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Dear Umar,

A response to your request for information received on 30 July is provided below. The questions asked are in *italics* followed by our responses in **bold**.

I am writing to inquire about the admission process for the BDS Dentistry course (A200) for the 2025 entry. Specifically, I would like to understand how the following components are evaluated and weighted in the selection process:

GCSE results

A-level predicted grades

UCAT result, including the Situational Judgement Test (SJT) Personal statement Additionally, I would appreciate it if you could clarify whether GCSE results are ranked after ensuring they meet the entry requirements, and if the same applies to A-level predicted grades.

When shortlisting for interview we would first check that the academic criteria has been met. We do not rank applicants on grades or use a points-based system. All applicants who have been predicted the minimum required grades at A level and meet the minimum GCSE requirement would therefore fulfil that particular shortlisting criterion. Applicants who fulfil this criterion would then progress to stage two of our shortlisting, where we would then look at their UCAT scores in conjunction with their non-academic information questionnaire. We would then interview the top students from this group and an offer would then be dependent on the applicant's interview score.

As an applicant's UCAT scores (including Situational Judgement) are considered along with the non-academic questionnaire, it is therefore dependent on how strong this whole section of the UCAS form is as to whether an applicant would progress to interview; a slightly lower than expected UCAT score could be compensated for by a strong non-academic questionnaire, although a score of Band 4 in the Situational Judgement would not be deemed a competitive enough score for the applicant to be considered for the BDS programme. As a result of how we use the UCAT/non-academic questionnaire there isn't an 'average' UCAT score or cut-off score for applicants interviewed.

For further information regarding applying for Dentistry at the University of Liverpool for entry in September 2025 please see the attached admissions document.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request, you have a right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act to ask the University to review it. You must do so within 40 working days of the date of this response. Your request should include our reference number and explain the reason for requesting a review. Email foi@liverpool.ac.uk or write to the Freedom of Information Reviewer, Legal & Governance, University of Liverpool, Foundation Building, 765 Brownlow Hill, Liverpool L69 7ZX. We will respond to your request for an internal review within 20 working days of receipt.

Following an internal review, if you are still dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner. Information on how to do this is available at <http://ico.org.uk/complaints>. There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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