



There is no need to take notes, as this entire presentation will be shared in next week's newsletter.

A Parent's guide to Year 13



Effort yields grades



Special consideration



Examinations 2025



What are the key dates for the students?



UCAS and next steps



Report cards – no change.

Subject	Teacher	Oct
Art		1 1 G
Biology		1 2 G
Chemistry		3 3 R



Reminder of the way progress is reported.

Effort Grades – no change.

Effort: Attitude to learning in class	Effort: Attitude to prep & independent learning
1. Consistently excellent	1. Consistently excellent
2. Good attitude	2. Good attitude
3. Acceptable attitude	3. Acceptable attitude
4. Requires improvement	4. Requires improvement



No change from last year. Merely here as a reminder.

How we show pupil progress – no change.

R (red)	Based on current performance, the student is on course <u>to miss their <i>most probable grade</i> by two or more grades</u>
A (amber)	based on current performance, the student is on course <u>to miss their <i>most probable grade</i></u>
G (green)	based on current performance, the student is on course <u>to meet their <i>most probable grade</i></u>
B (blue)	based on current performance, the student is on course <u>to exceed their <i>most probable grade</i></u>



We are using a colour system to rank the student's current progress and attainment as they move through the course towards hopefully achieving their Most Probable Grade.

The word target has been replaced by *most probable grade* because too many students think that hitting it from time to time in two years is enough to guarantee success. Remember, that it is a prediction that can be exceeded or one can fall short of it.

Special consideration

Special consideration - 1% to 5%

- It won't take your child from a grade E to an A*
- If anything disruptive crops up, especially during the summer exam season, please tell the tutor/Houseparent

5% - This is the maximum allowance.... "terminal illness of the candidate....terminal illness of a parent/carer.... death of a member of the immediate family within two months of the examination....very serious and disruptive crisis/incident at or near the time of the examination".

Exam access arrangements (25% ET, Word-processor, etc.)

- only granted if there is evidence of need and its use.



Key dates

Mock Exams 1	10 th – 14 th November
Half-term	Mid February
Mock Exams 2	26 th February – 4 th March
Y13 progress meetings	Early March
Y13 retreat	Wednesday 25 th March
Discretionary internal study leave period begins	At Exhibition (22 nd May)
Exam contingency day	Wednesday 24 th June
BTEC & A level results day	Thursday 13 th August



- Y13 Trial exams x 2 to enable students to cope – we hope for a confidence boost from Mocks number 1 in November – to a second confidence boost in March – then on to the May exams

The pupil progress meeting is a meeting to review each Y13's Trial exam results with the Deputy Head Academic or their Head of Year, and their tutor, talking about the good and offering praise; and the bad and how we can all work together to improve it –pupils in previous years were very professional and honest in how they approached these exams and the subsequent interviews

The exam contingency day are in place in the event of the leak of a paper / Power Cut / teacher strike / major disaster causing the disruption of exams - it is a day kept in reserve to sit papers. Please do not book holidays before this event.

Mr Devitt will write to students & parents in the week after the public exams finish with Results day details, and again in August in the days before Results day, in greater detail.

UCAS

UCAS 2024 Key Stats:

Of the Year 13 Leavers following UCAS pathway,

- 80% of accepted places were First Choice (2024: 88%; 2023: 79%)
- 56% of acceptances were Russell Group (2024: 65%; 2023: 54%)

Most acceptances:

- Newcastle University
- Durham University
- Northumbria University

Other notable pathways:

- Edinburgh
- Cambridge
- Kings College London
- 4 Medics
- 1 Architecture

International:

- IE University
- Chapman University
- The Catholic University of America
- St George University, Grenada
- George Washington University

**these are provisional results, subject to confirmation*



UCAS - Deadlines

22nd September:	Oxbridge, Medic, Dental, Vet and Conservatoire Applications to be completed
1 st October:	UCAS Education Section to be completed
2 nd October:	Conservatoire Music applications will be final and be submitted
15 th October:	Oxbridge, Medic, Dental, Vet applications will be final and submitted
1 st November:	UCAS 1 st Draft Personal Statement to be completed
10th November:	All applications to be completed for checking
14 th January:	"Equal Consideration Date"



UCAS – What's next

The next steps will be to ...

- Continue exploring course choices
(they have 5 choices to make: consider Aspiration and Safety)
- Finalise the personal statement
- Finalise the course options
- Submit application and pay the application fee (£28.95)
- In parallel, applications to Art Foundation courses are also being supported



UCAS – ... then ...

We will ...

- Check and review the application.
- Provide a reference.
- Confirm the application with UCAS.

Universities will then ...

- Start making decisions which will typically be:
 - Decline
 - Conditional offer (read carefully – including English Language and Visa requirements)

When all Universities have responded, students can then ...

- Accept 'Firm' and 'Insurance' offers
- If they receive no offers, they can add one more '**Extra**' course



UCAS Grades

The grades we currently use for UCAS applications are accurate and already err on the positive side.

- Across all subjects, the grades used for UCAS were on average **0.78** grades above final result.
- This tells us that we are providing good quality grades, whilst positively supporting "Best Case" scenarios.

If we were to over-predict, we would risk students having offers retracted on Results day.

It is not in the student's best interests to over-predict and teachers at Ampleforth do an excellent job of providing realistically positive grades for UCAS.



UCAS – Results Day

Results Day:  or  ?



UCAS – Results Day

Clearing is how universities and colleges fill any places they still have on their courses.

Students can use Clearing if:

- they didn't receive any offers (or none they want to accept)
- they didn't meet the conditions of their offers
- they've [declined your firm place](#) using the 'decline my place' button in their application

How do I apply using Clearing?

1. See what courses are available
2. Talk to any Universities or colleges they're interested in
3. Add their Clearing choice in their application



UCAS – Results Day

- Students need to be contactable on Results Day - A Levels & BTECs – 13th August
- Check UCAS from 8am
- Clearing begins from 1pm
- Mr Hall and Dr Vowles will be in school to help
- Many others including tutors and Housemistresses/Housemasters as well

- The number one point of contact for all things UCAS is the tutor.

