

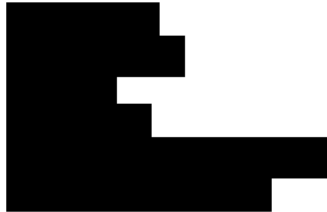


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Dear 

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI\_15-193)**

We have now considered your request of 03 October 2015 for the following information:

*'I would also like to know which type of education they had had, either independent or state. Is it please possible to have the data of which school students attended. I am looking for information on the last school attended by students before coming to your university. I would like this data for the last three academic years. I would like the date to be broken down by which hall and by department if possible.'*

Thank you for your help in clarifying this request on 05 October as follows:

*'To confirm, I would like the request to be for all first year students. And I would like the information by school if possible. If this will take too long then faculty is fine. And by halls I do mean halls of residence.'*

Following our subsequent conversation regarding the risk of revealing student personal data in providing data as requested, thank you also for confirming by email on 15 October that our suggested alternative approach would meet your requirements. We have taken this approach in extracting data for all Faculties, and our final response is provided in the accompanying Excel file FOI\_15-193 Appendix A.

Please note, on review of the complete data we realised that we would not be able to provide the row and column totals without inadvertently revealing the data we were trying to obscure by using '<5' instead of the actual figures. It is feasible that someone would be able to identify an individual student and so discover which type of school they had attended.

We believe this information would be a disclosure of personal data that would be in breach of the first data protection principle; namely that information must be fairly and lawfully processed, and that the processing also meets one of the conditions set out in Schedule 2 of the Data Protection Act 1998. We do not have consent for the release of this information, and in this case we do not consider disclosure of the data to be necessary under any of the other conditions of Schedule 2. Therefore, in line with s.40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act we have removed the row and column totals.

We hope the information provided meets your requirements, however you have the right of appeal against this response. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal received after that date will not be considered nor acknowledged. This policy has been reviewed and approved by the Information Commissioner's Office.

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Yours sincerely

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