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Dear P Pillai

Thank you for contacting Buckinghamshire Council and your request for information regarding secondary school allocations.

**Request:**

As the 2nd round of secondary school allocations (April 1st) is completed and acceptance deadline day is passed, can I know how many applicants declined the offer for all the 13 grammar schools and any vacant seats if any, please? (that's, what is the latest status of seat allocation for all 13 schools).

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please refer to our response below:

**Response:**

The Council considers a 'fewer than five' response to be appropriate in this case. A more accurate number or response to the questions asked, would potentially release personal information where individuals could be identified, either from this information alone, or a combination of this information and other information otherwise available to the public.

Section 40(2) provides an exemption from disclosure for information that is (a) the personal data of an individual other than the requester and (b) where disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

In this case disclosure of a more specific response to the questions asked would be unfair to the individuals concerned.

| School                              | Number of Declinations* since 1 March 2022 | Vacant Places** as of 28 April 2022 |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Aylesbury Grammar School            | <5   | 0                                   |
| Aylesbury High School               | 8  | 0                                   |
| Burnham Grammar School              | 9  | 0                                   |
| Beaconsfield High School            | 5  | 0                                   |
| Chesham Grammar School              | 5  | 0                                   |
| Dr Challoners Grammar School        | 6  | 0                                   |
| Dr Challoners High School           | 8  | 0                                   |
| John Hampden Grammar School         | 8  | 0                                   |
| Royal Grammar School                | 10   | 0                                   |
| Royal Latin School                  | <5   | 0                                   |
| Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School      | <5   | 0                                   |
| Sir William Borlases Grammar School | <5   | 0                                   |
| Wycombe High School                 | 6  | 0                                   |

\*Note that a 'declination' may mean one of two things:

- a) the family have declined the place because they do not need/want a school place, or
- b) the place has been taken away from the child in order for a higher preference school to be offered as part of an allocation round (each child may only have one school offer at a time).

\*\*There are no vacant places currently at any Buckinghamshire grammar school, for entry to Y7 in September 2022, and each school has a waiting list: in the event an offer is declined, the vacant place will be filled from the waiting list.

Please quote the reference number 1446821 in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to:

[access2information@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:access2information@buckinghamshire.gov.uk) or by writing to us at Information Management, Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review, you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF.  
Telephone: 0330 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

We will now close your request as of this date.

With kind regards

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