

Mathematics and Mathematics & Statistics 2023 Admissions Round Feedback

Please note this is subject admissions feedback from the 2023 selection round - there will be changes each year, and these pages are only retained to provide a general indication of process.

The Mathematics admissions tutors would like to thank all applicants for the time and care they put into their applications. We are also grateful to referees for proving their supporting statements and for the encouragement and support they give to applicants.

A detailed feedback report on admissions to Mathematics and joint schools can be found here: <https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/r/mat>. The report provides figures for the number of applicants and offers, as well as information on outcome by MAT score. Applicants are sent their individual MAT score independently by the Department.

Keble admits for Mathematics, Mathematics and Statistics, and Mathematics and Computer Science. Feedback on Maths and Computer Science can be found on the Computer Science subject page. There were 1960 applicants for Mathematics / Mathematics and Statistics to the University, of whom 691 were shortlisted; 204 offers were made.

The admissions criteria agreed among the colleges for Mathematics and Mathematics and Statistics can be found here: [Admissions Criteria For the Mathematical Sciences Admissions Group | Mathematical Institute \(ox.ac.uk\)](#).

In their assessment of individual applications, the tutors took account of contextual data concerning relative individual and school performance as well as some background characteristics related to the place of residence. This information is available only for applicants from within the UK. An explanation of how the University uses contextual data can be found here: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/decisions/contextual-data>.

This year tutors were also aware of the potential and uneven impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on both learning and assessment.

Many candidates experienced technical disruption with the online web platform for the Mathematics Admissions Test. Applicants who submitted a special considerations form due to this technical disruption were invited to take an optional additional test before shortlisting.

Shortlisting followed the guidelines agreed among the colleges. The shortlisting decisions were based on MAT scores, additional test scores and special consideration forms, all aspects of the applicant's UCAS form and any further relevant contextual data specific to the application. The College shortlisted approximately 3.9 applicants per place available.

Interviews, which are academic in nature, took place online through Microsoft Teams. Applicants whose first college was Keble had two interviews at Keble, and at least one interview at another college. All interviews were graded on a scale of 1-9 against agreed descriptors amongst colleges.

Final decisions were made based on all the interview grades, test results, UCAS forms and contextual information. Eight offers were made at Keble for Mathematics / Mathematics and Statistics. Two Keble applicants were also made offers at other colleges.