



Ref. FOI/20200426/3

26 May 2020

Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 26 April 2020
Request	See annex A

Dear G Garner

I write in reply to your email of 26 April requesting the above information. Please find the University's responses in the attached spreadsheet (annex B).

We are not willing to provide the HAT scores for shortlisted applicants as individual level data until after the completion of the current cycle, as we consider that disclosure of the information at this stage could allow others with access to additional information to identify individual applicants and infer new information about the success of individual applications. However, we can confirm that the average HAT score was 26.5. You may resubmit your request for individual level data after completion of the cycle later in the year.

In refusing to provide the individual-level data, 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 fairly and lawfully. Disclosure would be unfair to the individuals concerned, as it would be contrary to their reasonable and legitimate expectations. 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 the 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 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 test of 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 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](#).



Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Team

Annex A

I would like to request the following information:

- A) A ranked list of History interview scores for candidates interviewed at Pembroke College in the 2019-20 admissions cycle for History Single Honours
- B) A ranked list of HAT scores for candidates interviewed at Pembroke College in the 2019-20 admissions cycle for History Single Honours
- C) A ranked list of contextualised GCSE scores for candidates interviewed at Pembroke College in the 2019-20 admissions cycle for History Single Honours
- D) A ranked list of the number of A*s achieved at GCSE for candidates interviewed at Pembroke College in the 2019-20 admissions cycle for History Single Honours
- E) A ranked list of History written work scores for candidates interviewed at Pembroke College in the 2019-20 admissions cycle for History Single Honours
- F) The total number of students admitted to Pembroke College in the 2019-20 admissions cycle for History Single Honours as a raw figure
- G) The total number of students shortlisted to Pembroke College in the 2019-20 admissions cycle for History Single Honours as a raw figure
- H) The average History interview score, HAT score, contextualised GCSE score, number of A*s at GCSE and History written work score for placed applicants at Pembroke College in the 2019-20 admissions cycle for History Single Honours
- H) The average History interview score, HAT score, contextualised GCSE score, number of A*s at GCSE and History written work score for shortlisted applicants at Pembroke College in the 2019-20 admissions cycle for History Single Honours

If possible, please present the information like this:

Section 1: Interview scores

- 1) Highest interview score (as a raw number)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- x) Lowest interview score (as a raw number)

Section 2: HAT scores

- 1) Highest HAT score (as a raw number)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- x) Lowest HAT score (as a raw number)

If possible, please compile the information into an Excel document, with each set of data in a different sheet.