



From the Principal Bursar

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Sent by email: [REDACTED]

21 August 2024

Dear [REDACTED],

I am replying to your Freedom of Information request to the College, which was received by the Freedom of Information Officer on 25 July 2024.

For clarity, here is your original text followed by the College's responses:

I'm writing to request information regarding your College's investments under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Could you please provide the following information:

1. The direct and indirect investments that your College has held in Israeli-domiciled companies, as well as any companies domiciled in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, or Occupied Syrian Golan. Please provide this information for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, and any information available for 2023/24.

The College has not held direct or indirect investments in Israeli-domiciled companies for the years in question.

2. The direct and indirect investments that your College has held in companies complicit in Israeli occupation. Please provide this information for the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, and any information available for 2023/24. As I assume that this may not a category that is accounted for in general investment reporting, please see the list below of companies that I would like this information for:

Caterpillar Inc.

J.C. Bamford Excavators Limited (JCB)

Any companies on the OHCHR's database of business enterprises involved in illegal Israeli settlements, linked here: <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/hrcouncil/sessions-regular/session31/database-hrc3136/23-06-30-Update-israeli-settlement-opt-database-hrc3136.pdf>

Hewlett-Packard Company

Siemens

The College has not held direct or indirect investments in the four companies mentioned above (Caterpillar, J.C. Bamford, Hewlett-Packard, Siemens) for the years in question.

We currently have one direct holding in a company included in the OHCHR's database (booking.com). Our investment managers have been engaging with senior representatives at the company and will continue to monitor the situation.

We hold c.21% of our equity portfolio in two investment trackers: Vanguard Total World Stock Index Fund (3%) and Vanguard Global Small Cap Index Fund (18%). The current listing of their holdings are publicly available [VT-Vanguard Total World Stock ETF | Vanguard](#) and [Global Small-Cap Index Fund - Accumulation \(vanguardinvestor.co.uk\)](#) and do include some of the companies listed in the OHCHR database. Investments into both those funds were made during 2022.

If you wish to request a review of this response, you should write to me at the above address in the first instance. The entire set of correspondence will be passed for review to another person in the College. If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of a review, you have the right to make a complaint to the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely,



Principal Bursar