



Information Assurance and Governance  
Office of the Principal

6 November 2023

Dear Jorno,

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**  
**Our Ref: 454-23**

I refer to your enquiry received on 10 October 2023 asking to be supplied with information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 ("the FOISA") for students who enrolled on any undergraduate courses in the Faculty of Arts in 2019 as detailed below.

1. The number of enrolled students (students who became unconditional firm with St Andrews and subsequently attended) who studied at least three A Levels.

Table 1: Number and percentage of enrolled undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts, by qualifications held on entry in academic year 2019/20

Qualifications on Entry	Number of Students (FTE)	Percentage of Students
A Levels - fewer than 3	103.5	3%
A Levels - 3 or more	979.8	25%
Other Qualification	2879.8	73%
<b>All Qualifications</b>	<b>3963.1</b>	<b>100%</b>

2. The number of these students (in point 1 above) who achieved A Level grades of (in their best three subjects):
  - AAB or above
  - A\*AA or above
  - A\*A\*A or above
  - A\*A\*A\* or above

The University is unable to answer this part of the enquiry through the process of data-retrieval. Details of achieved A-Levels is not held in a reportable and verifiable format. The process involved requires data analysis, validation and a level of intellectual input resulting in the creation of new information which is out-with the provisions of the FOISA.

Section 17 of the FOISA requires that a Scottish public authority confirms in writing where information requested of it is not held and notice is therefore given in this regard.

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### Your right to seek a review of how your information request was managed

If you are not satisfied with the University's response and/or our reasoning set-out above, you have the right to request a review of our decision. The timelines in which this right is available are set out in section 20(5)(a) and (b) FOISA. In broad terms the right to seek a review must be exercised within 40 working days of receiving this response.

Any request for review at this time should be sent by email to [foi@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:foi@st-andrews.ac.uk) stating:

- a) your name and address;
- b) details of your original request; and
- c) the reasons why you are dissatisfied with our response.

If you remain dissatisfied with how your request for information has been dealt with following Review, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) for a decision. In the event of an appeal to the SIC, the Commissioner will generally only be able to investigate the matters raised in the request for review.

Details on how to make an appeal online to the SIC can be found on their website: <http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Unhappywiththeresponse/AppealingtoCommissioner.aspx>.

This concludes the University's response.

Yours sincerely

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Information Assurance and Governance Officer