Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/20/507)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 5 December 2020, reference K/20/507.

Your request read:

“1) The number of state school, independent school, and other backgrounds (in those categories) obtaining 1st class degrees, 2:1s, 2:2s, 3rds and unclassified (if need be I would be happy with just 1sts, 2:1s and the total number) for each year from 2007 to 2019 inclusive. In terms of school classifications, my understanding is that this is often the UCAS Centre of the applicant. If you have additional data for degree outcomes for overseas students who do not have a UCAS Centre I would appreciate it if that can be included in the ‘other background’ categories.

2) Could I also please have the number or (if Data Protection would limit it) the proportion of students in each three categories (state, independent, and other - e.g. 20% of state students obtained a 1st, 68% 2:1 etc) that obtained 1sts, 2:1s etc in each subject/course (e.g. BA in History) for each year of 2007 to 2019? If need be I would be happy to have the information aggregated for 2017-19, 2014-16, 2011-13, 2007-10. If information by subject is not available/subject to Data Protection restrictions, could I please have that information for each Faculty (e.g. Arts and Humanities) with information on the different degree courses that fall within each faculty.

3) Would it also be possible to have the number or (if needs be) proportion of students from each three categories (state, independent, other), broken down by subject or (if Data Protection requires) by faculty, for each year of 2007 to 2019 based on their UCAS points/A-Level grades. Additionally can I also please have the degree results by classification (1st, 2:1 etc) for each category within each subject/faculty for each year of 2007 to 2019. In terms of UCAS points, it would be great if the information could be broken down by A-Level grades. I would be grateful if there could be a separate category for those who have taken IB, the Pre-U, Scottish Advanced Highers etc. Alternatively, if it is easier for you, I would be happy to have it broken down by UCAS point ranges.”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information. Please find the information we hold and are able to disclose set out in the attached spreadsheet.

Please note the following caveats:
• Data has been summarised by totals and percentages where possible.
• Please note that where the total number in a particular group is less than or equal to five, we are withholding the total figure under section 40(2) of the FOI Act.
  o Section 40(2) sets out that information is exempt from disclosure if it is the personal data of someone other than the person making the request, and disclosure would; contravene the data protection principles; contravene an objection to processing; or if the data is exempt from the right of subject access. We consider that the release of this information would be likely to lead to the identification of individuals and would therefore reveal sensitive information regarding their educational outcome and background. This would be unfair and would therefore breach their data protection rights. Redacted numbers are denoted by an ‘X’. As a result of the data suppression the data has been supplied at the below levels to minimise the number of fields suppressed.
• Part 1 has been summarised at university level.
• Part 2 has been summarised at faculty level
• Part 3 has been summarised at university level with years rolled together and separately at faculty level (although there are numerous fields with data suppressed.)
• Tariff data has been supplied from 2010/11. The data we hold which relates to 2007 entry onwards (up to 2010/11) is not of sufficient quality to provide answers to your questions. For the purposes of FOI, data for 2007 – 2009 is therefore not held.
• Tariff data has been split into 2 separate tables (Pre 2016/17 and 2016/17 onwards).
  o This is due to the tariff calculations changing in 2016 with a different points system being introduced alongside different qualifications being included

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions about this email, however, please do not hesitate to contact us on foi@leeds.ac.uk

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can request an Internal Review. Requests for Internal Review should be made in writing using the following contact information:

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Email:  foi@leeds.ac.uk
Requests for Internal Review should be submitted within 40 working days of receiving the University’s response to your request. Further information about how the University manages Freedom of Information requests and about our complaints procedure is also available on our website ([www.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.leeds.ac.uk)).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review/complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Kind regards

**Chloe Wilkins**
Freedom of Information Officer

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