



Ref. FOI/20210209/3

09 March 2021

Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 9 February 2021
Request	<p>I would like to make a FOI request to the Chemistry Department at Oxford.</p> <p>I would please like to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) the average interview score of offer holders for the 2021 UCAS cycle for the F100 Chemistry2) a complete list of all applicants, with their respective GCSE grades, predicted grades, their interview scores and whether they were made an offer all in one sheet preferably3) the same request as point 2) but for just St. John's College and Christ Church College, preferably in two separate sheets per college

Dear Jennifer Leigh,

I write in reply to your Tuesday 9 February, requesting the above information.

Please find the requested information in the attached workbook.

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:

- The information regarding interview, predicted A Level and GCSE scores has been presented in separate worksheets.
- Each worksheet has been sorted independently, so that information from different worksheets cannot be cross-referenced.
- We have not provided outcome data for GCSE or predicted A Level grades.

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

You may request an internal review of this response by e-mailing 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