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21st November 2014

Dear Mr Bolarinwa,

I am replying to your Freedom of Information request, which was received by the Freedom of Information Officer on 27th October 2014.

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.

- 1) *The average number of A*s at GCSE for those made offers for PPE in 2012, 2013 and 2014.*
- 2) *The mean and range of TSA section 1 overall scores of applicants made offers to PPE in 2012 2013 and 2014 (range being highest and lowest scores rather than their difference).*

In answer to your first question, the average number of A*s achieved by students who took GCSEs and subsequently received an offer from St John's College for entry to the PPE course was 8.6 in 2012, 9.3 in 2013, and 11 in 2014. When considering these figures, it should be taken into account that St John's normally makes 7 or 8 offers a year to PPE applicants, and not all candidates take GCSEs. In addition and like all colleges at Oxford, St John's operates within the University's Common Framework on Admissions, as part of which applicants are routinely reallocated between colleges both before and after interview. Those who receive offers from St John's are not necessarily those who applied to St John's, while some of those who applied to St John's may well have received offers from other colleges. Full details on the Common Framework can be found under: <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/decisions/common-framework>

The College does not hold the requested data in your second question and therefore I am unable to provide the information. You may wish to contact the PPE Faculty of Oxford University to obtain the information. <http://www.ppe.ox.ac.uk/>.

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,

Prof. A.J. Parker