

**CLEARING 2023**



# **CLEARING ADVICE FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND SUPPORTERS**

The support of family and friends is an important factor in helping applicants find the place that best suits them - especially through Clearing. So, if you're a parent, carer, friend, relative or supporter of someone looking to apply through Clearing and they've come to you for help, it's good to be aware of the process, and what you can do to help them get ahead and land a place on the course that's best for them.

You can apply through Clearing if you're applying to university for the first time in 2023 - whether as a school or college-leaver; applying after a break from education; you're not holding any offers from your UCAS application; you didn't meet the conditions of your offer; or you achieved better results than expected.

Whatever the situation, here are a few ways in which you can support your applicant, from preparation to results day...

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# GET READY



**In order to best secure a place through Clearing, applicants should do the following:**

- Identify the courses they're interested in
- Check out the entry requirements for each course
- Rank their courses, with their most desired at the top
- Do some research on the institutions they're most interested in
- Make a note of the phone numbers to call – at UWS, it's **0800 027 1000**

**THE KEY TO CLEARING SUCCESS IS ALL IN THE PREPARATION.**

Before results day - **8 August 2023** for applicants in Scotland and **17 August 2023** for all other applicants across the UK - applicants can **check out which courses have Clearing places** and what the entry requirements are through the University website. Please note, should you have results from a previous year or are applying after the 30 June 2023, you can apply through Clearing now!

**As tempting as it might be to try to influence someone's else's decision, take a step back, let them do what's best for them and support the decision that makes them happy.**

With Clearing, applicants will have to contact universities to enquire about places. You can help them prepare by asking some basic questions, such as why they want to study this specific course and what they can bring to it. Encourage them to dig out their Personal Statement too and make sure they're familiar with it.

Our **Clearing Checklist** will help applicants get ready for the big day. Applicants can also call our Student Recruitment team on **0800 027 1000** or email **clearing@uws.ac.uk** to discuss their options in advance.

We can't talk to parents, carers, family or friends unless the applicant has put you down as their nominated person on their UCAS form or they give us permission to do so.

**CONTACT US TODAY 0800 027 1000 or clearing@uws.ac.uk**

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# THE BIG DAY



**On results day, the applicant is bound to be feeling nervous.**

Try and make yourself available, even if that's on the phone, and encourage them to remain calm, keep an open mind and talk through what they're feeling.

**Once exam results are out - 8 August 2023 for applicants in Scotland and 17 August 2023 for all other applicants across the UK - encourage the applicant to check their UCAS Hub first thing to see what the status of their application is.**

If the Hub shows they're in Clearing if their grades aren't quite what they expected, it's time to start calling and put all that preparation into practice. Clearing operates on a first-come, first-served basis, so it's important that applicants get up early and are ready to call the universities that they are interested in applying to. They can talk through their options and it may be that entry requirements have changed and that there are still some vacancies in their subject area of choice.

If they haven't quite made it this year, don't rule out re-sitting exams, reapplying next year or undertaking a further education college course as an alternative route into university. At UWS, our Student Recruitment team will be able to offer guidance on what to do next. Whatever happens, other options will be available.

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**CHEER THEM ON**



**Calls made and offers received, it's time for the applicant to make their decision.**

They'll be given a deadline by which to get back to the university – so use that time to help them weigh up their options. They can then accept the offer through their UCAS Hub by clicking 'Add Clearing Choice'.

**Once a Clearing offer has been accepted, the applicant can't change their mind. So talk it through and make sure they're certain.**

The next step is to start planning for student life – there's still time for students who enter through Clearing to apply for student finance and accommodation. At UWS, students will be sent all the information they need to start preparing for the next phase of their life.

Then it's the most important part – time to celebrate!

Like any race, Clearing can feel like a lot of pressure, even for the supporting team – but the feeling you get when they cross the finish line makes it all worth it.

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**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF THE YEAR 2022 & 2023**

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