



Zhu Tingke
By email

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Dear Zhu Tingke,

Your request was received on 17 June 2020 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

May I kindly request the admissions statistics of the MPhil Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (Chinese Studies) and MPhil Asian and Middle Eastern Studies by Research (Chinese Studies) courses:

1. Number of admissions, offers and intake per college for the past 5 admission cycle(broken down by college, course and year) 2. Previous universities of applicants 3. Degrees and subjects of applicants 4. Grades of successful applicants

1. This information is attached. Unlike undergraduate applicants, postgraduate applicants do not apply to Colleges directly, though applicants can indicate their 1st and 2nd College preferences. Applicants only get a College allocation when they have been made an offer and are at confirmation stage. Therefore the attached list only provides confirmed students per College.

2-4. This information is attached, with the exception of the grades of each applicant. The University has not supplied this because, coupled with the other information, it believes that individuals could be identified as a result. In presenting the information in this way, the University is engaging the exemption at section 40(3A)(a) of the Act because release in the precise format requested would breach the first data protection principle (the fair, lawful and transparent processing of personal data) as set out in the General Data Protection Regulation. This part of section 40 confers absolute exemption under the Act.

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Yours sincerely,

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