

## Law

### 2022 Admissions Round Feedback

**Please note this is subject admissions feedback from the 2022 selection round. The admissions system tends to change to varying degrees annually and in any event these pages only give a general indication regarding the process.**

This year 29 candidates were interviewed at Keble for places on the Law programme or Law with Law Studies in Europe programme. The candidates, who had a diverse range of backgrounds, were vying for eight degree places (i.e., a ratio of approximately 3.5:1). The decision about which candidates to interview is taken at the faculty level by assessing all candidates who had applied to the University, and not just those who had applied to, or had been allocated to, Keble. The ratio of candidates per place prior to the faculty shortlisting was approximately 9:1. All candidates interviewed were more than capable of reading law at Keble which meant that we had to make some exceptionally difficult choices among very impressive candidates. There was little to separate many of the candidates from each other.

Several candidates were reallocated between the colleges in the University before the interview stage in order to address, in particular, any problems of over- or under-subscription at any particular college(s). It may be, therefore, that we considered a particular candidate's application either because they had applied to Keble, or had made an open application, or because they had chosen another college but were reallocated to Keble. This had no influence on our final decision. We also interviewed several candidates who had already been interviewed for a place at another college. Again, this had no bearing on any of the conclusions that we reached.

Our final assessment of candidates interviewed was based on all of the following: (1) information detailed in the UCAS form; (2) the LNAT; and (3) two twenty-minute interviews. The interviews consisted in putting scenarios to candidates which were designed to test the selection criteria (details of which are published by the Law Faculty at <https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/undergraduate-selection-criteria>). No knowledge of the law was expected or required. In terms of the interviews, the best candidates were able to engage in a sophisticated way with the problems discussed and give reasons why the distinctions between the various scenarios postulated mattered (or did not matter). Weaker candidates tended to adopt a position without fully articulating their reasons for doing so or without being able convincingly to deal with potential counterarguments.

The focus of admissions to read law at Keble is on academic merit and potential to thrive on the programme. Extra-curricular activities play little to no part in the decision-making process. We are looking for exceptionally bright and motivated students who are intellectually curious and who will flourish at Keble.