WARNING OF A SCAM DIRECTED AT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The University has been advised that a ‘scam’ is in operation, targeting International students in particular.

If you receive any suspicious telephone calls, please contact the International Student Advisory Service immediately.

This scam is intended to trick students into paying money to a criminal group and has been reported to happen as follows, however this method may vary:

- A student is contacted by someone claiming to represent the police (or other official body) from the student’s home country. They have information about the student and are very convincing;
- They tell the student that they are suspected of a significant money laundering crime and that they and their family are at risk;
- They are told not to alert British police;
- They are asked for money (sometimes many thousands of pounds) to make sure that they and their family are safe, and are not dishonoured;
- They are encouraged to borrow money to pay the supposed debt;
- They are isolated from their friends, receive constant phone calls, and are emotionally manipulated to make them more vulnerable;
- They are told to stage fake scenarios to encourage their family to give more money.

If you are contacted by any organisation matching the above description, who request that you pay money of any amount, do not provide the caller with any contact details.

If possible please take a telephone number from the caller, but if this is not possible, end the telephone call immediately and contact the International Student Advisory Service immediately.

The International Student Advisory Service is located on the 3rd Floor of University Centre (R23 on the Edgbaston Campus Map)