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Application numbers fall for third consecutive year

● York acceptance levels continue to rise ● 15% applications drop since 2007/08

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UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS have admitted they are “concerned” after York suffered a drop in number of applications for the third year in a row. Despite having fewer applications, the number of students accepted to the University has continued to rise.

Statistics released to *Nouse* show the University has suffered below average growth in applications for five consecutive years, of which the number of applications has fallen for the last three. Between 2005/06 and 2008/09

the number of applications to York fell from 21,441 to 19,385 - a drop of 2,056.

Despite falling numbers of applications, the number of students accepted has risen steadily in the last three years, going from 2,376 in 2005/06 to 2,745 in 2007/08. Acceptance figures for the 2008/09 academic year are not yet available.

Applications for 2008/09 were 15% lower than the previous year across all departments excluding Law and Film, Theatre and Television, which were both created in 2007. Of the 24 departments in existence during 2007/08, 21 saw a decrease in applications. The

departments of Educational Studies and Electronics were the worst affected, with both seeing drops of 44%.

A UCAS spokesperson said that applications across the country fell by 7% in 2008/09, largely due to the decision to reduce the number of choices an applicant can make from six to five. The 15% drop seen at York is 8% higher than the national average.

University Press Officer David Garner admitted that the increase in number of applications accepted was linked to the Heslington East expansion. He said: “The University is committed to growth, and with the establishment of new

departments, we expect to see a rise in applications and a rise in enrolled students.”

Garner denied that the combination of falling applications and increased acceptances meant less qualified students were being accepted, saying: “Applicants to this University continue to be of a very high standard.”

When asked whether the University was concerned by the size of the fall for 2008/09, Garner said: “We are concerned about any dip in applications and the

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Langwith bar opening delayed

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