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THE CLASS OF 2020: STUDENT DESTINATIONS REPORT

Cohort information

103 applications were made by our students through the UCAS applications process; this comprised 5 from ex-students and 98 from current Year 13. This figure of 98 represents 74% of our Year 13 cohort of 133 students.

We had great success early on in the application process with 5 of our 6 applicants to Oxford and Cambridge gaining interviews as well as 10 of our 11 applicants to Medicine. Out of the 44 medicine applications to different institutions, 36 interview invitations were made.

12 students from our Year 13 cohort were given unconditional offers.

Universities of choice

The pattern of applications was similar to recent years with Newcastle, Northumbria and then Leeds being the most popular choices. Over half our students included Newcastle / Northumbria in their choices. Here are the universities with multiple numbers of students applying:

Table with 4 columns: University, Number of applicants, University, Number of applicants. Lists various universities and their corresponding number of applicants.



In all, students applied to 74 different institutions from Aberystwyth to Paris.

The most common type of courses applied to were:

- Biomed. / Biol Sci. / Biochem / Zoology / Env. Sci etc
- Medicine / Dentistry / Veterinary
- Accounting / Finance / Economics etc.:
- Business / Management. / HR / Related degrees
- Engineering / Design
- Architecture / Built Env.
- English / Creative Writing / Journalism
- Acting / Performance / Music

This is broadly in line with national figures, which have seen a huge rise in applications linked to healthcare and the sciences.

RESULTS AND DESTINATIONS

The uptake of university first degree places was lower than usual this year, perhaps due to concerns over the Coronavirus pandemic, but the number of students starting foundation degrees was much higher as they tended to take up courses closer to home, e.g. Northumbria and Sunderland, and so the overall picture was not typical of the last five years.

The student numbers were as follows

University first degree courses	73
University Foundation degrees	17
Apprenticeships - both Higher and Degree	13
GAP years - some planned with resits in 2021	12
Employment	8
Further Education - College	7
Resitting Y13	3

Numbers of students taking up places on different first degree courses:

Degrees using MFL: 7 (e.g. Business with French / Spanish and Chinese)

Medicine: 6

Biomedical Science / Biochemistry / other Biological Sciences: 5

Business: 5

Accounting / finance: 5

Psychology / Criminology: 5

Law: 4

Media / Communication / Journalism: 4

In all 50 different degree courses were started in September 2020.



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The most popular institutions for first degrees:

Newcastle: 16 students

Northumbria: 16 students

Nottingham, Leeds and Manchester Metropolitan all had 3

RUSSELL GROUP PLACES

In total, 34 students, i.e. 47% of those placed on first degrees and 26% of the entire Y13 cohort, took up degree courses at Russell Group Universities.

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