

Y11 RESULTS DAY & NEXT STEPS

Congratulations on reaching the end of your journey with NLC !

Results day is a major life event, and it can feel like everything that happens for the rest of your life hinges on whatever's written inside that envelope. That's not quite true though—it's actually just the beginning of your next steps, and you have the power to choose what they are. In this guide, we take you through what happens on the day, and what to do if your results aren't quite what you expected.

Preparing for Results Day

First, breathe. You can't change your grades now, so try to relax and get a good night's sleep the night before.

If you know you might find it hard to get results day off your mind, plan something fun to do with your friends or family. Or, if you're more of a talker, sit down with someone and share how you're feeling—it might help to get all your thoughts and feelings out.

You could also do some research to make a list of possible outcomes and plan your next steps. This way, whatever happens, you'll feel more prepared.

After you receive your results

Once you've got your results, you'll need to confirm your place at the college, sixth form, or apprenticeship provider you applied to.

Creative & Media Studio School - In Person

If you're planning on going to CMSS you will need to take your results and walk round to CMSS where the CMSS team will be there to greet you, enrol you and check you meet the entry requirements for your chosen subjects (or offer you alternatives if you don't). You will have your photo taken for your Student ID. Induction day is **Friday 6th September 9am-12noon.**

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Kirklees College - Online

In late July/August you will be sent an email with a date and time that your virtual enrolment link will be sent to you on GCSE results day.

On GCSE results day you will be emailed your enrolment links at the specified time. At this point they can click the link and complete their enrolment online.

However if you have not achieved the course entry criteria you will need to call the **enrolment hotline**. You will then be put through to the curriculum team who will discuss the options available which may include that you can enrol onto your chosen course or if you may need to be put onto a different level i.e. a level 2 and then progress.

Enrolment Hotline - 01484 437100

Huddersfield New College - Online

HNC operates an online enrolment and students will not be required to come on to campus to enrol. However, **students must ensure they are contactable via telephone for the duration of the enrolment period (22 August – 30 August) be aware it may be a private or withheld number**, or until HNC confirm that their enrolment is complete and they do not need to speak to them. Students should be aware that if HNC do need to speak to them, and are unable to contact them, then their place at HNC will be at risk. Their enrolment is not complete until they receive their notification email

On GCSE results day, students will need to upload their results online and complete the HNC online registration form **no later than 4.30pm that day**. Both steps must be completed in full in order to progress their enrolment at HNC.

Once you are successfully enrolled, you will join HNC for your compulsory induction day on **Monday 2 September**. This will be your first day at HNC and you'll follow a bespoke timetable where you will meet your teachers and complete your initial induction.

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Greenhead - In Person and Online Upload required

All local partner applicants are being invited to enrol at Greenhead on the afternoon of **GCSE results day**. **NLC Pupils have been invited at 3pm**. Greenhead would like to see as many students as they can in person to provide advice, guidance and perhaps a little reassurance. **You will need to upload GCSE results and ID online before attending**. This is our preferred method of enrolling local partner students.

Not all students will need to see Greenhead face to face so they are providing them with the option to enrol completely online. You will receive a letter with links to complete an online enrolment form if this is the case.

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Other Colleges

If you're planning on going elsewhere, you'll normally get invited in to enrol in person. You'll need to bring your results, your ID, your acceptance letter, and a trusted adult. Normally, you'll sit down with a teacher or member of staff at the school or college and go through your choices with them. They'll check you meet the entry requirements (or offer you alternatives if you don't) and register your place, then you'll sign a document to confirm that you'll be attending.

See help sheet for other numbers

Apprenticeships

If you're starting an apprenticeship, you'll need to send a copy of your results to your learning provider (which might be different to your employer!). You might not need to do this on results day itself; your provider might ask for proof of your results on your first day, or on an assessment day if you apply after you receive your results. Either way, you should be able to email them a copy or they can take a photocopy when you get there.

See help sheet for other numbers

Receiving lower results than you expected

This can be a hard pill to swallow, especially if you feel like you did your best. Allow yourself some time to be upset if that's how you feel, then pick yourself up and focus on your next steps. Low results are not the end of the world, and you still have lots of options.

You could:

- Resit some of your exams*
- Request for your papers to be remarked*
- Resit Year 11 / fifth year (if your school allows you to)
- Choose an alternative college, school, or sixth form
- See if you can study your chosen subjects at a lower level (e.g. a level 2 BTEC instead of a level 3)
- Apply for a job or apprenticeship

**It often costs to resit exams or have papers remarked, and there's no guarantee that your grades will improve.*

You might not know this, but in the UK you get three years of funding for post-16 study. This means you can go to college and redo your GCSEs or level 2 equivalents, then continue on to level 3 study (e.g. A levels, level 3 BTECs, etc.) the following academic year.

Speak to your teachers and Miss Timberley for help and advice on your options.

Receiving higher results than you expected

Congratulations! Knowing your hard work paid off in your exams is one of the best feelings in the world. But, it doesn't mean anything has to change if you don't want it to.

When students get higher results than they thought they would, they often feel pressured to change their chosen post-16 qualifications or subjects for more prestigious ones, or even change their chosen place of study for one higher up on the school league tables. You can do this if you want to, but you don't have to.

Just remember that this is *your* choice and you probably spent a long time deciding what it was you wanted to do and where you wanted to do it. Changing your course, place of study, or apprenticeship should take just as long as it did to make that decision the first time.

If you're having a change of heart, follow the steps below to make sure the choice really is the right one for you:

- **Changing subjects:** fully research any alternative subject options using Unifrog's [Subjects library](#) and school / college websites, especially if it's a subject you've not studied before – level 3 courses can actually be very different to their level 2 counterparts. English language at A level, for example, is nothing like it is at GCSE.
- **Changing college, school, or sixth form:** visit any institutions you're considering if you haven't already attended an open day. You'll be there for at least two years, so you want to make sure you're going to like it and that it has the right facilities for you. You can use our [College / sixth form shortlisting tool](#) to help you.
- **Changing apprenticeship:** research and speak to any alternative apprenticeship providers / places of work you're considering. You'll be working in that environment for up to 80% of your apprenticeship so you need to know the company's ethos and values, and what the team you'll be working with is like.

And finally...

Whatever happens on the big day, remember that your choices don't have to be permanent. If you feel like you made the 'wrong' decision or you aren't enjoying your course, you might be able to change subjects after you enrol depending on the space in the class and your results. Speak to the head of sixth form or your college tutor if you want to make any changes after you start.

For more advice on level 3 qualifications or starting college, check out the [college and sixth form guides](#) on Unifrog's Know-how library. Starting an apprenticeship? We've got [help for you](#) too.

And remember, you can always come back for support and speak to Miss Timberley even when you are at college! Contact by email initially timberleys@nlconline.org.uk

All the best for a bright, happy and successful future from all the staff at NLC

