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Dear Fiona,

A response to your request for information received on 3 August is provided below. The questions asked are in *italics* followed by our responses in **bold**.

I am writing to obtain some statistics on your A-level entry BDS course. Please can you compile a document of the following information from the past 3 application cycles:

Number of applications, interviews, and number of offers given out (per year)

Entry year	2022	2021	2020
Total places available	70	84	72
Total applicants	1107	960	944
Total interviews	538	390	437
Total offers made (excluding deferrals)	101	75	142

Lowest, Highest, and average UCAT scores of those invited to interviews (per year)

	2022	2021	2020
Lowest UCAT score for interview	2070	2160	2060
Highest UCAT score for interview	3390	3310	3170
Average UCAT score for interview	2606	2611	2552

What does the selection process consist of and how are GCSEs, UCAT scores, A-levels, personal statements etc, weighed?

When shortlisting we would first check that the academic criteria have been met. Applicants who fulfil this criterion (required A-level predictions/achieved grades and minimum GCSE requirement in place) would then progress to stage two of our shortlisting, where we would then look at their UCAT scores in conjunction with their non-academic questionnaire. We would then interview the top students from this group and an offer would then be dependent on the applicant's interview score. 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.

Are A-level resits accepted and if so, are there any restrictions - e.g., a particular grade must be achieved in the first sitting or only a set number of subjects resat will be accepted etc.

All A level studies should be completed and the required grades achieved at first sitting, after the usual two-year period. We would not accept the repeat of a year of study or resits i.e. either Year 12 or Year 13.

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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