Dear

Freedom of Information Response (Our Ref: K/21/021)

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request dated 13 January 2021, reference K/21/021.

Your request read:

“I’m requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- The number of students at the University of Leeds who have not yet received their degree certificate or had their degree award verified in the academic years 2018-2019 and 2019-20 due to an outstanding academic balance (tuition fees, reassessment fees, library fines, or other academic fees, e.g. field trips).
- Please can you provide the data broken down by academic year (i.e. 2018/19 and 2019/20), fee status of student (home or international), and degree level of student (undergraduate, postgraduate).”

The University of Leeds holds this information.

Graduations take place in the December and July of each academic year (i.e. 2018/19 graduations take place in December 2018 and July 2019). The University of Leeds does not withhold graduation for any debts other than tuition fees.

In December 2018, 57 students (seven undergraduates and 50 postgraduates) were unable to graduate due to non-payment of tuition fees. Of these, 36 were Home/EU rated students, and 21 were Overseas rated students.

In July 2019, 23 students (13 undergraduates and 10 postgraduates) were unable to graduate due to non-payment of tuition fees. Of these, 18 were Home/EU rated students, and five were Overseas rated students.

In December 2019, 66 students (21 undergraduates and 45 postgraduates) were unable to graduate due to non-payment of tuition fees. Of these, 47 were Home/EU rated students, and 19 were Overseas rated students.

In July 2020, 52 students (47 undergraduates and 5 postgraduates) were unable to graduate due to non-payment of tuition fees. Of these, 30 were Home/EU rated students, and 22 were Overseas rated students.

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:

Post: Mr D Wardle  
Deputy Secretary  
The University of Leeds  
Leeds  
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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).

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.

Yours sincerely

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