RESULTS DAY SURVIVAL GUIDE
Before the day

Get yourself in order.
As well as the champers and tissues, there are a few other things that might be useful to have with you on Results Day. Find all of your UCAS and university correspondence and have it ready. Make a note of our Clearing telephone number and your UCAS number. Get ready to log in to your UCAS Track to check the decisions your firm and insurance choice universities have made based on your results.

And whilst we’re on the subject of phones...
Make sure your mobile is charged. If all goes well, you’ll want to be able to tell everyone the good news and Snapchat your celebration dance. If things don’t quite work out as expected, or if you want to reconsider your options then you’ll need your phone to give us a call.

Keep your cool.
Meditate, go for a run, watch an entire TV boxset, meet up with friends. Do whatever you can to keep your mind occupied and relieve some stress. Sitting at home alone, rocking back and forth like a nervous wreck is neither productive nor healthy.

Results Day.
Depending on your school or college, you might be able to access your results from as early as 8am on Results Day. However, if you’re waiting to collect them, the build-up might be stressful. It’s easier said than done, but try to keep calm. Wake up at a reasonable time, eat breakfast and make sure you’ve got everything ready.
So what happens if...

I've got the grades?
Congratulations, you did it! As your firm choice we will confirm your place. You'll be able to see your place has been confirmed in your UCAS Track and you'll find your confirmation letter on your myEssex applicant portal, along with some important information about starting at the University. Don't worry if UCAS Track hasn't updated your status immediately, sometimes this takes a little while.

Grab your party hat, do a cartwheel, throw some confetti, call everyone in your phone book and send us a selfie of your celebrations. Then get your family to take you out for a slap-up meal and then celebrate – you've earned it.

...I've done better than I expected?
Who's a smarty pants then, eh? If you've done even better than you thought, you might decide that you want to upgrade your uni choice. This is where Adjustment comes in. It's a UCAS process designed for anyone who has met and exceeded the conditions of their firm offer and wants to find a course at a different university. If you'd like to explore the option of coming to Essex through Adjustment, take a look at our guide to Clearing on the following pages and give us a call to discuss your options.

I didn't get into my firm choice, but I've met my insurance offer?
Looks like you're off to uni! Your insurance choice will become your firm choice. Hopefully they'll be in touch with you soon with lots of information about starting your studies.

I didn't get the grades?
So the letters on the page aren't those you'd been hoping for, but trust us, life will go on.
Most importantly, check your UCAS Track. It's possible that your firm and/or insurance choices might still have confirmed your place even if you didn't quite meet your offer. They might also have offered you an alternative course with them. If that's the case, you'll have the choice whether or not to accept it.

If your firm and insurance choices haven't confirmed your place, the key is to keep calm. Take a moment to get some air and come to terms with it before you make your next move. It's time for plan B, and our guide to Clearing on the following pages will help take you through the process to make it as simple and stress free as possible.
Each year, thousands of applicants find university places through Clearing, so you’re not alone. However, because it’s so popular, spaces are limited so you need to act fast! All of our Clearing vacancies are advertised on the UCAS website and our website.

We are Gold for excellence in education (TEF 2017). The highest quality found in the UK.

We guarantee accommodation for everyone who accepts their offer and applies by the deadline on 25 August 2017.

We offer a year studying abroad at no extra cost for those joining us in 2017!
You will need...

- [] our number 01206 873666
- [] your UCAS number
- [] all of your results (A-level, AS-level, GCSE and equivalent)
- [] your log-in details for UCAS Track
- [] any questions you’d like to ask
- [] a notepad to jot down the names and contact details of anyone you speak to and any reference numbers you may need

Our dedicated Clearing Open Day will be held on Saturday 19 August – put it in your diary!

Top Tips

Advisers want to speak to you, not your mum, your teacher or your best friend. Be brave!

If your grades are good enough we may be able to make you an offer over the phone, so be prepared to impress us!

Ask questions – this is your chance to find out as much as you can about your new options!

Make sure we have made you a Clearing offer (either on the phone or by email) before you add us as your Clearing choice on UCAS Track – otherwise you may be rejected!

Make sure you understand all of the details of the offer and have read your offer email thoroughly, this will let you know what the next steps are.

Remember, the earliest you can enter a Clearing choice is usually after 3pm on results day. You can only add one Clearing choice at a time on Track.

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