



Ref. FOI/20180309/2

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Reply to request for information under Freedom of Information of Act	
Your Ref	Your email of 9 March 2018
Address	request-469615-4270b1bc@whatdotheyknow.com
Request	<p>Please provide the percentage of offers made for undergraduate study to candidates from (i) a maintained comprehensive school, (ii) a maintained grammar school, and (iii) an independent school, in relation to:</p> <p>(1) the university as a whole</p> <p>(2) the course of History</p> <p>(3) the course of History at each of the following colleges: Mansfield, Brasenose, Christ Church, St John's, Magdalen, Wadham.</p> <p>(4) Each of the above, but in terms of History and Joint Schools.</p>

Dear Mr Chen,

I write in reply to your email of 9 March requesting the above information.

Item 1

Please see the publicly available information online [here](#).

Items 2, 3 and 4

We have withheld a college breakdown and a breakdown by type of state school in order to reduce the risk of individuals being identified, however we do publish information broken down by course and school type online [here](#). Please select the correct year from the dropdown list, select 'Course' from the 'Select Demographic (Rows)' dropdown list, and select 'School Type' from the 'Select Demographic (Columns)' dropdown list.

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 offer-holders and infer new information about their educational and socio-economic background. These individuals 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

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THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

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Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123113

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Yours sincerely,

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