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Dear Ms Cha,

Your request for information received on 17 May 2021 has now been considered. A response to your enquiry is provided below.

I would be grateful to you if you could disclose the UCAT scores of the graduate applicants for the Dentistry course for the entries 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The University has not been able to give a list of all the UCAT scores individually. This information is exempt under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as disclosure of this information would breach one of the data protection principles; if linked with other personal identifiers in the public domain, it would be likely to become personal data and subsequently identify an individual. The University has provided highest, lowest, and average scores for all graduate applicants in the interests of transparency.

UCAT Scores by year of entry*	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Highest	2920	2960	2950	2910	2270
Lowest	1940	2010	1970	2240	1520
Average	2469	2409	2448	2504	1875

***Please note that although the UCAT is a mandatory requirement for a BDS application, not all applicants sit this test. The scores above therefore reflect the data that is available for this group of applicants for each year of entry.**

How many graduates applied, got an interview invite and admitted into the Dentistry course in the above entry years?

Year of entry	Total applications received	Total applicants interviewed	Total admitted
2017	55	16	Data not available
2018	52	11	6
2019	23	16	6
2020	28	14	6
2021	33	10	8

Finally, do you have a certain quota number for graduate applicants?

No. A graduate applicant is shortlisted for interview/made an offer solely dependent on the strength of their application and their performance at interview in comparison with the other applicants during that year (irrespective of academic background).

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request for information, you have a right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act to ask the University to review it; however, 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.

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There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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