Mathematics and Mathematics & Statistics 2022 Admissions Round Feedback

Please note this is subject admissions feedback from the 2022 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: <u>https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/r/mat</u>. 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 1805 applicants for Mathematics to the University, of whom 546 were shortlisted; 196 offers were made. For Mathematics & Statistics there were 140 applicants, of whom 22 were shortlisted and 4 made offers. In Keble, there were 85 applications for Mathematics, 27 of whom were shortlisted, and five for Mathematics and Statistics, of whom none was shortlisted this year.

The admissions criteria agreed among the colleges for Mathematics and Mathematics and Statistics can be found here: <u>Admissions Criteria For the Mathematical Sciences Admissions</u> <u>Group | Mathematical Institute (ox.ac.uk)</u>.

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.

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.

Eight offers were made for Mathematics. There were no offers for Mathematics and Statistics this year. Four Keble applicants were made offers at other colleges. The Maths tutors are keen to support the College's strategy for widening access to the University. Two offers were made under the <u>Opportunity Oxford bridging programme</u>, contributing to reaching the University's Access targets.