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10 ways to prepare for Clearing

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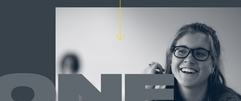

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Do your research where courses are concerned

Spending some time researching courses now will mean you're ahead of the game come A-level results day. Does the course content excite you? Will you be going to seminars and lectures, or would you prefer something more practical? What career options will open up for you? These are some questions to have in mind while you're doing your research.

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TWO

Consider location, location, location

Would you like to stay close to home, or would you prefer to explore a new place? What city or town can you see yourself living in? What are the benefits of city versus country life? You'll be studying at university for three years or more, so make sure the place you choose has enough going on to keep you happy and interested.

THREE

Visit the campus if you can...

If you get the chance, it's a good idea to visit the university you're interested in. Many unis will hold Clearing Visit Days or campus tours that you'll be told about once you've been made an offer of a place.

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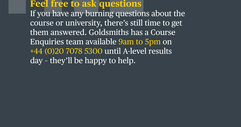
...and if you can't, find out more on social media

YouTube, Instagram and Facebook are all great ways to get a feel for a university, even if you can't visit in person.



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Feel free to ask questions

If you have any burning questions about the course or university, there's still time to get them answered. Goldsmiths has a Course Enquiries team available 9am to 5pm on +44 (0)20 7078 5300 until A-level results day - they'll be happy to help.

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Set your alarm and charge your phone!

The Goldsmiths Clearing Hotline will be open from 7:30am to 8pm on Thursday 15 August. Stay close to the phone for our Clearing VIP Priority Callback Service, and - if you're using your mobile - make sure your phone has enough battery!

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SEVEN

Remember: you're chatting to another human

Speaking to a stranger over the phone can sometimes be a little nerve-wracking. But our Clearing Team is made up of friendly specialists who are looking forward to speaking to you and putting you at ease. We'll also be available on WhatsApp and Messenger if you'd prefer to get in touch that way.

EIGHT

Take your time

If you're offered a Clearing place, great news! But you don't need to make a snap decision. Feel free to take a little time to consider your options. Chatting to friends and family can help clarify your decision and get you excited about your next steps.

NINE

Be aware of the Clearing process

If you've been offered a place and would like to accept it - that's fantastic! There will just be a few steps you'll need to take to accept your offer, including logging into UCAS Track and nominating your preferred Clearing choice. You'll be able to do this from 3pm on Thursday 15 August. It's only after doing this that your Clearing place will be confirmed.

Log into UCAS Track

TEN

Try not to worry

Clearing can be a stressful time, and it might feel like there's a lot of pressure on you to make the right decision. But try not to worry. Even if you don't get the grades you expected, there will be options open to you. Whatever happens, things will be OK, and you could soon be starting an exciting new chapter of your life.

DON'T FORGET

Do your research

Make sure you know what courses you're interested in ahead of time.

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