

Hello,

Thank you for your concerns about not attending lectures.

I will not be using the check-in app for the following reasons:

The app is developed by the Israeli company 'ExLibris'. ExLibris' headquarters are in occupied Jerusalem, meaning ExLibris' provides economic support for the terrorist state of Israel. The university has so far ignored students demands to boycott and divest from Israeli companies that are complicit in genocide and apartheid. This is after the recent SU motion which has shown support of Palestine, further showing this universities failure to commit to decolonisation.

The app using live tracking which feels invasive and ignores important security concerns. We as students are have been told it is up to us to work hard for our degree and that we need to be self-motivated, and this app undermines this. We are aware of the work we have to put in to get our degree, and do not need to be tracked to ensure we put in the amount of work required.

The primary function of the app is to track international students to ensure they are meeting their visa requirements. The information, therefore, can be used by the police to deport students of this university. The university should be exercising its duty of care towards students and enabling them to dive deeper into their subjects, not making it easier for students to be unjustly deported and preventing them from earning their degree.

The app also disproportionality affects disabled people. There are numerous reasons people would not be able to attend regularly that are not recognised by a diagnosis, which the university often ignores. Measuring effort by attendance degrades these people and makes it harder for them to be able to work towards their degree.

For further information, please see our demands as written by Student Action Bristol: <https://forms.gle/ArwpWmHw9rLbmAtS9>

We will continue to boycott until these demands are met.

Disclaimer: we do not know how the university will respond.

We recommend moving the opening line if this is not in response to a specific email.

We recommend sending this to your tutor or head of faculty, and Evelyn Welch's email:
vc-team@bristol.ac.uk