



Ref. FOI/20190117/4

12 February 2019

Reply to request for information under Freedom of Information of Act	
Your Ref	Your email of 17 January 2019
Address	request-545533-a81f591f@whatdotheyknow.com
Request	1. An ID to distinguish the candidate (e.g. '1') 2. The GCSE grades of each applicant 3. The A level predicted grades of each applicant (if applicable) 4. The Domicile of each applicant (UK/EU/International) 5. The type of school the candidate applied from (state/ private/ other) 6. The TSA Section 1 score of each applicant (in grouped form, e.g. 49 or below, 50-55, etc.) 7. The TSA Section 2 score of each applicant (in grouped form, e.g. 49 or below, 50-55, etc.) 8. The individual interview scores of each applicant (if shortlisted) 9. The average interview score of each applicant (if shortlisted) 10. Whether that candidate has been offered a place, and if so, whether he/she was offered deferred entry.

Dear Mr Freeman,

I write in reply to your email of 17 January requesting the above information.

The information you have requested is in the attached spreadsheet. Please note that we have split up the information between separate tabs and re-sorted each tab independently of the others in order to reduce the risk of individuals being identified.

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 applicants and infer new information about the success of individual applications. 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 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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Alternatively, you may request a review by e-mailing foi@admin.ox.ac.uk

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. The Information Commissioner's address is:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123113

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Yours sincerely,

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