

Mathematics and Mathematics & Statistics 2021 Admissions Round Feedback

Please note this is subject admissions feedback from the 2021 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 report on admissions to Mathematics and Statistical Sciences can be found here: <https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/system/files/attachments/Feedback%202021.pdf>. 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 Sciences subject page. There were 1877 applicants for Mathematics to the University, of whom 558 were shortlisted; 187 offers were made. For Mathematics & Statistics there were 205 applicants, of whom 37 were shortlisted and 8 made offers. In Keble, there were 70 applications for Mathematics, 23 of whom were shortlisted, and nine for Mathematics and Statistics, of whom one was shortlisted.

The admissions criteria agreed among the colleges for Mathematics 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 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.

Shortlisting followed the guidelines agreed among the colleges. All applicants above an upper threshold score in the MAT were automatically shortlisted, and all below a lower threshold score were automatically deselected unless there were extenuating circumstances or the applicant was classified as widening participation. The College was able to shortlist half the applicants between the thresholds using a combination of the MAT score and the contextualised data described above, resulting in around three shortlisted applicants per place available.

Nine offers were made for Mathematics, which was one above quota. There were no offers for Mathematics and Statistics this year. The Maths tutors are keen to make progress on the University's agenda for widening access. One offer was made under the Opportunity Oxford programme and seven of the eight UK offers made went to applicants from state schools.