



Ref: FOI/20190925/3

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| Reply to request for information under Freedom of Information of Act | |
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| Your Ref | Email dated 25 September 2019 |
| Address | whatdotheyknow.com |
| Request | <p>Could I have the following information about admission into the undergraduate Maths (G100) course for the admission cycles 2016, 2017 and 2018:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Number of applicants taking the IB diploma with 7 subjects 2) Number of successful applicants with IB diploma and 7 subjects 3) Mean grade of applicants taking 7 subjects in the IB 4) Mean grade of successful applicants taking 7 subjects in the IB 5) Criteria for shortlisting for interview ranked by importance of criteria 6) Weighting of the criteria (MAT, GCSEs, predicted grades, etc.) |

Dear Rohan Soni

I write in reply to your request for the above information.

ITEMS 1 - 4

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| Applications with 7 IB Subjects | 10 |
| Average IB Subject Grade of Applicants with 7 IB Subjects | 6.2 |
| Offers made to Applications with 7 IB Subjects | 5 |
| Average IB Subject Grade of Offer Holders with 7 IB Subjects | 6.4 |

Notes:

- Applicants may change course during the application process. The course shown here reflects the most recent course on record.
- Successful applicants are defined as those in receipt of an offer
- Applications with (exactly) 7 subjects at International Baccalaureate Standard, or Higher Level, where the subject grade conforms to a numerical result are shown.

We consider that disclosure of this information in the form requested might enable those with access to other information or knowledge (e.g. those associated with individuals who are known to have applied) to identify individuals and learn new information about those individuals. For this reason, we have aggregated the requested admissions cycle years.



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 information requested in the exact form requested would breach the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would be unfair to the individuals concerned, as it would be contrary to their reasonable and legitimate expectations. They would not reasonably expect that information about their qualifications or other information relating to their application to Oxford would be made public under the FOIA without their consent.

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 considers it is satisfied by the attached information.

ITEMS 5 & 6

The admissions criteria are published on the following webpages:

- <http://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses-listing/mathematics>
- <https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/study-here/prospective-undergraduates/how-apply/admissions-criteria>

INTERNAL REVIEW

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Alternatively, you may request a review by e-mailing foi@admin.ox.ac.uk

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

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Information Commissioner
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Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Tel: 0303 123113



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Yours sincerely,

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