



Ref. FOI/20190604/5

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Reply to request for information under Freedom of Information of Act	
Your Ref	FOI/20190604/5
Address	request-580753-b0d9cc06@whatdotheyknow.com
Request	<p>Please could you provide me with the below information for the following eight courses at your university: Medicine (A100); Economics (LN12); History (V100); PPE (LOV0); Mathematics (G100); Physics (VF53); Mathematics and Computer Science (GG14); Biology (C100)?</p> <p>For each college at your university, in this year's application cycle (2018-19):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The total number of applicants.2) The total number shortlisted for interview.3) The total number of offers.4) The average entrance exam score in each section of that exam for applicants.5) The median number of A*s/8s/9s at GCSE for applicants.6) The median predicted A-level A*s for applicants.7) The average entrance exam score in each section for those shortlisted.8) The median number of A*s/8s/9s at GCSE for those shortlisted.9) The median predicted A-level A*s for those shortlisted.10) The average entrance exam score in each section for those made offers.10) The median number of A*s/8s/9s at GCSE for those made offers.11) The median predicted A-level A*s for those made offers.

Dear Mr Samuel,

I write in reply to your email of 4 June requesting the above information, which you may find attached.

Part of your request is for detailed individual level data for a single application cycle. We consider that disclosure of this information in the form requested might enable those with access to other information or knowledge (e.g. those associated with the same college as applicants) to identify individuals and learn new information about those individuals. For this reason, we have taken the following measures to reduce the risk of individuals being identified: We have presented individual level data on separate tabs and with unique identifiers for each tab.

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 qualifications 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:

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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

Further information for submitting complaints to the Information Commissioner is available at <http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx>

Yours sincerely,

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