hardships to go on trips and other activities.

Finally, we are very keen to **stay in touch** with our students and the Google Form which will be sent on Results Day will invite students to share their contact information for future reference, so please do respond to that. You will always be part of the AHS community and we hope you will stay in touch.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer and hope to see many of you on Results Day. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions at all.

Kind regards,

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Head of Year 13