

Sandwell Academy A Level Results Day

Thursday 13 August 2026

Results can be collected from the Academy Theatre from **8.00am**
Results will also be available on your student portal from **11.00am**

If you have applied to university

UCAS Hub

- UCAS will receive your results directly and will update track; this should happen at around 8.15am.
- While you can check UCAS Track to find out whether you've got into either of your choices you'll still need to collect your results from the Academy to see exactly what grades you got.
- Universities may require you to send them proof of your grades and you will definitely need proof if you are entering [Clearing](#) (this will guide you through the clearing process).

If you've met your firm offer:

- Your UCAS track status will update to *"Congratulations! Your place at [uni name] for [course title] has been confirmed."*
- Make sure you check the details carefully in your application.
- Then you should receive details from the university about what to do next - this can sometimes take a few hours on results day morning as things get busy.

If you've just missed the grade requirements (conditions) of your firm choice:

- You may still get an offer from your firm choice - check UCAS track and see if your status has changed to "unconditional".
- Your UCAS track status may have changed to *"[Uni name] has offered you an unconditional place with substantial changes to your original choice. You are now waiting for confirmation from [uni name] (your other university)."*
- This means one of your universities or colleges has offered you a changed course offer, but that you're still waiting for your other choice to make a decision.
- The changed course offer could be a change to the course itself, the start date or the point of entry.
- This is usually if you didn't meet the conditions but the university wants to offer you an alternative place anyway.
- If you just missed out on your grades by a few marks or intend to appeal any grades, you may be able to ask your firm choice to reconsider if they haven't accepted you.

If you miss your firm offer and the university does not accept you:

- You have several options, which staff will be able to talk you through with specific regard to your circumstances. These include:
 - accepting your insurance place
 - applying to different universities through [Clearing](#) (this will guide you through the clearing process).

- retaking A-levels
- reapplying next year – if you wish to reapply for entry to university in 2027, you must email careers@sandwellacademy.com by Friday 11th September 2026 to let them know of your plans. They will then make arrangements to support you.

If you don't meet the requirements of the firm choice but meet the requirements of your insurance choice:

- Your UCAS track status will update to *"Congratulations! Your place at [uni name] for [course title] has been confirmed."*
- Make sure you check the details carefully in your application.
- Wait for your confirmation email to arrive and think about sorting out [accommodation at your new university](#).
- At some point before you go, you'll also need to change your [student loan](#) details – you might be entitled to slightly more in financial support depending on where you're now going to study.

If your grades are much lower than the firm and insurance choice requirements:

- Before you panic, check UCAS track – you may still have an offer. If the university hasn't made a decision yet, phone them to discuss your situation.
- If neither your firm nor insurance choice has offered you a place, you could decide to apply for a new course through [Clearing](#) (this will guide you through the clearing process). Try to read this in advance of the results day so that you are prepared.

Remember there are other options available to you. You could:

- Retake your A-levels next summer and reapply for next year's entry to university
- Forget about university for the moment and either get a job or go to college to do a non-degree course.
- Look for a traineeship or apprenticeship.

If you no longer want to attend a university that you have accepted:

- Please discuss this with Careers before you make a decision.
- If you are holding a unconditional place you no longer wish to take, you can use the *"Decline my place"* button in your application to apply using [Clearing](#) (this will guide you through the clearing process).
- If you still wish to decline the offer, you can use the 'Decline my place' button in your application.
 - If you use the button and complete the steps, your place will be declined and your contract with the university will be cancelled. This means you will lose your place so you should only use this button if you are sure you no longer want to accept it.

Before leaving the Academy it is important that you complete the blue destinations form in your pack and hand it in to staff. This should clearly state your intended destination covering University, apprenticeships, gap year, labour market, traineeships etc.

If you wish to appeal your grade

Deciding to make an appeal

- If you are close to a grade boundary you may decide you want to make an appeal to the examination board for a remark. If you want to do this you should talk to your class teacher who can offer advice as appeals are expensive.
- Sandwell Academy will pay for the appeal if you are within two marks of a grade boundary. If you are further away from this you will be expected to pay.
- You should also appeal one unit at a time as your marks can go either up or down.

Appeal Deadlines

There are two deadline dates to appeal to the Awarding Body against the grade you have been given for your exams. These dates are:

- 20 August 2026 Priority Review of Marking (University Place Pending)
- 24 September 2026 Review of marking

Appeal fees for priority review (Deadline 20 August)

Priority Review of Marking (University Place Pending)	AQA	£61.70*
Priority Review of Marking (University Place Pending)	Edexcel	£76.00*
Priority Review of Marking (University Place Pending)	OCR	£83.50*
Priority Review of Marking (University Place Pending)	WJEC/Eduqas	£60.00*

*Please note these fees are per component not for the whole qualification. Fees are not charged if your grade changes. There will be an additional fee if a copy of the script is required.

Appeal fees for review (Deadline 24 September)

Review of Marking	AQA	£51.95*
Review of Marking	Edexcel	£73.00*
Review of Marking	OCR	£67.75*
Review of Marking	WJEC/Eduqas	£51.00*

*Please note these fees are per component not for the whole qualification. Fees are not charged if your grade changes. There will be an additional fee if a copy of the script is required.

How to appeal

- Complete the appeals form after discussing it with your subject teacher and then return it to either Mr Hughes or Mrs Clowes in the examinations office. These forms will be available on results day.
 - **All** applications for appeal must be made through the Academy; a student or family member cannot make an appeal directly to the Awarding Body.
- You must provide written consent for clerical checks and reviews of marking since, with these services, your marks and subject grades may be lowered.

Timescale

- All exam boards intend to get priority reviews of marking done as quickly as possible as they are aware university places may be at stake. They do warn that it can take up to 15 days.