



Everything you need to know about GCSE results day 2023.

Feeling a bit nervous when results day is approaching is totally normal, and you'll probably be sweating right now just reading this guide. Like most things in life, preparation is the best way to alleviate those feelings of anxiety, so we've put together an ultimate guide to GCSE results day.

Read on for everything you need to know, expect, prepare and do.

When is GCSE results day 2023?

Set your alarms! This year's GCSE results day will happen on **Thursday 24th August 2023**. Your school gets the results the day before, and you can collect them on Thursday morning.

I'm on holiday that day and won't be able to pick up my results...

It's OK! Not being able to pick up your results on the day isn't going to affect what's in them. Enjoy your well-earned holiday. You've already done the hard work on your exams, picking them up is the easy bit – it can wait a few extra days. Here's what to do...

What to do if you can't collect them in person

Although the best option is to collect your results in person on the 24th of August, this might not be possible for you. In this case, you should talk to your form teacher or tutor and make a plan:

- Arrange in advance to receive your results via email or post.
- Arrange for a family member to collect them for you (don't forget they'll need ID!).
- Ask if your school has an online portal where exam results are posted (requires a login).

What to do on GCSE results day

Beep beep! Your alarm's going off, and the 24th of August has come around way too soon. Make sure you know exactly what'll happen on the day: you will arrive at the school on Thursday morning and head to the allocated area. You'll sign in and show some form of ID, then, after months of waiting, one of your teachers will give you your results.

After that, you are free to head home or stick around the school to discuss any queries you may have (and take a few pictures with friends).

That's it! Here's a simple guide to what you can expect on the day.



What should you take with you?

Fully charged phone: Don't be caught short with no battery when you want to text your friends and family or take some pics.

School ID: You will need to prove who you are to collect your results envelope.

Pen and notepad: If you need support and information from your teachers, it's useful to pack a pen and notepad- although notes on your phone work too.

Sixth form/college contact details: You might need to speak to your sixth form/college on the day if you don't get the right grades.

How will you get your results?

You will receive your results on a piece of paper in an envelope. The paper will show your overall grade for each subject, plus a breakdown of the grades you received in each exam, assessment or piece of coursework.

Your GCSE results certificates will come a bit later via post. These are nice to have, but you don't need these as your future college, or sixth form will have received digital confirmation of your results.

Finally, you've got your results! The day isn't quite over yet though. Here are a few scenarios that might happen when you open your results and what you should do.

Who should you speak to if you need support?

- Subject teacher
- Tutor or form teacher
- School counsellor
- Careers advisor
- Friends and older pupils (e.g. your school's head boy and head girl)
- Parents/ caregivers
- If you need anonymity, speak to charities like [Young Minds](#), [Place2Be](#) and [CAMHS](#)

You don't agree with your grades/you want to resit

Not happy with what you see in the envelope? Don't worry, you have a few options.

You will have the option to resit some or all your subjects to try for a better grade. After you've collected your results, discuss them with your subject teacher who can provide guidance and set your resit plans in motion. Here is some crucial information you need to know about resits:

- Resit dates will vary depending on the subject and exam board.
- It's usually free to resit unless you attend a private school.
- You can resit any exam by choice, but to continue into higher education you will usually have to resit your English and Math's if you get less than a grade 4. This



can usually be done at college or sixth form, so you don't worry, you don't have to repeat a whole year!

Discuss these questions with your subject teachers to decide whether a resit is a good option for you:

- How likely am I to get a higher grade if I resit this subject?
- What studying and time will I need to dedicate to get a better grade?
- Will the topics for this subject stay the same during the resit?

You want a remark

Think there's been a mistake? Your subject teacher can help you organise a remark. Mistakes do sometimes happen, but it's only recommended if the mark you got is way off your ideal grade. Follow your teacher's advice, as they will have seen a lot of exam results!

Remember, there's also a chance that your grade could go down as well as up. Here are some key facts about getting a remark:

- You'll have to pay for it, usually around £30. Sometimes this acts as a deposit, and you will get the money back if your grade goes up.
- Remarks can take a while and may affect time sensitive A Level, colleague or apprenticeship applications.
- Be sure to check remark submission deadlines on the exam board's website.

You got the grades you need – or even better!

Congratulations – it's time to start preparing for your next big step and upcoming future. Enroll at the 6th form you decide on or receive an offer from.

More importantly, enjoy some much-needed rest and relaxation over the holidays. Find a way to celebrate with your friends and family – we insist.

6th form - Usually, you'll complete four AS Levels in the first year and drop one, then you'll be ready to study three A Levels in your second year. Your GCSE results might affect the A Level subjects that you can study. However, with the wide range of subjects available, switching one for something else is unlikely to affect your future plans in any way.



You don't get the grades you need

That's okay... it happens. If you can't get into the right college or A Level course with your current grades, don't forget there are still a lot of exciting options available. Read more below.

A great way to prepare for GCSE results day is to spend some time researching your post-high school options and choosing the best path for you. **Becky Howells your careers adviser, will be available on the day to offer support and guidance regarding alternative options.**

College/sixth form

You can apply to a college and select your own subjects and level to study over a 2-year period. (Ranging from level 1 - 3)

Apprenticeships

During an apprenticeship, you will take on a real job and study simultaneously. **You'll spend 80% of your time working and the remaining 20% (usually 1 day per week) at a university, sixth form or college.**

An apprenticeship is an awesome opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the real world of work. You can build your portfolio, knowledge and skills in the industry of your choice, network with experienced professionals, and earn money as you learn.

T Levels

A T Level qualification is equivalent to three A Levels.

T Levels are a new qualification that was introduced in September 2020. A T Level is sort of like the opposite of an apprenticeship: **you study for 80% of the time and spend 20% completing an industry placement.**

T Levels are a great choice because they're super flexible – you can split the on-the-job placement between two employers. On the learning side of things, you will finish the T Level with a qualification that has the equivalent amount of UCAS points to three A Levels. So, they have a great competitive advantage if you fancy eventually doing a degree apprenticeship.

GCSE results day: An exciting opportunity to start a new chapter

Yes, GCSE results day is nerve-wracking. Yes, it'll keep you awake at night and make you feel anxious. But once it's over, you have the opportunity to start building your own



future. Finally, you get to choose exactly what you want to learn and do – how exciting is that?

Rather than seeing GCSE results day as a grey cloud of nervousness, you can see it as a day for new beginnings, further education and choice.

Now, you're in control. **Good Luck**

<https://www.bestapprenticeships.com/gcse-results-day/>

