

Ref. FOI/20200223/4

12 March 2020

Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 23 February 2020
Request	<p>I am making a request regarding the statistics for Computer Science (G400) undergraduate applicants in the past four admission cycles.</p> <p>Could you provide the following information for the past four admission cycles (2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The average amount of A*s at GCSE successful applicants have.2) The average amount of A*s at A-level successful applicants with 3 A-levels have.3) The average amount of A*s at A-level successful applicants with 4 A-levels have.4) The percentage of successful applicants with 3 A-levels out of the number of successful applicants.5) The percentage of successful applicants with 4 A-levels out of the number of successful applicants.6) The percentage of successful applicants who studied Further Mathematics at A-level out of the total number of applicants.7) The percentage of successful applicants who studied Physics at A-level out of the total number of applicants.

Dear Mr Enache

I write in reply to your email requesting the above information.

Please find the information in the attached spreadsheet. Information relating to item (1) may be found under the tab 'Item 1'; items (2) and (3) under the tab 'Items 2-3'; items (4) and (5) under the tab 'Items 4-5'; and items (6) and (7) under the tab 'Items 6-7'.

To reduce the risk of individuals being identified, we have substituted an asterisk for any figures where less than three offer-holders held a specific number of A-Levels.

In taking this measure, 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 A-Level results 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. A request for internal review should be submitted no later than 40 working days from the date of this letter.

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. You can do this online using the [Information Commissioner's complaints portal](#).

If you choose to do this by post, the Information Commissioner's address is:

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Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Team