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Friday, 17 May 2013

Dear John

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Regarding your request for information received by the University of Westminster on 18 April 2013.

The Request

You have requested the following information from the University:

The numbers of students for undergraduate and postgraduate study that started for each intake

The number of students that absconded or left before completion of the course for each intake

The number of students that progressed from the KIC to the University for each intake

The number of students that graduated based on the number of students that started for each intake

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The numbers of Nigerian students for undergraduate and postgraduate study that started for each intake

The number of Nigerian students that absconded or left before completion of the course for each intake

The number of Nigerian students that progressed from the KIC to the University for each intake

The number of Nigerian students that graduated based on the number of students that started for each intake

Clarification

All questions relate to those students from Kaplan International College.

This means since your relationship with Kaplan International College began.

The Response

The University can confirm that it holds some of the information that you have requested.

The University will treat the first question and the third question as a request for the same information, and the fifth and seventh in the same way. This is due to the fact that in the clarification you have stated that all information relates to those students from Kaplan International College.

Please see below a table which provides the corresponding data to the first, third, fifth and seventh questions.

Year	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013
Undergraduate	8	27	38
Postgraduate	<5	32	15
Nigerian	<5	<5	<5

Please be aware that the disclosure of the actual numbers of those postgraduate students for 2010/2011, and the number of Nigerian students for each year would breach Principle 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA). For this reason the University exempts this information by virtue of s.40 (2) FOIA (Personal Information Belonging to Third Parties). Section 40(2) FOIA stipulates that personal data belonging to a third party is exempt information if disclosure would breach any of the DPA Principles (please see s.40(3)(a)(i) FOIA). When releasing data relating to cohorts of students, the University policy is to disclose numbers for 6 or more students. Where the actual number is less than this then there is a strong likelihood that individual students will be identifiable if the data is used in conjunction with other information. On this basis the University will state only that there are less than 6 students in order to protect the privacy rights of individual students.

I can confirm that as we have only had two full years since our relationship with Kaplan International College began, none of the Undergraduate students have yet completed their

course. With regards to Postgraduate students I can confirm that 15 have graduated so far, and the rest are either retaking or have withdrawn.

I can confirm that regarding all other information sought, the University will engage S.40 (2) FOIA for those reasons outlined above.

We hope this information may be of use to you.

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