

UCAS Grade Protocol 2024

1. UCAS grades will be in the range A* to C. However, we reserve the right to issue grades below a C if a student does not meet expectations regarding work and attendance.
2. UCAS grades will be based on your performance in the End of Year 12 examination and also the professional judgement of your subject teachers.

With the additional criteria:

- A minimum of two sub levels higher than the grade achieved in the End of Year examination.
 - Grades should be generous, but evidence based.
3. Mitigating circumstances will be reviewed by the Assistant Head Teacher - Sixth Form. If accepted students (relevant) End of Year examination grade will be increased by one sub level.
 4. UCAS grades are not to be negotiated. Staff will not improve UCAS grades based on pleading. For example, "I need an A* to apply for", "I will work harder next year", "I didn't work last year but will this year". If a genuine mistake has been made (e.g. wrong data input) the teacher will contact Assistant Head Teacher - Sixth Form. However, students may approach teachers and politely ask for guidance as to how they can improve, but should not frame their conversation around UCAS grades,
 5. Students will be issued UCAS grades in July. This gives a period of time to allow students to consider the range of universities to apply for. In some cases, this will result in exploring a plan B.
 6. Parents should not contact individual subject teachers about UCAS grades if they feel there has been an error. They should contact Mrs Collins (scollins@wallingtongirls.org.uk) who will look into it and reply to the email, but it will not be possible to organise a meeting for parents to negotiate a higher grade. At this time of year, we are very busy with supporting the entire year group with their university applications, and a significant number who have already left. All students need time to be individually supported and it would be wrong to reduce that time.