

英国学校的校长和老师们纷纷呼吁，英国大学应停止使用预测成绩录取学生。一项来自英国大学学院工会的研究称，没有任何一个发达国家会根据学生自己的估分情况进行录取工作。

The lecturer's union says people should know their final exam results before **applying** for university rather than **relying** on what it calls '**highly inaccurate predicted grades**'.

英国大学学院工会称报考大学的学生应在得到自己的考试成绩后再申请学校，而不应依赖于人们俗称的“高度不准确的预测成绩”来选院校。

The most recent figures show that about three quarters of applicants got worse results than their teachers had **forecast**.

最新的数据显示，有四分之三左右的申请者的考试成绩比老师预估的成绩要差。

Head teachers have **backed** the calls for a change saying that relying on predicted grades is **out of date** and no longer **fit for purpose**.

很多校长们支持要求改变的呼声，他们说依靠预测成绩的方法已经过时，不再适用。

But the university admissions service, UCAS, wants to keep the current timetable saying that if applications began after the academic year had finished, poorer students would have less access to advice from their teachers.

但负责大学招生工作的英国大学和学院招生服务中心希望保留现行的招生时间表，因为如果等学年结束之后才开始申请大学，那么家境较贫困的学生从老师那里得到的报考建议将会减少。

1. 词汇表

applying	申请
relying	依靠
highly inaccurate	极不准确的
grades	成绩
forecast	预测
backed	支持
out of date	过时的
fit for purpose	适用于某事

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

1. What do some lecturers and head teachers think is wrong with predicted grades?
2. According to figures, how many university applicants achieved exam grades that were predicted or better than expected?
3. True or false? *Head teachers think that predicted grades help poorer students get a place at university.*
4. Why does UCAS think poorer students would be disadvantaged if predicted grades were abolished?

3. 答案

1. What do some lecturers and head teachers think is wrong with predicted grades?

They are highly inaccurate in predicting the grade a student will get in the real exam.

2. According to figures, how many university applicants achieved exam grades that were predicted or better than expected?

A quarter of applicants achieved this - the most recent figures show that about three quarters of applicants got worse results than their teachers had forecast.

3. True or false? *Head teachers think that predicted grades help poorer students get a place at university.*

False. Head teachers want to stop predicted grades saying that relying on predicted grades is out-of-date and no longer fit for purpose.

4. Why does UCAS think poorer students would be disadvantaged if predicted grades were abolished?

It thinks poorer students would have less access to advice from their teachers.