

Balliol College



Feedback on Undergraduate Admissions December 2018

Subject: Chemistry

This document should be read alongside the associated 'Summary of the Admissions Process for Chemistry' document, which includes a detailed description of Chemistry admissions across the University.

Across the University, 637 applications were received for Chemistry. Twenty one of these were to Balliol, reflecting either applicants who had selected Balliol, or open applications allocated to Balliol. Applicants were expected to sit an aptitude test, the Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA), though as this was run as a pilot for the second time this year it was only used to add candidates to the shortlist who would otherwise not have been invited for interview. Shortlisting was performed on the basis of all available and relevant data: in particular these data includes all aspects of the applicant's UCAS form and any further relevant contextual data specific to the application. The majority of applicants were shortlisted for interview; 596 across the University, including the large majority of applications to Balliol.

Short-listed applicants were invited to Oxford for interview, and all applicants attending for interview had at least two interviews, with some also interviewed at additional Colleges. Interviews were designed to inform on the stated subject admissions criteria (<http://admissions.chem.ox.ac.uk/admissions-criteria.aspx>). The final decision on offers included integration of interview performance into previously evaluated information. Across the University 221 offers were made, with eight of those being made by Balliol.