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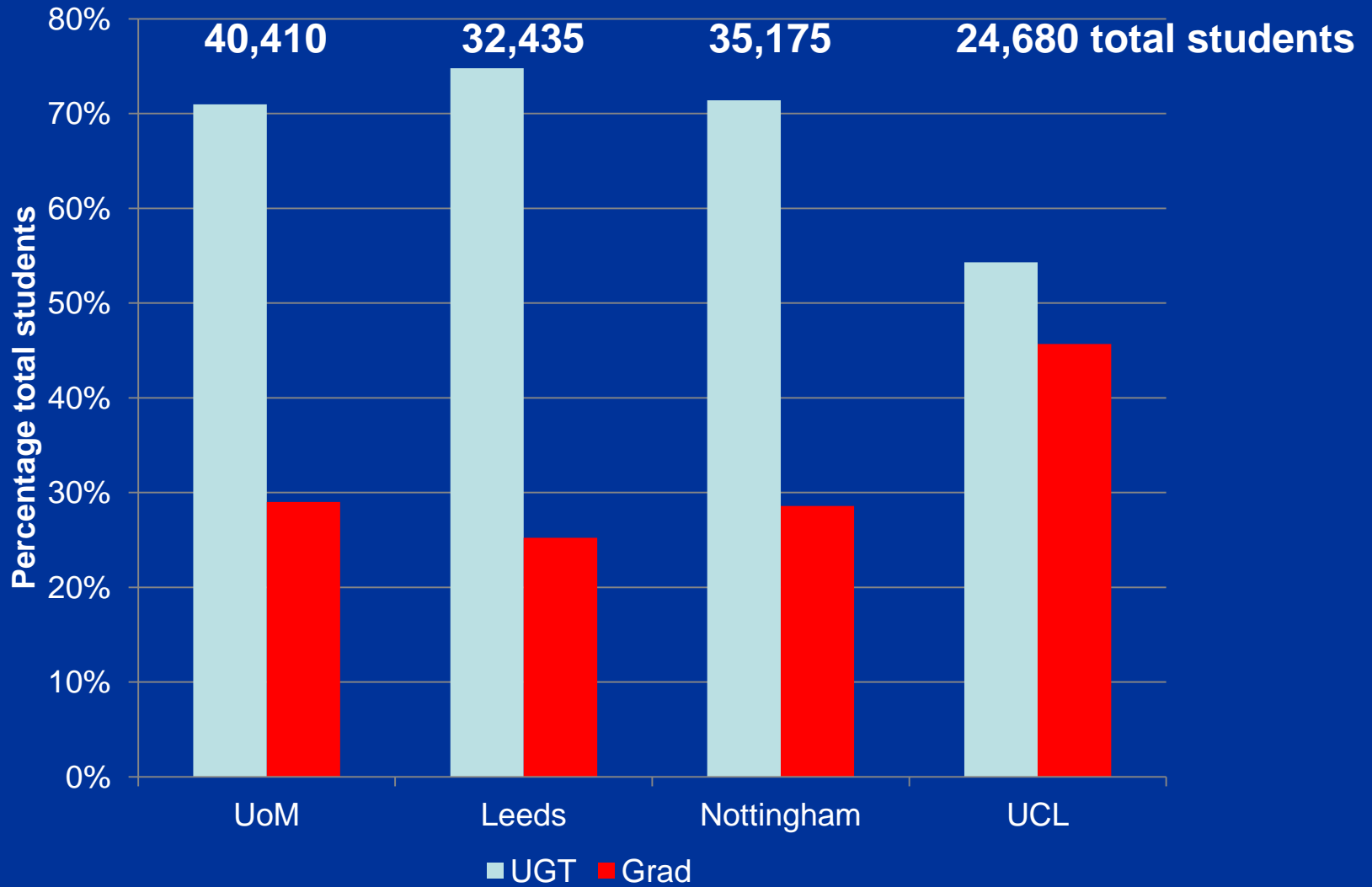
Context : University of Manchester

- **Student profile**
- **Intake Management**

Admissions

- **Previous process**
- **Deregulated numbers**
- **Confirmation and Clearing**
- **Widening Participation**

Student Profile UG: Graduate students (HESA 2010/11)



**University: Intake Management Group
Directorate for Student Experience**

- Admissions
- Intern. Development
- Recruitment
- Widening Participation

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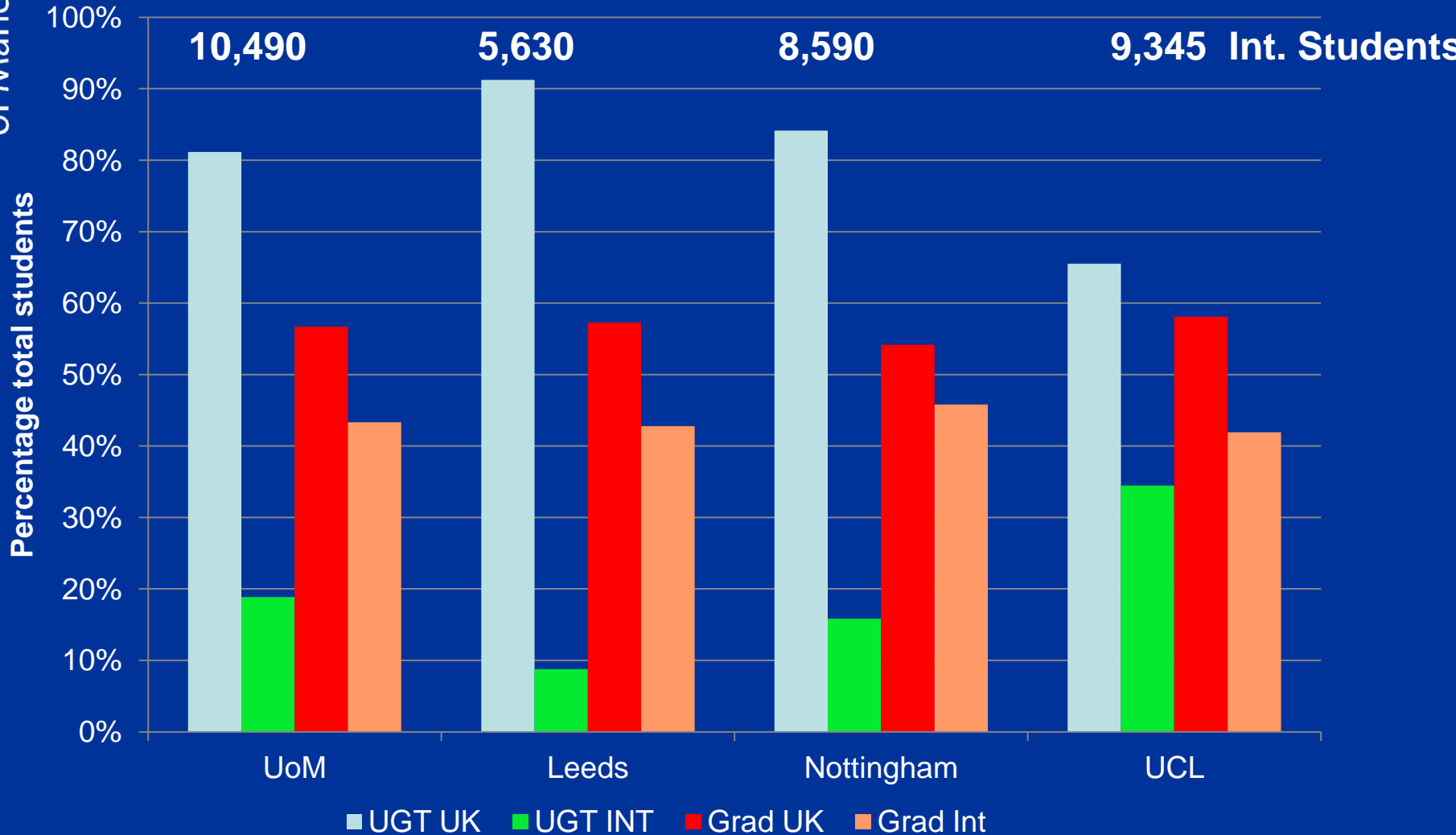
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Faculties

Schools

Student Profile - International (HESA 2010/11)



SECURING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF HIGHER
EDUCATION FUNDING & STUDENT FINANCE.

12 October 2010

www.independent.gov.uk/browne-report

March 2011/01
Guidance

This document gives guidance to institutions on how to produce access agreements for 2012-13.

All institutions that will be doing this should have sent a draft access agreement to OFA by Friday 10 April 2011.

How to produce an access agreement for 2012-13

offa
office for fair access



The old days

- In the past Universities received a block teaching grant based on an agreed allocation of overall student numbers.
 - Broadly, we had to recruit to within a 5% tolerance band of this overall number
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|----------|--------------|-----|---------|--------|
| • Band A | Medical | 4 | £15.8 K | (10K) |
| • Band B | Lab. Based | 1.7 | £ 6.7 | (1.5K) |
| • Band C | Part Lab. | 1.3 | £ 5.1 | |
| • Band D | Arts & Hums. | 1.0 | £ 3.9 | |

The old days (cont)

- Let's imagine the following:
 - A University has 5,000 places
 - If has 25,000 applications
 - It knows that for every offer it makes to a student, around 1 in 3 end up coming either through being their firm or insurance offer
 - It would therefore make approximately 15,000 offers of places
- Through careful offer-making and confirmation/clearing, numbers could be managed to within 5% of this 5,000 figure

New Student Number Controls

- For 2012 entry all Universities now have to manage two cohorts of students:
 - An maximum upper limit of students that it can recruit below AAB which is strictly controlled by the government
 - A particular number of students it wishes to recruit above AAB – which has no external limits set by government

National Policy Context

Continued pressure on public funding

- Overall number of student places remains tightly capped.
- ‘Core/Margin’ places: extra student numbers allocated to lower cost providers

Encouragement of greater competition between HEIs

- Students at AAB+ are deregulated and outside of overall student number controls

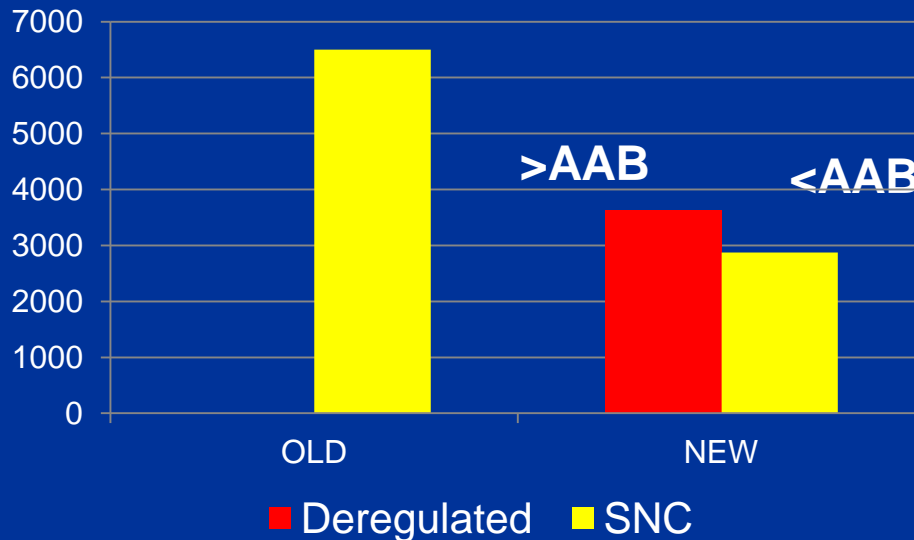
New Student Number Controls

- For 2012/13 some 20,000 places have been allocated to HEIs with lower average fees (increases to 25,000 in 2013/14)
- For 2012/13 all AAB+ students (c85,000 places) freed from student number controls. There is NO LIMIT on the number of these students any HEI may choose to recruit
- For 2013/14 all ABB+ students (c120,000 places – a third of all student places) will be freed from student number controls

How does this work in practice?

- All HEIs had their % of students at AAB+ 'stripped out' of their Student Number Control (SNC) based on previous data
- There are strict SNC limits on non-AAB
- They can only go above their SNC if students are AAB+
- This affects different HEIs in different ways:
- UoM: new SNC = 2,875 (7,085 in 2011/12)
- MMU: new SNC = 6,604 (8,121 in 2011/12)
- Oxford: new SNC = 588 (3,171 in 2011/12)

How does this work in practice?



Taking ourselves as an example:

- Our SNC = 2,875. This is the *maximum* number of students we can recruit at below AAB. There are very large penalties if you over-recruit on this strict limit
- If we want to take in around 6,500 students a balance of 3,625 can only be made up with AAB or above.

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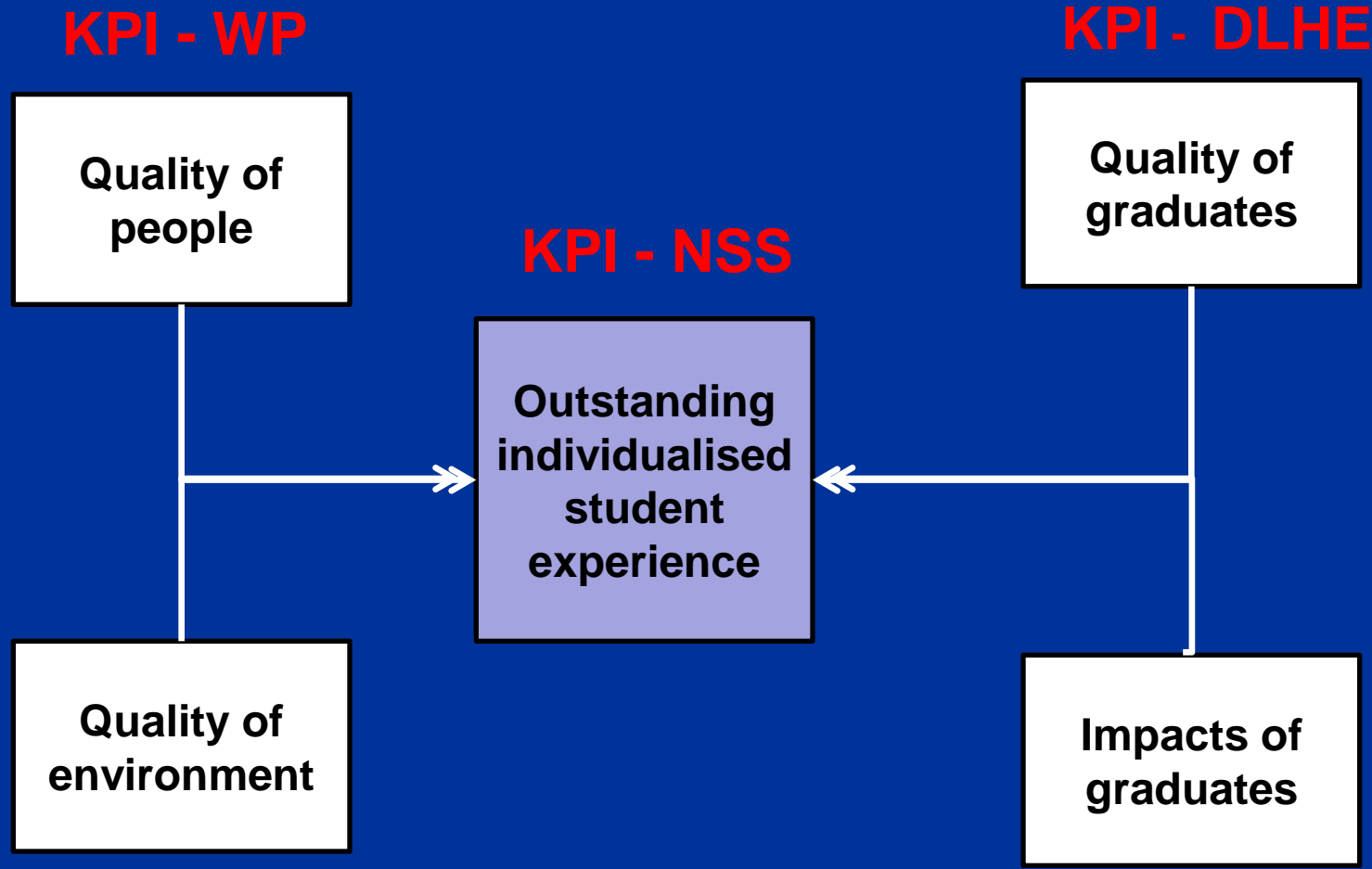
What is an AAB+ student in 2012/13?

- AAB = A*A*D / A*BB / A*AC etc
- General Studies IS included
- There are AAB equivalences for BTEC, Scottish Highers, Irish & IB
- There are no AAB equivalences for European qualifications so they form part of the SNC and take up limited non-AAB places

What does this means to applicants?

- AAB+ students will be premium since they fall outside SNC and incur no penalty
- The odds of getting in with AAB+ and below AAB *if grades are missed* may vary from University to University
- Achieving conditions of offer is therefore still the only guarantee of entry!
- Clearing and confirmation will be much busier in 2012 than in 2011.

University Strategic Plan and KPIs





What short and long term implications do you feel these policies will have for applicants?