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Headline: Ivy League's Dartmouth College Reinstates Standardised Tests For Admissions

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Summary: Dartmouth College is breaking ranks with its elite US university peers by reinstating a requirement for standardised test results put on hold during the pandemic. Research commissioned by Dartmouth concluded that dropping the requirement for tests did not increase the diversity of candidates. It found that those from lower socio-economic backgrounds did not apply or submit test scores which would have strengthened their case if they believed erroneously that they were too low. It found that grade point averages given by high school teachers based on performance in their classes and recommendations by college counsellors were far less reliable indicators of student performance once they reached university than SATs. Those admitted to Dartmouth without SATs on average only scored better than the lowest 30% of the total intake in their first-year university exams.

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