



Ref. FOI/20190401/1

29 April 2019

Reply to request for information under Freedom of Information of Act	
Your Ref	Email dated 1 April 2019
Address	What Do They Know
Request	<p>please provide me with information regarding Oxford University Economics and management applicants for 2019 entry or deferred entry in 2020 for the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The total number of applicants</li> <li>2. The percentage of total number of applicants shortlisted for interview</li> <li>3. The percentage of number of applicants shortlisted for interview who received offers</li> <li>4. The mean, minimum and maximum interview score of successful applicants</li> <li>5. The number of GCSEs of each applicant</li> <li>6. The GCSE grades of each applicant</li> <li>7. The AS grades of each applicant</li> <li>8. The predicted A Level grades of each applicant</li> <li>9. The GCSE School type of each applicant</li> <li>10. The A Level School type of each applicant</li> <li>11. The contextualised GCSE score of each applicant</li> <li>12. Indicate whether each applicant had extenuating circumstances or not</li> <li>13. Indicate whether the applicant was applying for deferred entry in 2018 or not</li> <li>14. Indicate whether the applicant was a Home, EU or international applicant</li> <li>15. TSA Section 1 Score of each applicant</li> <li>16. TSA Problem Solving Score of each applicant</li> <li>17. TSA Critical Thinking Score of each applicant</li> <li>18. TSA Section 2 Score of each applicant</li> <li>19. UCAS form/Personal Statement/Reference scores (if such scores exist) for each applicant</li> <li>20. Indicate whether each applicant was shortlisted for interview</li> <li>21. Interview Scores of each applicant</li> <li>22. The college applied to by each applicant</li> <li>23. Indicate whether an applicant received an offer after interview</li> <li>24. The college assigned after reallocation to each applicant where applicable</li> </ol>

Dear Mr Bown,

I write in response to your email of 20 March.

Please find the information requested in the spreadsheet attached.

Since you have requested detailed individual level data, we have divided up the information between separate tabs to reduce the risk of individuals being identified, and we have sorted each tab independently of the others so that the rows are not standardised across the tabs.

In taking these measures, 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 full information requested would breach the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure would be unfair to the individuals concerned, as it would be contrary to their reasonable and legitimate expectations. Providing the information in the requested format could allow others with access to additional information to identify individual applicants and infer new information about the success of individual applications. These applicants would not reasonably expect this information to be made public under the FOIA without their consent. Please note that a disclosure of information under FOIA is presumed to be a disclosure to the world at large, and not just a disclosure to the individual making the request.

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 has taken it into account.

## **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](mailto:foi@admin.ox.ac.uk)

## **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. The Information Commissioner's address is:

Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123113

Further information for submitting complaints to the Information Commissioner is available at <http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints.aspx>

Yours sincerely,  
**FOI OXFORD**