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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_15-069)

We have now considered your request of 31 March 2015 for information regarding cheating on coursework and at examinations for the past 4 years. Our response is provided on pages 2-3 of this letter, together with a copy of your original request. We hope this response will meet your requirements.

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You must appeal our response 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.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner whose [contact details](#)¹ can be found on their website.

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

Yours sincerely

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¹ https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us

Response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 request (FOI_15-069)

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act

I would like to know:

- 1) *What was the number of students caught cheating in coursework in the last 4 years? Can I have a breakdown for each year?*

Year	Number
2011/12	150
2012/13	150
2013/14	85
2014/15 (to date)	17

- 2) *What was the number of exam candidates caught cheating in the last 4 years? Can I have a breakdown for each year?²*

Year	Number
2011/12	4
2012/13	18
2013/14	11
2014/15 (to date)	6

- 3) *If cheating was found in exams or coursework, what was the most common form? Can I have this for both exams and coursework?*

The most common form of cheating within examinations was the possession and/or use of notes or annotations. The most common form of cheating within coursework was plagiarism.

- 4) *If cheating was found in coursework or exams, how were students punished?*

For cheating found in examinations or within coursework, one or more of the following penalties were applied:

- Reduction of mark for the exam
- Temporary suspension from the University
- Expulsion from the University
- Formal warning

- 5) *How many complaints have been made to the University authorities in the last four years concerning cheating?*

In the last four (4) years, there have been zero (0) complaints made to University authorities concerning cheating in either examinations or coursework.

² These figures do not include any incidents that were deemed not serious enough to merit formal action, or instances in which the student was exonerated.

6) *How many investigations into cheating have been conducted in the last 4 years?*

In total, there have been 647 investigation into cheating of all forms within the last four years. This figure is comprised of 127 investigations into cheating within examinations and 520 investigations into cheating within coursework.