



Ref. FOI/20200814/1

14 September 2020

Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Your email of 14 August 2020
Request	<p>Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I kindly request you to release the statistics of Chemistry applicants for the 2019-2020 UCAS cycles, for the following colleges: Worcester, Keble, Pembroke, Corpus Christi, and Christ Church. Please clearly separate each college's data.</p> <p>*Number of A*s predicted (if taking A levels) *Number of total applicants *Whether the applicant was invited to interview *Individual score for each interview *Admission assessment scores (TSA) *Number of GCSEs at A* and A *Whether they were offered a place or pooled *Number of international applicants *Number of international applicants offered a place</p>

Dear Mr Smith,

I write in reply to your email of 14 August requesting the above information.

The information you have requested is in the attached spreadsheet.

Your request is for detailed individual level data. We consider that disclosure of this information in the form requested might enable those with access to other information or knowledge to identify individuals and learn new information about those individuals. For this reason, we have taken the following measures to reduce the risk of identification:

- We have provided information for the two year period as a whole, rather than separately for each year.
- The information has been divided into separate worksheets.
- Each worksheet has been sorted independently, so that information from different worksheets cannot be cross-referenced.

In taking these measures, we are applying the exemption in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Section 40(2) provides an exemption from disclosure for information that is the personal data of an individual other than the requester, where disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). We consider that disclosure of the information requested in the exact form requested would breach the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would be unfair to the individuals concerned, as it would be contrary to their reasonable and legitimate expectations. They would not reasonably expect that information about their performance at GCSE, admissions test, interview or other information relating to their application to Oxford would be made public under the FOIA without their consent.

For the disclosure of personal data to be lawful, it must have a lawful basis under Article 6 of the GDPR. There are six possible lawful bases in Article 6; we do not consider that any of them would be satisfied in respect of the disclosure.



The exemption in section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test provided for in section 2(2)(b) of the FOIA. To the extent that the public interest is relevant in this case, the University considers it is satisfied by the information provided.

INTERNAL REVIEW

If you are dissatisfied with this reply, you may ask the University to review it, by e-mailing the Head of Information Compliance at foi@admin.ox.ac.uk. A request for internal review should be submitted no later than 40 working days from the date of this letter.

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. You can do this online using the [Information Commissioner's complaints portal](#).

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Team