



Katherine Li  
By email

Reference: FOI-2024-813

18 September 2024

Dear Ms Li,

Your request was received on 2 September 2024 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

*I am writing to request detailed information regarding the number of Chinese undergraduate student applications and admissions for the Natural Sciences undergraduate course (BCF0) in the 2024 cycle across all colleges at the University of Cambridge.*

*Specifically, I would like to request the following information:*

- 1. The number of Chinese students who applied for BCF0 at each college during the 2024 admissions cycle.*
- 2. The number of Chinese students who were offered a place for BCF0 at each college for the 2024 cycle.*
- 3. The NSAA grades obtained by the students, grouped by the colleges to which they applied.*

This information is attached. Some suppression has been applied, and the NSAA scores have not been shown by College, to prevent the risk of any individual being identified. In presenting the information in this way, the University is engaging the exemption at section 40(3A)(a) of the Act because the release of the raw data would breach the first data protection principle (the fair, lawful and transparent processing of personal data) as set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation. This part of section 40 confers absolute exemption under the Act.

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within 40 working days of the date of this letter and reserves the right not to review a decision where there has been undue delay in raising a complaint. If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner may be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

Yours sincerely,

Zoe Allwood