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Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_19-255)**

We have now considered your request of 12 August 2019 for information relating to the diversity of students enrolled on any law-related course in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Our response is on page 3 of this letter, together with a copy of your request. This letter supersedes our initial response of 10 September 2019 as we can now provide a response to question B of your request. This letter should be considered our final response.

In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that the University does not hold information relevant to question C of your request.

The Act also contains a number of exemptions that allow public authorities to withhold certain information from release. We have applied the following exemption to part of your request.

Exemption	Reason
<i>s.21(1), Information reasonably accessible to applicant by other means</i>	<i>Requested information can be obtained from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)</i>

We have established some of the requested information is reasonably accessible by other means and so has been exempted under section 21(1) of the Act. The section 21 exemption allows us to exempt requested information we hold if that information is reasonably available to the requester by another route (whether through commercial publication or publicly-funded provision).

We have indicated where s.21(1) applies in our response below, and have suggested a route of access to that information.

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 40 working days of the date of this letter. In line with section 5.3 of the Freedom of Information Code of Practice, we are not obliged to accept internal reviews after this date.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information is available on their website:

[https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact\\_us](https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us), or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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## Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI\_19-255)

*The following request refers to students who enrolled in a law-related (i.e. Group M) course at the university in the following three years: 2016, 2017, 2018.*

*By 'law-related course', I refer to both single honours law and any law with a language, law with a year abroad, or joint honours law programmes which admitted students during this period.*

*My request:*

*Please provide the following information about the relevant students' background for each of the three years (2016, 2017, 2018):*

*a. The % of students who are Black or Minority Ethnic ('BME');*

### ***[Information exempted pursuant to s.21(1), Freedom of Information Act]***

Information for the years 2016 and 2017 can be obtained from the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA)<sup>1</sup>

The percentage of Black or Minority Ethnic students for 2018 was 30%.

*b. The % of UK-domiciled students who have come from a postcode that falls within POLAR4 young participation quintiles 1 or 2;*

Please see table below:

<i>Widening Participation Level</i>	<i>2016/7</i>	<i>2017/8</i>	<i>2018/9</i>
POLAR 4 quintiles 1 and 2	26.24%	27.62%	20.72%

*c. The % of all students (UK and EU and non-EU) who attended a private/fee-paying school;*

### ***[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]***

The University categorises schools and colleges attended by students based on type e.g. Academy, Comprehensive or Grammar. We do not categorise schools and colleges as private and/or fee paying and therefore do not hold the requested information.

*d. The 10 most commonly-occurring secondary schools among all students who enrolled, whether these schools are located in the UK or abroad. Please provide this as a list in descending order of enrolment.*

Please see table below. We have provided only the top four, as there are large number of secondary schools from which only one or two students have been enrolled and we cannot rank these any further. If you would like to know the names of these schools please let us know.

<i>Secondary School name</i>	<i>Number of Students</i>
Brickfields Asia	9

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.hesa.ac.uk/>

<i>Secondary School name</i>	<i>Number of Students</i>
The Sixth Form	5
Northgate High	3
Sprowston Community	3