

Balliol College



Feedback on Undergraduate Admissions December 2018

Subject: Physics and Physics & Philosophy

This report should be read in conjunction with the associated subject report which provides a detailed description of the admissions process for Physics and Physics & Philosophy across the University, including a detailed breakdown of performance in the Physics Aptitude Test (PAT).

Across the University there were 1567 applications to read Physics or Physics & Philosophy this year. A total of 89 of these were to Balliol, reflecting applicants who had chosen Balliol, plus applicants who had made open applications and then been allocated to Balliol. Allocation of open applications is performed to help balance the distribution of applications across the colleges. Applicants were expected to sit the PAT, and this was used to aid shortlisting as outlined in the departmental document. Twenty-four Balliol applicants were shortlisted for interview, with the large majority of applicants then interviewed at Balliol and one other college.

Performance at interview was considered alongside PAT score and data in the UCAS form, including consideration of available contextual information, in determining to whom to offer places. In total Balliol made eleven offers to read Physics or Physics & Philosophy.