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Dear students,

A few reminders on leaving Eckington School:

- Please empty your locker by 28th June 2013. After that date your locker will be emptied for you.
- Please return **all** textbooks and equipment by 28th June 2013. Although exams continue up to this date you can leave books in the sixth form office and we will see that they are returned to the correct department. To help with this process please attach your name to any books that you leave, together with the name of the department to which they are being returned. There will be plenty of paper left out for you to do this.
- The 'A' level results will be available on **Thursday 15th August 2013**. You can collect your results from the Common Room **after 7.00am**.
- If you are unable to collect your results in person, please make alternative arrangements with the school.

Results Day

Please try to be around when the results come out; universities take a dim view of dealing with proxies.

If your results are better than expected you may well exceed the conditions of your first choice university. If you have paid the full application fee of £23, you might wish to consider **UCAS adjustment**. This service allows you to reconsider where and what to study. Before considering this option check out all the details on the UCAS website.

If you meet the conditions of your first choice then you do nothing except wait for the letter of confirmation. When it arrives deal with it instantly. **Whichever offer you meet you are honour-bound to accept:** only by withdrawing can you escape this.

If you miss your first choice conditions, but meet your second, then the same applies.

If you withdraw, you become eligible for Clearing.

If you just miss, then ring the university up to see if they are still willing to offer you a place. The universities will already have your results. We will provide a telephone service for you and members of staff will be on hand to help. It is always worth using 'UCAS track' because sometimes your results are posted here before you receive them in the post.

When contacting the universities be patient (their lines will be very busy). Try to be calm and clear but most of all make sure you have all the relevant information to hand. Therefore, bring with you your **UCAS application number, course code details** and any university contact names and numbers.

If you are eligible for Clearing i.e. you have no place confirmed, you will receive the Clearing Entry Form automatically. Read this carefully and follow the instructions.

You will also receive a form now if you are holding no offers but have not withdrawn.

On results day free copies of the **Times Clearing Guide** will be available. The Independent and The Daily Mirror usually offer information on Clearing. The UCAS website is also available at www.ucas.com along with a comprehensive service offered by the BBC on www.bbc.co.uk. There is a full Ceefax service and information is also broadcast on Radio 1 FM. There will also be a display of materials relating to Clearing vacancies at school.

Connexions (**01246 201581**) will also be available for help and advice throughout this period if you need it.

If Clearing is the route you take, then use the advice carefully. Do not rush into a decision.

Use the official forms to apply, even if you get a promise over the telephone. Deal with one place at a time and do not jump at the first thing you see. Do not compromise, but equally do not be unrealistic.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could let the school know your final destination,

Please remember, the staff from Eckington School will be around to help, both on Results Day and later. The school telephone number is **01246 432849** if you need to ask for help.

Good luck in the forthcoming exams and with all that you do in the future.

Yours sincerely



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