

2015 ANNUAL SURVEY



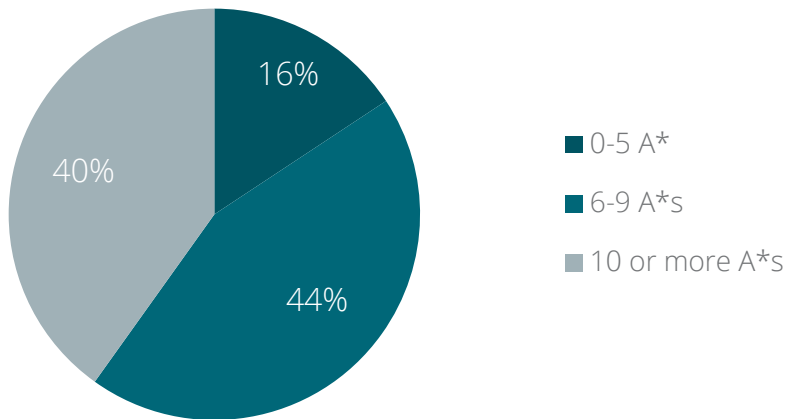
ABOUT THIS REPORT

676 OXBRIDGE CANDIDATES FROM THE 2014 APPLICATION CYCLE RESPONDED TO OUR SURVEY. THIS SHORT REPORT HAS BEEN COMPILED FROM THEIR ANSWERS, GIVING YOU CRUCIAL STATISTICAL INSIGHT FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO OXBRIDGE.

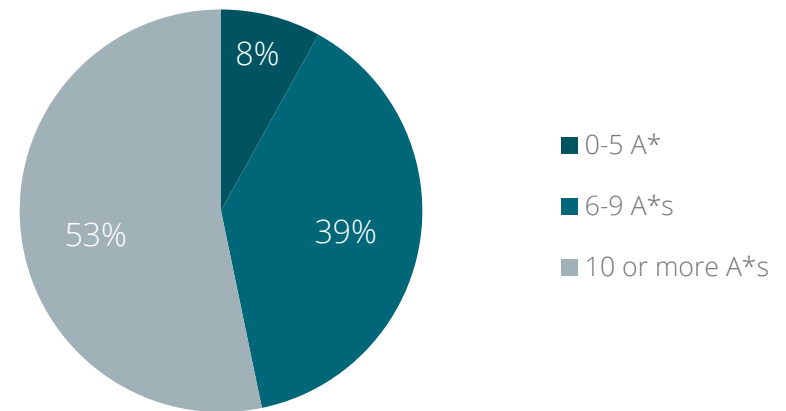
EXAM GRADES & SUCCESS RATES

GCSE – OVERALL

A*s achieved at GCSE (All Applicants)



A*s achieved at GCSE (Successful Applicants)

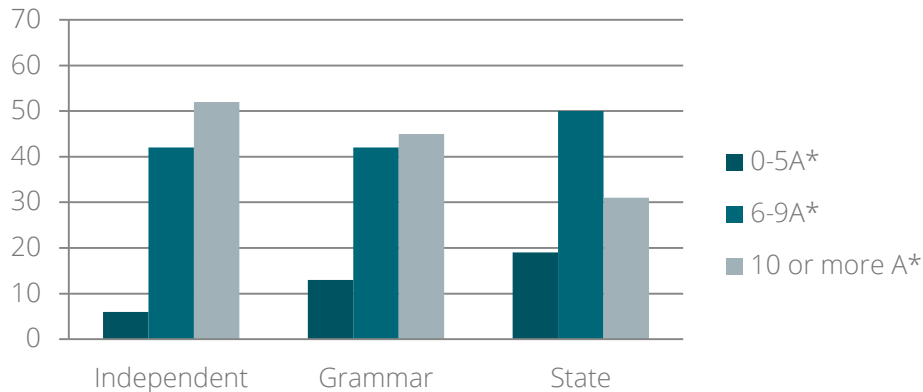


While the majority of students applying have between 6 and 9 A*s, over half of those receiving offers have 10 or more. It certainly seems to be the case that more A*s has a direct correlation with success rate. We advise students with fewer than 6 A*s to think carefully before submitting an application to Oxford or Cambridge.

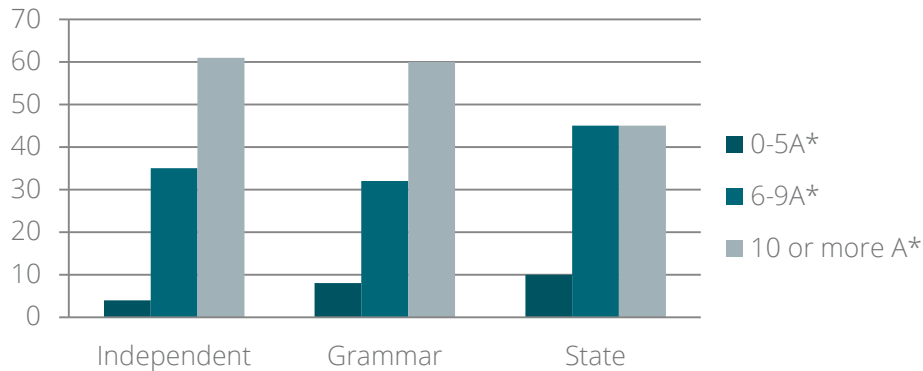
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GCSE – BY SCHOOL

Percentage of all applicants achieving A*s by school



Percentage of successful applicants achieving A*s by school



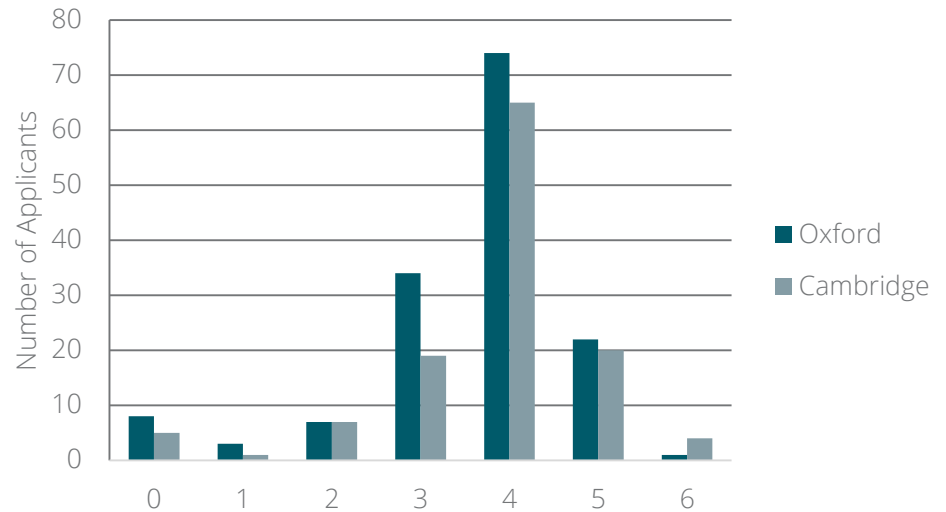
When the statistics are broken down for analysis by school type, it seems that admissions tutors will be expecting slightly stronger GCSE results for candidates from independent and grammar schools. This said, there is a clear trend across all schools showing that better results will improve your chances of being successful in your application.

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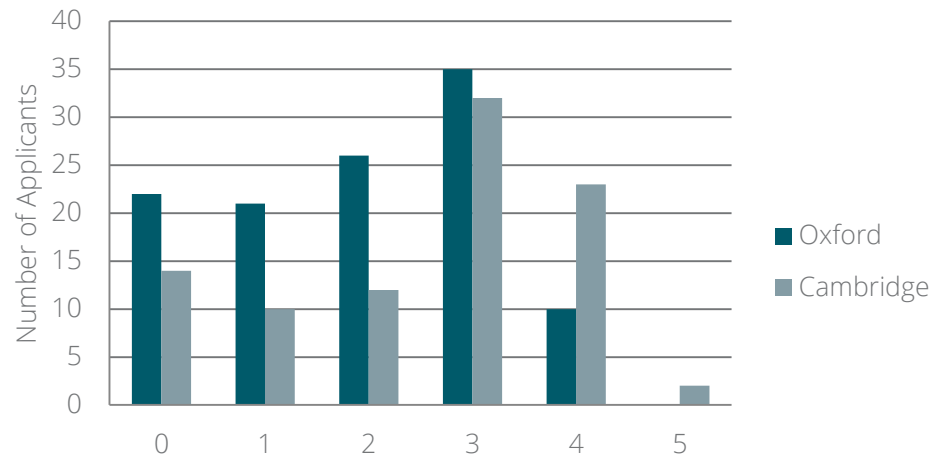
A LEVELS

Breaking the responses down by university, we see that a higher percentage of successful Cambridge applicants have 4 or more As at AS Level, and a larger proportion are predicted 3 or more A*s at A Level. This seems to reflect Cambridge's often-tougher entry requirements, with significant weight placed on candidates' UMS score.

Number of As at AS Level of Successful Applicants



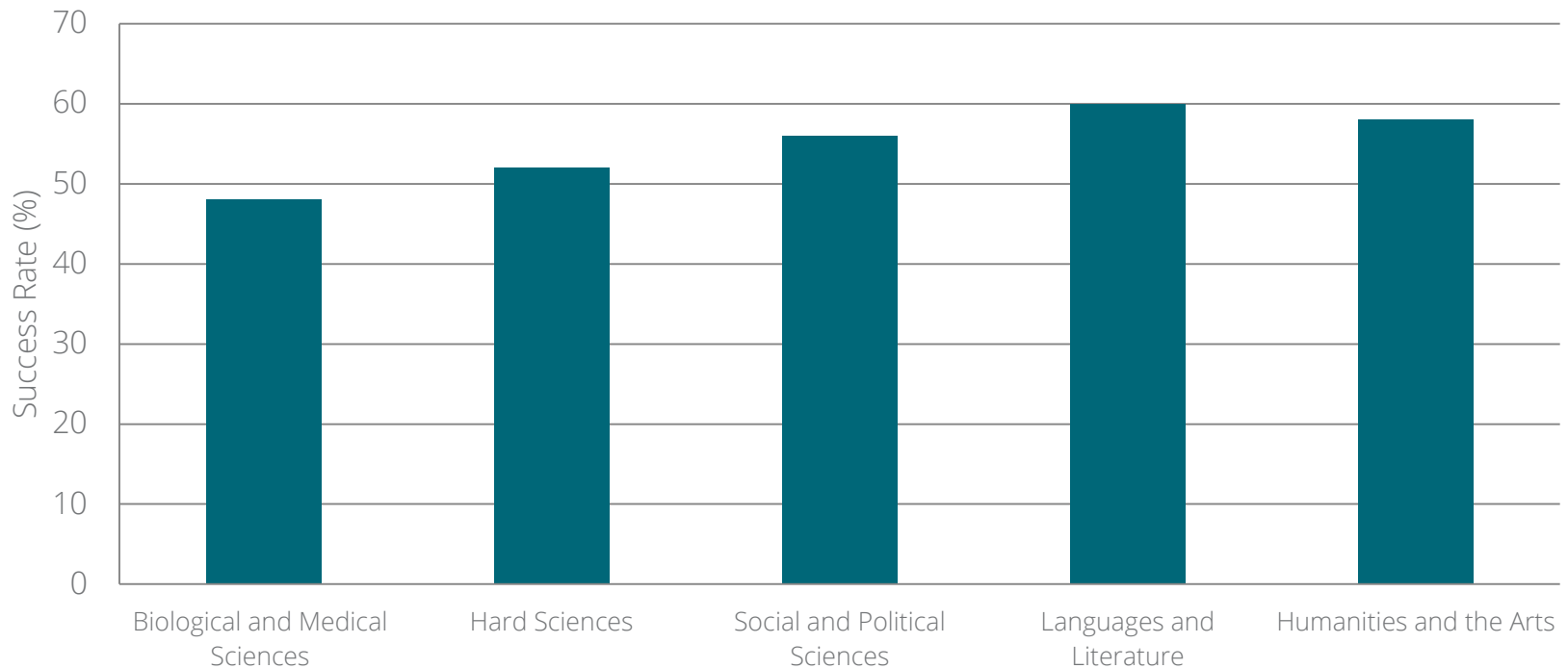
Number of A*s predicted at A Level of Successful Applicants



SUBJECT GROUPS & SUCCESS RATES

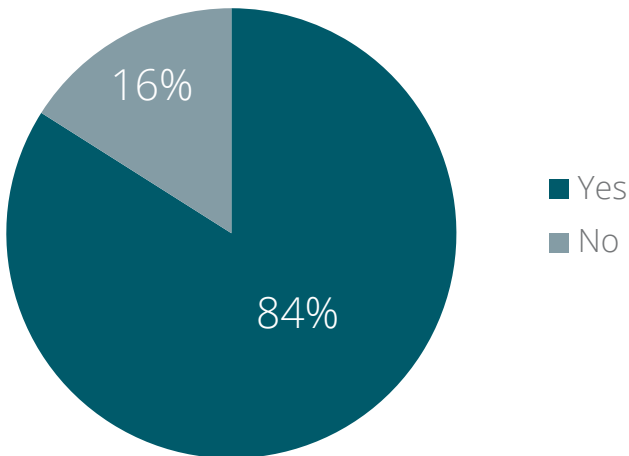
The overall success rate of respondents to our survey was **53.5%**, with almost identical figures for Oxford and Cambridge.

However, clear trends emerge when the responses are analysed by subject group.

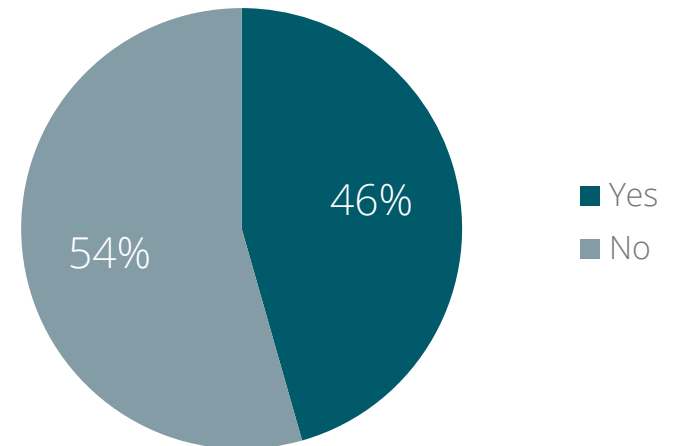


ADMISSIONS TESTS

Percentage of students who sat an Admissions Test -
Oxford

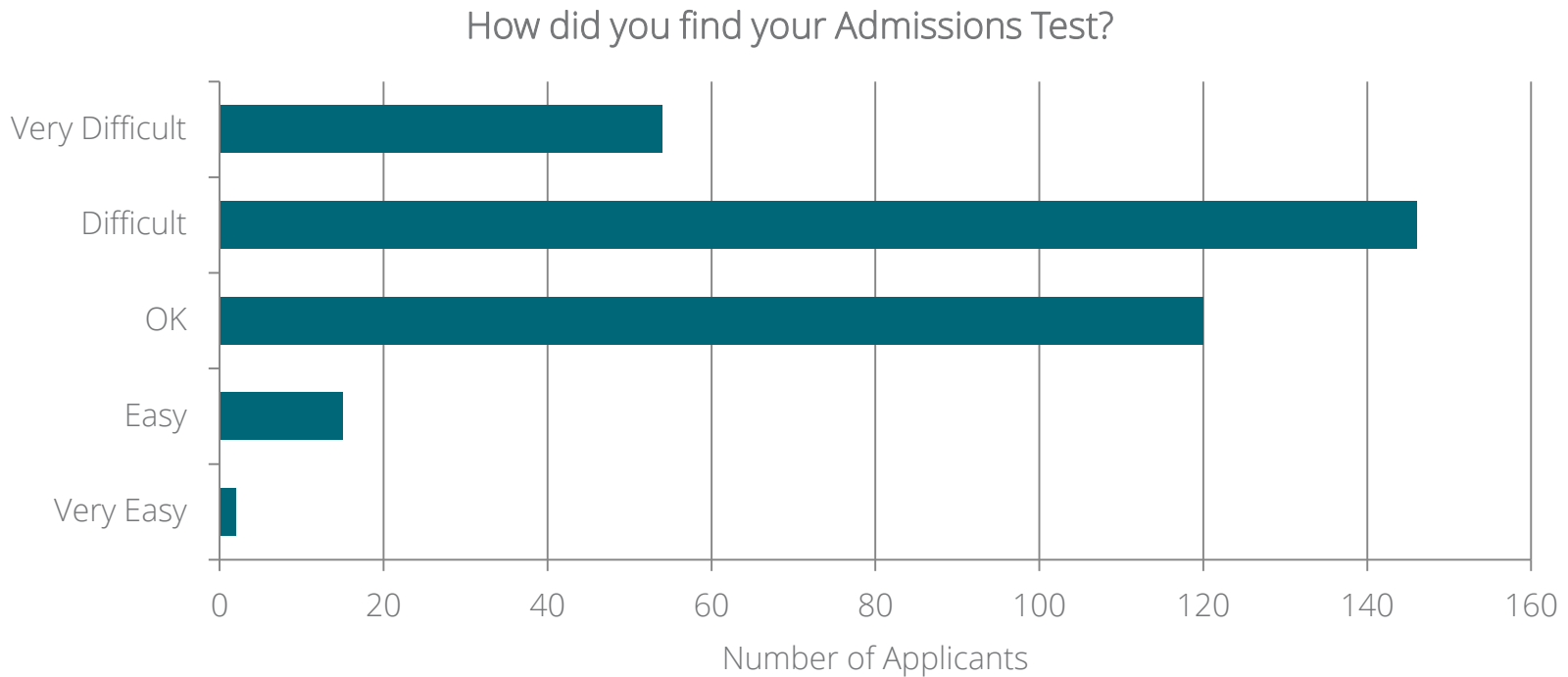


Percentage of students who sat an Admissions Test -
Cambridge



Many more Oxford applicants sit an admissions test as part of their application, and these are centralized and before interviews. The percentage is lower for Cambridge, with college as well as course choice a factor in determining if a student has to sit an admissions test.

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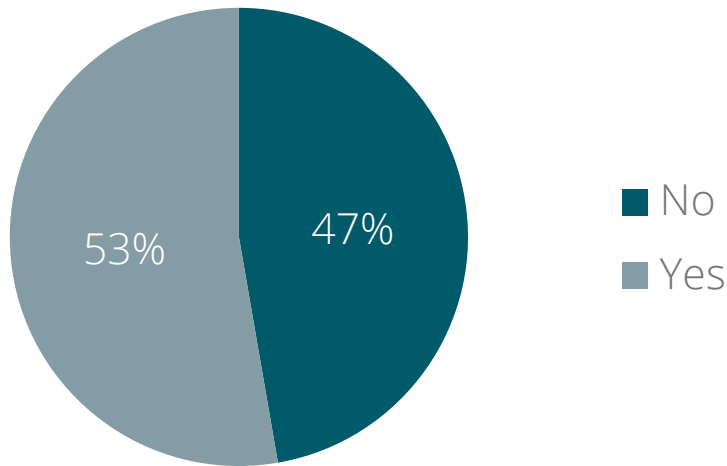


A common feature in our Annual Surveys is that many candidates have difficulty with Admissions Tests.

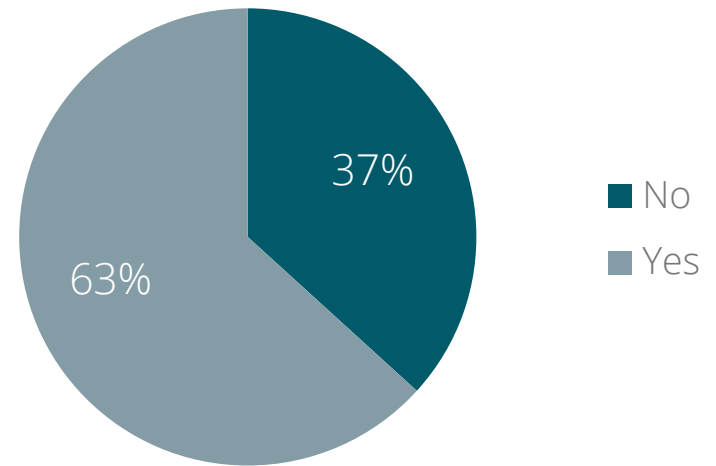
INTERVIEWS

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Cambridge



Oxford

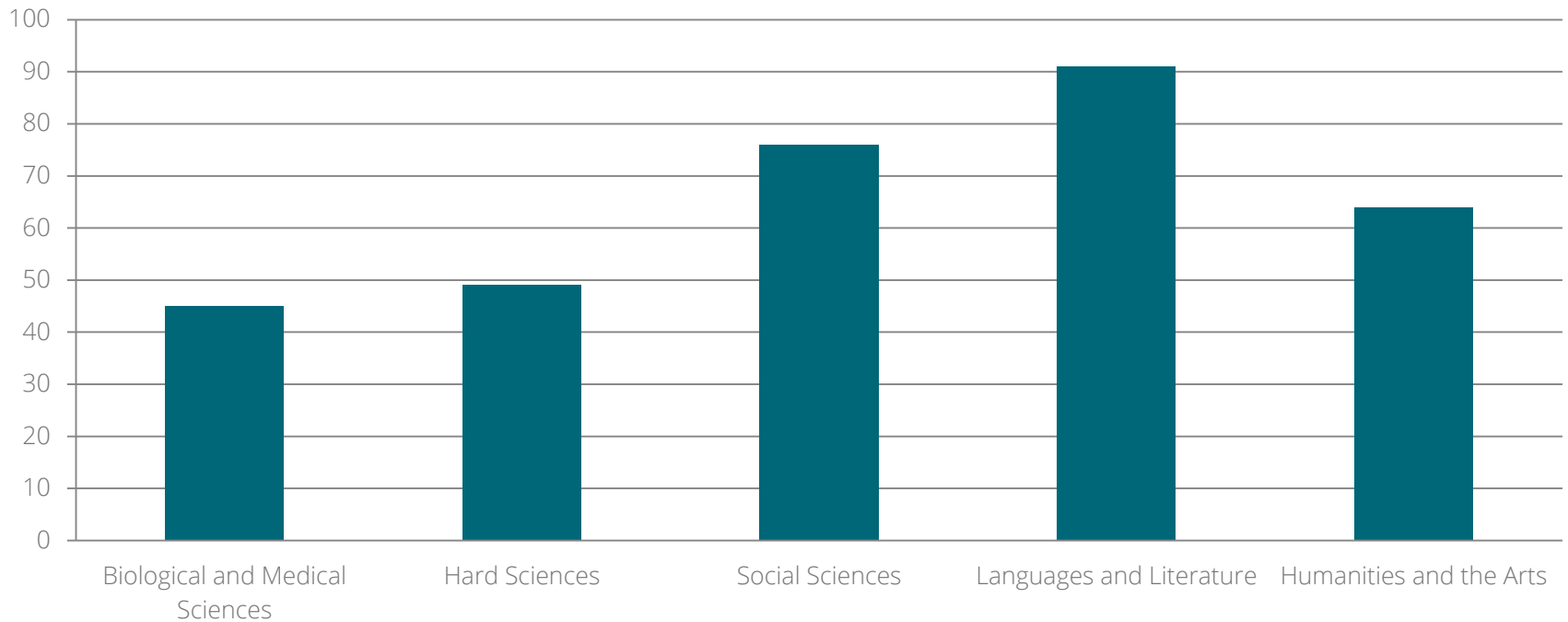


A majority of students were asked about their Personal Statement at interview, with slightly more Oxford applicants being questioned on this element of their application.

INTERVIEWS

UNSEEN MATERIAL

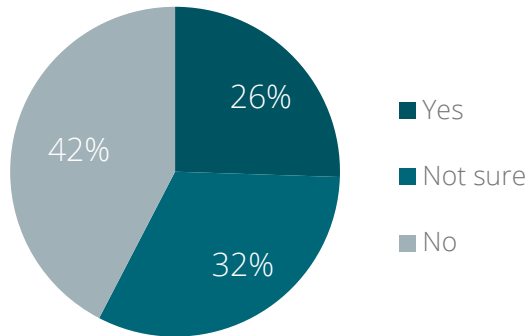
Percentage of Applicants given unseen material at interview, by subject group



Most students are also presented with some unseen material in the interview process. This varies quite significantly by subject group, but we always advise candidates to practice tackling such challenges before the interview itself.

REAPPLICATIONS

Would you consider reapplying to Oxbridge?



Over half of our unsuccessful respondents would not rule out reapplying.

The interview and Admissions Tests were the areas where such candidates would have sought more help.

Where would you have liked more help with your application?

