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Dear Mr Stafford,

Your request for information received on 4 September 2021 has now been considered. A response to your enquiry is provided below. Please note, we do not hold data for 2018 entry.

am writing to kindly request the following information regarding admissions to Undergraduate Dentistry (A200) in the following years; 2018, 2019 and 2020 and 2021 (if available) for school leavers.

For each of the years can you clarify the number of applicants, number of applicants called for interview, the number of offers made

Entry year	2021	2020	2019
Total places available	84	72	72
Total applicants	960	944	800
Total interviews	390	437	323
Total offers made (including deferrals)	96	285	242

Can you clarify how each of the elements of the selection process are weighted to arrive at an offer of an interview e.g. GCSE results, predicted grades, UCAT score, personal statement

The University does not attribute a particular weighting/percentage to each section. When shortlisting we would first check that the academic criteria has 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 Personal Statement. We would then interview the top students from this group and an offer would then be dependent on the applicant's interview score.

As an applicant's UCAT scores (including Situational Judgement) are considered along with the Personal Statement, it is therefore dependent on how strong this whole section of the UCAS form is as to whether an applicant would progress to interview; a slightly lower than expected UCAT score could be compensated for by a strong Personal Statement (although 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). As a result of how we use the UCAT/Personal Statement there isn't an 'average' UCAT score or cut-off score for applicants interviewed.

The highest, lowest or threshold UCAT score for undergraduate applicants to Dentistry A200 at the University of Liverpool, who were subsequently invited to interview for each of the requested years.

	2021	2020	2019
Lowest UCAT score for interview	2160	2060	2070
Highest UCAT score for interview	3310	3170	3040
Average UCAT score for interview	2611	2552	2541

Do you consider situational judgement score?

The University look at UCAT results as a whole; overall score for the subsections plus the SJT.

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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