



Ref: 202207/947

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Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 10 July 2022
Request	<p>I would like to know:</p> <p>(1) Admission statistics for all of your MPhil and MSc postgraduate programmes, both generally and for Chinese students.</p> <p>Specifically, I'd like to know for each individual programme, how many total students applied, how many total students were given offers, how many Chinese students applied, and how many Chinese students were given offers.</p> <p>(2) GPA of Chinese students who have been given offers of postgraduate programmes. (Please note that the "Chinese students" means the student whose nationality is China)</p> <p>(3) The number of Chinese students who have their undergraduate in Chinese-foreign cooperative education programmes have applied to the postgraduate programmes at the University of Oxford, how many of them were given offers, and the university/programme name for each.</p>

Dear Jiayue Zhao

I write in reply to your email requesting the information detailed above. Please find the information requested in the attached spreadsheet.

We consider that disclosure of this information in the exact form requested might enable those with access to other information or knowledge to identify individuals and learn new information about those individuals. For this reason, we have redacted where the number of applications or offers was fewer than three.

In taking this measure, 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 performance at GCSE, admissions test, interview 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 information provided.

INTERNAL REVIEW

You may request an internal review of this response by e-mailing foi@admin.ox.ac.uk. A request for internal review should be submitted no later than 40 working days from the date of this letter.

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. You can do this online using the [Information Commissioner's complaints portal](#).

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Team