



Daniel Smith
By email

Reference: FOI-2024-311

3 May 2024

Dear Mr Smith,

Your request was received on 8 April 2024 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

Please could you provide worked solutions and/or the marking scheme in the years 2018-2023 for the Natural Sciences Tripos (NST) Mathematics Part IA examinations, for both Paper 1 and Paper 2, with redactions (e.g. for personal information) as appropriate.

This information is refused under section 43(1) of the Act as it constitutes a trade secret (within the meaning of this term in the Act) and under section 43(2) of the Act on the grounds that its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the University and/or individual academics by infringing the IP rights that they own in the information. These materials are protected under the copyright and intellectual property rights of the University and the individual academics involved in creating them. They are made available in specific ways to registered students on the course, with whom they are used under specific pedagogical conditions. As this is a qualified exemption, the University has considered whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The University is aware of the general arguments concerning transparency in its teaching and examination activities. However, the high degree of intellectual content in these materials, the extensive effort made by the individual academics to create them, and the need to maintain teaching standards and quality assurance in its courses through the dissemination of copyrighted materials at a time (and to the audience) of the University's choosing, are collectively considered to be decisive factors in favour of the maintenance of the exemption in this case.

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within 40 working days of the date of this letter and reserves the right not to review a decision where there has been undue delay in raising a complaint. If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner may be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (<https://ico.org.uk/>).

Yours sincerely,

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