

# TSR Insight: How do prospective 2023 entry undergraduates feel about Results Day, Clearing and starting university?

**We asked 2023 entry undergraduates how they were feeling at the start of the Summer break**

Methodology: TSR Asks monthly omnibus survey of prospective 2023 entry undergraduates, aged 16+

Base: 176 responses from 2023 entry UGs, 150 responses from Year 13 2023 entry UGs

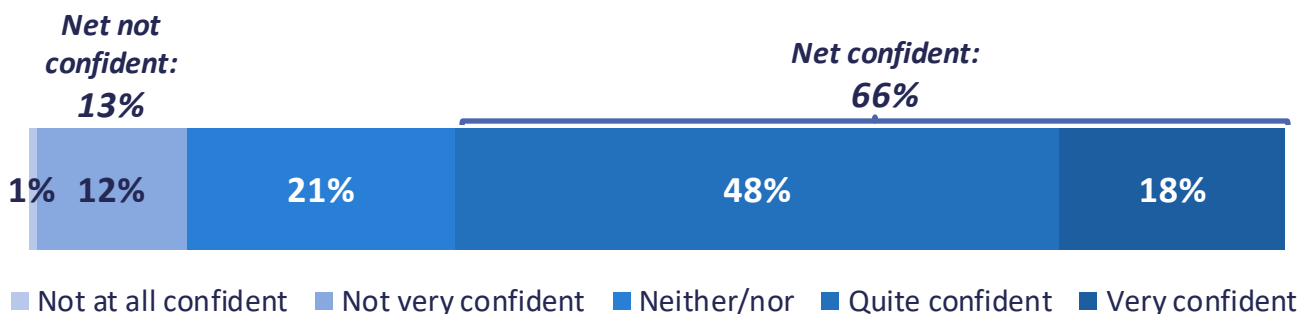
Fieldwork: 1st – 3rd July 2023

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# How are prospective 2023 entry undergraduates feeling about Results Day?

Two-thirds of Year 13 respondents were confident they would get the results they needed for their firm choice university, although fewer than one in five (18%) felt very confident. 13% were not at all or not very confident they would get the required grades.

Q: *How confident are you that you will get the grades you need for your firm (first) choice university? (Single response)*

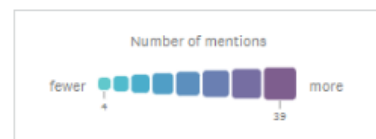


While there was confidence that they would get the grades they needed, and some felt excited, spontaneously respondents described feeling nervous or anxious about Results Day. 34% felt they didn't have enough information to help them make decisions on Results Day.

Q: *Do you feel you have enough information to make a decision about what to do on Results Day? (Single response)*



Q: *What one word describes how you feel about Results Day? (Open)*



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# How are prospective students feeling about Clearing?

*Q: Personally, how do you feel about Clearing? Please select the emoji that best reflects you? (Single response) (Year 13s)*



4%



11%



60%



23%

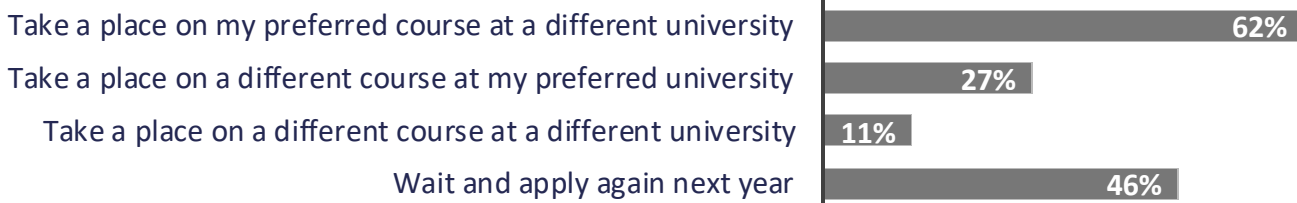


2%

If left without a place on Results Day, respondents were more likely to stay loyal to their chosen course than their chosen university, 62% would look for the same course at a different university, whereas 27% would take an alternative course at their preferred uni.

Almost half would be open to waiting and applying in 2024, while 11% would consider both a different course and university for 2023 entry.

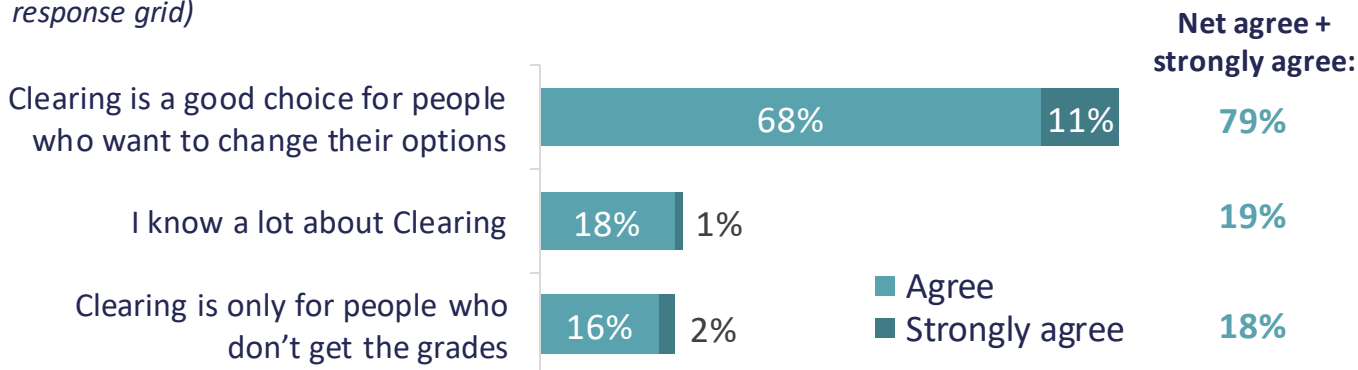
*Q: Which of the following compromises would you consider if you didn't get a place at university this year? (Multiple response) (Year 13s)*



The majority of Year 13 respondents (79%) recognised that Clearing was a good choice for people who want to change their options, although almost one in five (18%) thought it was only for people who don't get the grades.

With just over a month to go until Results Day, only 19% felt they knew a lot about Clearing.

*Q: To what extent to you agree or disagree with the following statements about Clearing? (Single response grid)*



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# Starting University

Thinking ahead, just over half of respondents said they felt prepared to start university. With over a quarter (26%) feeling unprepared and more than one in five (22%) unsure.

Q: *Do you feel prepared to start university?* (Single response)



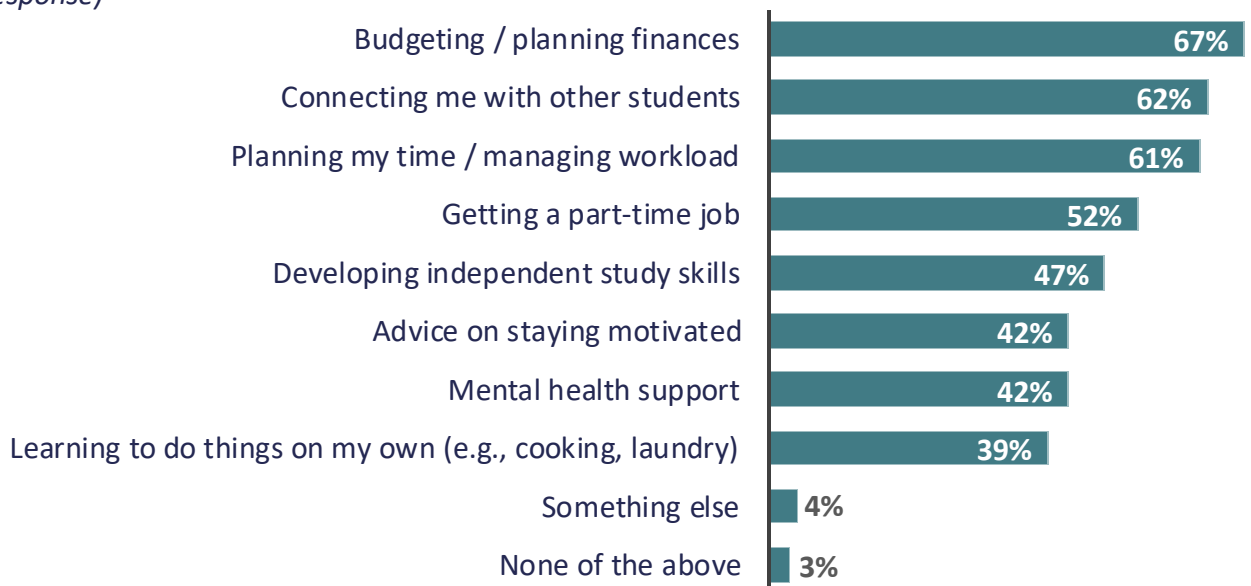
## Can universities help?

Almost all (97%) 2023 entry respondents wanted support to help them feel confident about starting university in September.

Our recent cost of living research showed 77% of prospective students felt the rising cost of living would impact their university experience, so it is perhaps unsurprising that budgeting advice was most likely to be needed (67%) and more than half (52%) wanted support to find a part-time job.

Support to help them connect with other students was also sought by around three-fifths.

Q: *What support do you need to feel confident starting university in September?* (Multiple response)



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