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Dear Mr Mounokoliavitz,

**Request for Information under Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

Thank you for your email which was received by the University on 11 February 2019 requesting the following information:

- 1. A complete, anonymised list of all (I)GCSE grades achieved by the students who enrolled in both the Scots Law and English/Common Law courses following the relevant admissions period.**
- 2. A complete, anonymised list of all A-level grades achieved by the students who enrolled in both the Scots Law and English/Common Law courses following the relevant admissions period.**
- 3. A complete, anonymised list of all IB grades achieved by the students who enrolled in both the Scots Law and English/Common Law courses following the relevant admissions period;**
- 4. A complete, anonymised list of all Scottish Higher grades achieved by the students who enrolled in both the Scots Law and English/Common Law courses following the relevant admissions period;**
- 5. A complete, anonymised list of all Scottish Advanced Higher grades achieved by the students who enrolled in both the Scots Law and English/Common Law courses following the relevant admissions period**

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## **University's response**

Please note the following:

- The data has been extracted from the 2017/18 Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) return.
- These qualifications are reported to HESA in conjunction with the subject so the same student may well be counted multiple times, potentially across numerous tables. i.e some students may have gained both Scottish Highers and Scottish Advanced Highers so will therefore be included on both tables. It also doesn't take into account the algorithm used by HESA to exclude, for the same student, multiple qualification in the same subject.
- Information for the following courses has been included:
  - LLB Hons English Law
  - LLB Hons Law
  - LLB Hons Law (Clinical)
  - LLB Hons Law (Scots and English)
  - LLB Hons Scots and English Law (Clinical)
  - LLB Pass Law (Graduate entrant)
  - LLB Pass Law (Graduate entrant) (Clinical)
  - LLB Pass Law (Graduate entrant) (Scots and English Law)

### **1. A complete, anonymised list of all (I)GCSE grades achieved by the students who enrolled in both the Scots Law and English/Common Law courses following the relevant admissions period.**

The University does not centrally record GCSE grades. Accordingly, I have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Act, that the University does not hold the information requested on this subject and is not aware of any other public authority which may hold relevant information.

### **2. A complete, anonymised list of all A-level grades achieved by the students who enrolled in both the Scots Law and English/Common Law courses following the relevant admissions period.**

See Appendix A.

### **3. A complete, anonymised list of all IB grades achieved by the students who enrolled in both the Scots Law and English/Common Law courses following the relevant admissions period;**

The University has a very small number of students enrolled in these courses who have achieved IB grades. Releasing the information requested could identify individual students. This would be considered to be their personal data and the release of the information would be in breach of the data protection principles as defined in the Data Protection Legislation.

Therefore the base data is being withheld under sections 38(1)(b) and 38(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Section 38(1)(b) (read with 38(1)(2A)) of FOISA exempts from disclosure information which constitutes personal data if in addition the disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

The exemption contained in section 38(1)(b) is absolute, therefore there is no need to consider where the balance of the public interest lies in relation to the disclosure of this information.

### **4. A complete, anonymised list of all Scottish Higher grades achieved by the students who enrolled in both the Scots Law and English/Common Law courses following the relevant admissions period;**

See Appendix B.

**5. A complete, anonymised list of all Scottish Advanced Higher grades achieved by the students who enrolled in both the Scots Law and English/Common Law courses following the relevant admissions period**

See Appendix C.

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The University will then undertake an internal review and inform you of the result of that review.

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Yours sincerely,

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