

Balliol College



Feedback on Undergraduate Admissions December 2018

Subject: English Language and Literature

This document should be read alongside the departmental document on the 2018 admissions process. For applications to read English and Modern Languages, please see the Modern Languages feedback report. For applications to read History and English, please see the History feedback report.

Overall 1062 applications to read English Language and Literature were received across the University. Thirty-eight of these were received at Balliol, reflecting applicants who had selected to direct their application to Balliol, or open applications allocated to Balliol. Applicants were expected to sit the English Literature Admissions Test (ELAT).

Shortlisting was based on performance in the ELAT, coupled with an assessment of information in the UCAS form, and assessment of submitted written work, coupled with consideration of relevant contextual information. Overall 660 applications were shortlisted across the University, including twenty-three applications to Balliol. Shortlisted applicants were invited to oxford for interview, with some instead interviewed by Skype. After first college interviews were complete, some applicants were invited for interview at other colleges. Once interviews were complete, interview performance was assessed alongside the aspects of each application previously considered at the shortlisting stage: ELAT score, written work and information in the UCAS form. As before, relevant contextual data were also considered at this stage.

Overall 259 offers of places to read English Language and Literature were made across the University. This included nine offers to read for this degree at Balliol.