



Mia Newman  
By email

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Dear Ms Newman,

Your request was received on 10 April 2021 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

*Can I please have the following data for the 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 admissions cycle for Natural Sciences, where the candidates were applying post A-level and had expressed an interest in Biological Natural Science:*

- 1.) The number of applications to each college (labelled separately for open and direct applicants).*
- 2.) The number of applicants shortlisted and interviewed in each college.*
- 3.) The number of direct offers given by each college.*
- 4.) The number of offers given by each college to candidates from the pool.*
- 5.) The number of pool offers given by other colleges, to candidates who were pooled by the college in question (separately labelled for each college).*
- 6.) The number of applications from candidates who achieved 4 or more A\* grades in science subjects (Maths, Further Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics) at A-level (per college).*
- 7.) The number of offers to candidates who achieved 4 or more A\* grades in science subjects at A-level (per college).*
- 8.) The average, maximum and minimum NSAA score in each section of successful applicants in each college.*
- 9.) The average, maximum and minimum NSAA score in each section of successful applicants in each college, with 4A\* achieved at A level in science subjects.*
- 10.) The average, maximum and minimum interview scores for successful applicants in each college.*
- 11.) The average, maximum and minimum interview scores for successful applicants in each college, with 4A\* achieved at A level in science subjects.*

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This information is attached insofar as it is held. We do not hold information to answer questions 2, 10 and 11: all interview processes for entry to undergraduate degree courses at the University are set and managed locally by each of the individual Colleges, each of which is a separate legal entity and public authority under the Act. The information has been aggregated across the five-year period and split across multiple tables 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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Yours sincerely,

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