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Dear Mr Ali

### **Your Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your email, which was received by the University on 20 May 2020. The University's response is set out in the enclosed document.

### **Your right to seek a review**

Should you be dissatisfied with the way in which the University has dealt with your request, you have the right to require us to review our actions and decisions. If you wish to request a review, please contact the General Counsel, Aston University, Birmingham, B4 7ET or e-mail: [foi\\_requests@aston.ac.uk](mailto:foi_requests@aston.ac.uk) within 40 working days. Your request must be in a recordable format (letter, email, audio tape, etc). You will receive a full response to your request for review within 20 working days of its receipt.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request for review you may ask the Information Commissioner to review our decision. You must submit your complaint in writing to the Commissioner within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner may be contacted at:

Address: Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113 / 01625 545 745 (+44 1625 545 745 if calling from overseas)  
Fax: 01625 524 510

E-mail: [notification@ico.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:notification@ico.gsi.gov.uk)  
Website: <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

Yours sincerely

**Alice Mineyko**  
Counsel

Your request	Our response
<p>I'm requesting information regarding your BSc undergraduate Computer Science courses (BSc Computer Science, BSc Computer Science with Multimedia, BSc Computer Science with Business, BSc Digital and Technology Solutions (Degree Apprenticeship) and BSc Cybersecurity).</p> <p>My understanding is that BSc Cybersecurity is a new course, so feel free to add not applicable when required.</p> <p>Please could you provide the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The drop out rate for each course as a whole.</li> <li>2) The drop out rate for each course for each year (first year, second year, placement year, final year, etc.).</li> <li>3) The drop out rate for each course for home students (UK/EU students) and for international students.</li> <li>4) The drop out rate for each course for gender (male, female, etc.).</li> <li>5) The amount of degrees downgraded from BSc (Hons) to an ordinary degree for each course.</li> <li>6) The number of degree classifications awarded for each course (total number of students), as well as the amount of first-class honours, second-class honours, third-class honours, passes (ordinary degree) and passes with merit (ordinary degree) were awarded for each course.</li> </ol> <p>I'd appreciate the last five academic years of this data (2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20).</p>	<p>Detailed information on non-completions is published by HESA (<a href="mailto:official.statistics@hesa.ac.uk">official.statistics@hesa.ac.uk</a>). As this information is reasonably accessible by these means, it is exempt from separate disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.</p>