



Sophie Brown
By email

Reference: FOI-2023-479

14 July 2023

Dear Ms Brown,

Your request was received on 23 June 2023 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked for:

- 1a) *The number of applicants to the University who applied with Access to HE as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles per course.*
- 1b) *The number of applicants applied with Access to HE as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles per course who received an invitation to interview.*
- 1c) *The number of applicants who applied with Access to HE as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles who received an offer per course.*
- 1d) *The number of applicants who applied with Access to HE as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles who received an offer and successfully gained a place per course.*
- 2a) *Which colleges received applications from applicants who applied with Access to HE as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles, per course.*
- 2b) *Which colleges sent out interview invites to applicants who applied with Access to HE as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles per course.*
- 2c) *Which colleges gave offers to applicants who applied with Access to HE as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles per course.*
- 2d) *Which colleges have students who applied with Access to HE as their level 3 qualification in the 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 cycles per course.*
- 3) *The University of Cambridge's official stance on whether Access to HE is a suitable level 3 qualification for entry.*
- 4) *The University of Cambridge's official stance on applicants who have retaken A levels or other level 3 qualifications.*

1 and 2. This information, insofar as it is held, is attached. Information about interviews is not held; 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. Some aggregation has been applied 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. Please note that the attached document should not be copied, reproduced or used except in accordance with the law of copyright.

3. See <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/applying/entrance-requirements>

4. Each application is viewed as a whole and decisions will be based on all aspects of the application.

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Yours sincerely,

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