

Ref: 202512/1292

13 January 2026

Reply to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act	
Your ref	Email of 10 th December 2025
Request	<p>I have received answers to some of these questions so we can limit the scope of this request to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The name of Moore's academic advisor for his Masters of Letters degree.• Confirmation that Moore was a DPhil Candidate at Oxford in 2006.• The name of Moore's academic advisor for his doctoral candidacy. <p>Moore's full name is Westley Watende Omari Moore. He claimed to be a "DPhil Candidate" in 2006 at Oxford University at the top of this application he submitted in 2006 to be a White House Fellow, a prestigious post he later obtained, according to this press release. See the screenshot below where Moore claimed to be a "DPhil Candidate" in 2006 at Oxford University</p>

Dear Andrew,

I write in reply to your email requesting the information detailed above.

ITEM 1

The University confirms it holds information that falls within the scope of your request. However, we will not disclose it, as we consider that it is exempt from disclosure under s.40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

The information requested contains personal data, that is, information that identifies and relates to the individual in question. Section 40(2) provides an exemption from disclosure for information that is the personal data of an individual other than the requester, where disclosure would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the UK GDPR. We consider that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle, which requires that personal data is processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would be unfair to them, because it would be contrary to their reasonable and legitimate expectations. Consequently, they would not reasonably expect that information about them would be made public under the FOIA without consent. For this reason, there would be no lawful basis to disclose the information under Article 6.1(a) of the UK GDPR.

Since the request is specifically for information relating to them, there is no possibility of releasing information in an anonymised form.

The exemption in section 40(2) is an absolute exemption and not subject to the public interest test provided for in section 2(2)(b) of the FOIA. To the extent that there is any public interest in disclosure, the University does not consider it to be sufficient to outweigh the rights of individual concerned.

**ITEM 2-3**

The University neither confirms nor denies that it holds the information requested. No inference should be drawn from this refusal to confirm or deny that the information requested does or does not exist. Section 40(5B)(a)(i) and (ii) of FOIA allows a public authority to neither confirm nor deny whether it holds requested information if to confirm or deny that it holds the information would in itself involve the disclosure of information that would/would be likely to reveal any personal data of a third-party.

INTERNAL REVIEW

If you are dissatisfied with this reply, you may ask the University to review it by e-mailing foi@admin.ox.ac.uk. A request for internal review should be submitted no later than 40 working days from the date of this letter.

THE INFORMATION COMMISSIONER

If, after the internal review, you are still dissatisfied, you have the right under FOIA to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision as to whether your request has been dealt with in accordance with the FOIA. You can do this online using the [Information Commissioner's complaints portal](#).

Yours sincerely

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