



Ref. FOI/20190914/1

18 October 2019

Reply to request for information under Freedom of Information of Act	
Your Ref	Email of 14 September 2019, timed at 09:05
Address	WhatDoTheyKnow.com
Request	<p>I would like to request (preferably in Excel form) the number of applications made by IB students, the number of IB students that received an offer, the average IB predicted score, the average IB final score and the minimum IB final score, of those students admitted into the University of Oxford and who applied to the following programs:</p> <p>History Economics Modern languages Geography</p> <p>Please kindly provide data for the most recent five admission cycles separately.</p>

Dear Ms Sanzin,

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

Please find the information in the attached workbook.

We have withheld average predicted IB scores of final acceptances where the average was calculated from the scores of less than 3 individuals, including zero. This may not correspond with averages of final IB scores; predicted IB data is as declared by the applicant on their UCAS application form and is only supplied where the declared predicted outcome conforms to a numeric IB total score, within the range 24-45.

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 full and/or 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 predicted grades 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 attached information.

**INTERNAL REVIEW**

If you are dissatisfied with this reply, you may ask the University to review it, by writing to the Head of Information Compliance at the following address:

University Offices
Wellington Square
Oxford
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Alternatively, you may request a review by e-mailing foi@admin.ox.ac.uk

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. The Information Commissioner's address is:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123113

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Yours sincerely,

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