

**Archaeology & Anthropology Admissions 2021
Summary Information for Candidate Feedback**

Numbers

No. of applications received	132
No. of candidates interviewed	76 (45.5% of applications)
No. of offers made	28 (21.2 % of applications and 36.8% of interviewees)

Mean number of GCSEs graded 9, 8 or A*

All applicants:	4.0 graded 9;	2.5 graded 8;	7.3 graded 9, 8 or A*
Applicants interviewed:	4.6 graded 9;	2.6 graded 8;	8.1 graded 9, 8 or A*
Offers made:	5.7 graded 9;	1.5 graded 8;	9.1 graded 9, 8 or A*

Obtained/predicted A-level/Pre-U scores (D1 and D2 both considered to equal A*)

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All applicants	4	10	24	17	10	
Applicants interviewed	4	10	23	13	8	
Offers made	3	4	10	4	1	
						<u>Total</u>
All applicants	6.2%	15.4%	36.9%	26.2%	15.4%	65
Applicants interviewed	6.9%	17.2%	39.7%	22.4%	13.8%	58
Offers made	13.6%	18.2%	45.5%	18.2%	4.5%	22

Mean submitted written work scores

All applicants	6.6
Applicants interviewed	7.5
Offers made	8.3

Mean interview scores

Applicants interviewed	7.7
Offers made	8.2

Selection criteria

Candidates were shortlisted for interview using all relevant information, i.e. past examination record, predicted grades (where applicable), personal statement, academic reference, submitted written work, and relevant extenuating circumstances (<https://www.arch.ox.ac.uk/admissions-process-undergraduates#collapse600926>). Decisions not to shortlist were agreed between first and second choice Colleges and the admissions co-ordinator.

All candidates interviewed were seen by two Colleges. All interviews involved at least two interviewers, although the number of interviews (1 or 2 per candidate) varied between Colleges. In a small number of cases candidates' second choice Colleges, initially set by the Undergraduate Admissions Office, were adjusted by the admissions co-ordinator in order to provide a more equitable sharing of overall interview load between Colleges.

Interviews involved questions raised from candidates' personal statements and/or written work and asked others arising from the presentation of candidates with photographs or objects and discussion of scenarios emerging from of specific archaeological and/or anthropological import. Candidates were scored on a 1 to 10 (highest) scale in respect of: enthusiasm and motivation for the degree; analytical reasoning ability; communication skills; aptitude for Archaeology & Anthropology; intellectual curiosity; engagement with images and objects presented. At the Final Decision Meeting candidates were graded on their overall ability in respect of both their interview performance and all other selection criteria. Where assessments differed, candidates were discussed until agreement was reached upon filling all available places.