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Dear Mr Robinson

I am replying to your Freedom of Information request to the College, which was received by the Freedom of Information Officer on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

For clarity here is your original text:

*Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I kindly request some raw data from you regarding university applications to the Mathematics (G100) course:*

- 1) *The mean MAT score for those who were shortlisted by SJC in the 2017 entry cycle*
- 2) *The mean MAT score for those who were shortlisted by SJC in the 2018 entry cycle*
- 3) *The mean interview score for shortlisted SJC applicants in the 2018 entry cycle*
- 4) *The mean interview score for SJC candidates who received an offer in the 2018 entry cycle*
- 5) *In the 2017 entry cycle, the proportion of shortlisted SJC candidates who scored above the mean MAT score for those shortlisted by SJC and received an offer.*
- 6) *In the 2018 entry cycle, the proportion of shortlisted SJC candidates who scored above the mean MAT score for those shortlisted by SJC and received an offer.*

Please be advised that the College only holds this type of information for the most recent admissions cycle, i.e. the one concerning 2018 entries. We are therefore able to provide answers to questions 2, 3, 4 and 6 as it relates to the Mathematics course (G100) as follows:

- 2) The mean MAT for those shortlisted in the current cycle (2017 for 2018 entry) was 75.64 out of 100.
- 3) The mean interview score for those shortlisted in the same cycle was 7.09 out of 9.
- 4) The mean interview score for those receiving an offer in the same cycle was 7.83 out of 9.
- 6) The proportion of shortlisted candidates scoring above the mean interview score who received offers was two thirds.

*On SJC's website for Maths and Joint Schools, it is said that you "place relatively little weight on the interview itself in selecting candidates, focusing instead upon performance in examinations and school reports." In light of this, I kindly request*

- 7) *A detailed description of how the interview score is weighted in conjunction with the MAT, school report, and other examinations in order to determine how offers are given*

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8) *How the above weighting of candidate parameters differs from the weighting used at other Colleges of the University of Oxford. (While detailed descriptions of other Colleges' weighting systems are not sought, a statement on how, in a general sense, SJC's weighting and decision-making process differs is sought.)*

Questions 7 and 8 relate mostly to departmental processes and you would need to request further information from the Mathematical Institute. The College enters its interview scores into the departmental data base and the Mathematical Institute generates a final overall grade, which is scored from 1-9. Details about how this final grade is worked out need to be requested from the Mathematical Institute.

*I would also like to know*

9) *The a success rate of G100 applicants to SJC who describe themselves as Black in the 2016, 2017, and 2018 entry cycles*

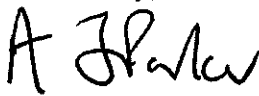
10) *The number of Black applicants who have applied to SJC for the G100 course within the last 5, 10, and 18 cycles.*

11) *The number of Black applicants accepted to SJC for the G100 course within the last 5, 10, and 18 cycles.*

The College does not hold ethnicity information.

If you wish to request a review of this response, you should write to me at the above address in the first instance. The entire set of correspondence will be passed for review to another person in the College. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of a review, you have the right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely,



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