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Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/December 2018/ Jamie Morrell

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Dear Mr Morrell

Your request for information received on 4 December 2018 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- 1) How many students were expelled in the academic year 2017/2018 at your university?
- 2) The reasons why each student was expelled.

University Response

We are withholding the information requested under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act which covers the personal data of third parties where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the Data Protection Act 2018. Given the low volumes of individuals involved (less than 5 in any given year) revealing any of this information is likely to pose a risk that these individuals could become identifiable; therefore the University considers the information to be exempt from disclosure. So in accordance with Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, (the Act), this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

I trust this satisfies your request sufficiently. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the University's response to your request for information. If you have such a complaint, you may contact Mr David Maplas, Director of Student Affairs, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 5830, d.malpas@mdx.ac.uk within 40 days of the date of this letter for a review of the University's decision. If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of that complaint, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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