

Dear Colleague

Please find attached an advance copy of our 2014 End of Cycle report and the accompanying press release.

The report will be published on the UCAS website just after midnight on Friday 19 December 2014 – until that time it remains **confidential information**. We are sharing it with you in advance so that you and your teams are able to prepare responses to any enquiries you may receive.

This year's report is our most comprehensive analysis to date of recruitment to full time undergraduate courses in the UK.

Underneath the headline figure of more than half a million students accepted onto courses for the first time, the report provides a rich picture of demand and outcomes for higher education in the UK, entry rates, and qualifications – through the lens of both the applicant and higher education providers.

It provides information across and within the four nations of the UK and in addition analyses demand and entry by domicile, age, background, ethnic group and qualifications. For the first time, we have looked at entry rates for each parliamentary constituency which show arresting differences. Some areas are close to sending half of young people to university, while others see under 15% entering.

As last year, we will make all of the graphs in the report available as data files so that others can use them in their own analysis.

We hope that this report is a useful resource for everyone involved in higher education and we welcome any feedback on ways that we might strengthen it in the future.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or suggestions.

May I also take this opportunity to send you and all your colleagues every good wish for the Christmas season. All of us in UCAS look forward to supporting a successful admissions year in 2015.

Best wishes

Mary