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Our Ref: FOI 2021/275 – F1209593

Dear Gordon Dempster,

**Re: Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 22 June 2021 timed 12:11 hours, requesting the following:

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**For all undergraduate students graduating from the Adam Smith Business School in academic year 2020/21, please provide**

**1 the total number of students graduating**

**2 the total number of students who achieved a degree award promotion through a final GPA ending in .5 to .9 , and the number promoted to each class.**

**3 the total number of students who received a final GPA between 17.1 and 17.4, the total number promoted to a first class degree. If the number promoted is too small to report individually, please provide details of whether all, some or none were promoted.**

**4 same as question 3, but for students with a Final GPA between 14.1 and 14.4, and promoted to an upper second.**

**5 same as 3, but for students with a final GPA between 11.1 and 11.4, and promoted to a lower second.**

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**University's Response**

		Accounting & Finance				Economics				Management			
		Total	1	2.1	2.2	Total	1	2.1	2.2	Total	1	2.1	2.2
1	Total Number Graduating	111	-	-	-	165	-	-	-	123	-	-	-

2	Total achieved promotion through final GPA ending in .5 to .9 and the number promoted to each class.	19	13	6	0	24	14	10	0	27	21	6	0
3	Total students final GPA between 17.1 and 17.4, the total number promoted to a first class degree.	10	<5	-	-	18	<5	-	-	14	<5	-	-
4	Total students final GPA between 14.1 and 14.4, and promoted to an upper second.	5	-	<5	-	<5	0	<5	-	<5	0	<5	-
5	Total students final GPA between 11.1 and 11.4, and promoted to a lower second.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

In the University's response where there are less than five, the information has been structured in the manner '<5' as the base information could be used to identify individual students and so is considered personal data as defined in Data Protection legislation. The release of the information would be in breach of the data protection principles.

Therefore, the exemption from release of the information applies as specified under sections 38(1)(b) and 38(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This exemption is an absolute exemption under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/copy.htm>

## **Your right to seek a review**

Should you be dissatisfied with the way in which the University has dealt with your request, you have the right to require us to review our actions and decisions. If you wish to request a review, please contact the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office at [foi@gla.ac.uk](mailto:foi@gla.ac.uk) within 40 working days. Your request must be in a recordable format (letter, email, audio tape, etc). As the University of Glasgow is a Scottish Public Authority, your request is subject to the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("FOISA"). You will receive a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of its receipt.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request for review you may ask the Scottish Information Commissioner to review our decision. You must submit your complaint to the Commissioner within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner's Office may be contacted as follows:

Online Appeal Service:

Website: [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

By post:

The Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 9DS

Telephone: 01334 464610

Fax: 01334 464611

E-mail: [enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info)

An appeal, on a point of law, to the Court of Session may be made against a decision by the Commissioner.

For further information on the review procedure please refer to (<http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/dpfoioffice/policiesandprocedures/foisa-complaintsandreview/> )  
All complaints regarding requests for information will be handled in accordance with this procedure.

Yours sincerely,

Data Protection and Freedom of Information Office