

Balliol College



Feedback on Undergraduate Admissions December 2018

Subject: Mathematics and associated degrees (Mathematics & Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics, and Mathematics & Philosophy).

This document should be read alongside the associated document produced by the department and summarising admissions across the University to Mathematics as well as several joint schools of which mathematics is a part (Mathematics & Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics, and Mathematics & Philosophy). This document includes a detailed breakdown of applicant performance in the Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT).

In total 2445 applications were made for entry into these degrees in 2018, with over 100 of these either direct to Balliol, or open applications subsequently allocated to Balliol. Applicants were expected to sit the MAT, and further details of this test can be found at <https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate-study/maths-admissions-test>. Shortlisting was performed according to the subject admissions criteria and included consideration of all aspects of each applicant's profile: their MAT score, full consideration of the UCAS form, and consideration of any relevant contextual information. In total about 830 applicants were shortlisted for interview, including forty-five Balliol applicants across the four degree programmes.

All shortlisted applicants were invited to Oxford for interview, with all attending applicants interviewed by at least two different colleges. Applicants unable to attend for interview, principally those from outside the EU, were interviewed by Skype. Following interview all data were reconsidered in deciding to whom to offer places: this included interview performance as well as those aspects considered previously at the shortlisting stage (MAT score, UCAS form), and again relevant contextual information was considered at this stage. Overall around 280 offers (including open offers) were made for places on these four degree programmes across the University, including thirteen offers made by Balliol.