



Ref. FOI/20190307/3

12 March 2019

<b>Reply to request for information under Freedom of Information Act</b>	
Your Ref	Email of 7 March 2019
Address	E. Ocampo <request-558989-535434be@whatdotheyknow.com>
Request	I would like to request the following information for all courses for 2018 entry, about all applicants: For each 2018 applicants, please may I have the details of: 1) Relevant Work experience and if the applicant was admitted or not. 2) Best 3 A-levels per subject For each 2018 course: 1) Number of total applicants and number of accepted applicants per college, per course.

Dear Sir/Madam

I write in reply to your email of 7 March 2019, requesting the above information.

**Item 1:**

Details of previous employment is not held by the University.

**Item 2:**

Only the over-all grades for a-levels attained by applicants (e.g. AAA, A\*AB) are held by the University, however, the numerical scores which make up the grades are not held. It is therefore not possible to tell which a-level grades were highest (best), especially and as many courses require three 'A' grades for entry (please see <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/course-listing?wssl=1> for details of individual courses).

**Item 3:**

This information will be available later in the year on the University's website at the page below via the link to 'detailed statistics by course' within.

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/facts-and-figures/admissions-statistics/undergraduate-students/current/course?wssl=1>

We are therefore exempting this information under section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Section 22 provides that information is exempt from disclosure where there is an intention on the part of the public authority or another body to publish it at a future date, and where it is reasonable in all the circumstances to maintain the publication schedule.

The exemption in section 22 is a qualified exemption that would require the University to weigh the public interest in disclosing the information requested, which is presumed from FOIA, against the public interest in maintaining the exemption. We believe that the public interest would be better served by adhering to the publication schedule. Disclosing the information before the University has been able to finalise its figures could be misleading or confusing, as the information at this stage might not fully complete.

**INTERNAL REVIEW**

If you are dissatisfied with this reply, you may ask the University to review it, by writing to the Head of Information Compliance at the following address:

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Alternatively, you may request a review by e-mailing [foi@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:foi@admin.ox.ac.uk).

**THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER**

If, after the internal review, you are still dissatisfied, you have the right under FOIA to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request has been dealt with in accordance with the FOIA. The Information Commissioner's address is:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123113

Yours sincerely

**FOI OXFORD**