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Dear [REDACTED]

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_18-025)**

We have now considered your request of 29 January 2018 for the following information:

*'In the academic year 2016 to 2017 (spanning roughly from September 2016 until July 2017), how many full-time undergraduate first year students dropped out during the year from your university?*

*This includes any student considered to be in their first year of any particular course, no matter how old the student is. 'Dropping out' is defined as any full-time first year undergraduate student who leaves your university, whether it is to pursue a course at a different university or to leave education entirely.*

*I would also like to know which term these students dropped out in; specifically, whether it is the First Term, Second Term or Third Term.*

*Please provide the information in this form:*

- 1. "During the academic year 16/17, there were 400 full-time first year undergraduate students who dropped out of this university"*
- 2. "Of the 400 students that dropped out, 50 dropped out in the first term, 50 from the second term and 300 from the final term"*

Our response is as follows:

1. During the academic year 16/17, there were 499 full-time first year undergraduate students who dropped out of this University
2. Of the 499 students that dropped out, 180 dropped out in the first term, 112 from the second term and 207 from the final term.

Please note that the figure for the third term might be slightly inflated due to students who stopped attending the University without telling anyone, as the record of their discontinuation would not be finalised until semester 3 regardless of the term that they actually dropped out from the University.

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within

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Yours sincerely

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