

Vivian Zhang  
By email

Reference: FOI-2022-264

3 May 2022

Dear Ms Zhang,

Your request was received on 6 April 2022 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

You asked:

*I am writing to request the following BA in Philosophy admission data from the last past 5 years:  
Could you please provide the :*

*1. Number of local applicants vs international applicants by individual Colleges 2. Number of local applicants vs international applicants shortlisted for interview by individual Colleges 3. Number of local applicants vs international applicants offered a place by individual Colleges 4. The average number of A\* & A at GCSE/IGCSE from offer holder 5. The number of applicants offered a place with 3A\* & 4A\* predicted grades or more to the course 6. The average written test scores by offer holders*

This information is attached insofar as it is held. Information about interviews and written tests is not held; these processes are set and managed locally by each of the individual Colleges, each of which is a separate legal entity and public authority under the Act. The University has aggregated some of the data across the time period to prevent the risk of any individual being identified. In presenting the information in this way, the University is engaging the exemption at section 40(3A)(a) of the Act because the release of the raw data would breach the first data protection principle (the fair, lawful and transparent processing of personal data) as set out in the UK General Data Protection Regulation. This part of section 40 confers absolute exemption under the Act.

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Yours sincerely,

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