

How are Students Feeling?

To say that students are struggling is an understatement. Students were promised the best years of their lives but have been given the worst. The lack of thought about students is astonishing and they know that they are not cared about. They aren't seen as struggling youth that needs support, they're seen as money bags for the landlords, universities and government.

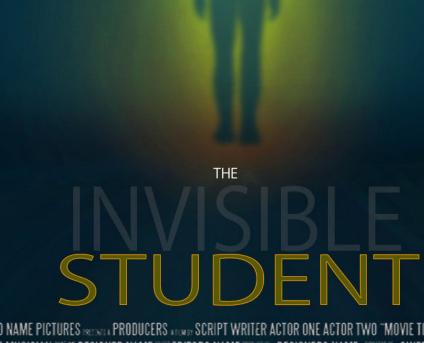
Students are told to go back to university, that everything is fine only to be blamed when the pandemic worsens. This just piles more stress on to their already overburdened shoulders. To think that students can handle all that stress with no detrimental effect is ignorant at best and possibly negligent.

Schools and colleges get taken care of, they get polices put in place to make sure that their education isn't affected by detrimental factors they have no control over. Yet university students get nothing. The fact that they don't even get mentioned in the announcement shows just how much the government cares about students. How do you think it feels to be overlooked by your own government? Not even worthy enough for a mention.

The government has been screwing over students for too long, how much longer do young people have to go through such struggles just to get a better education?

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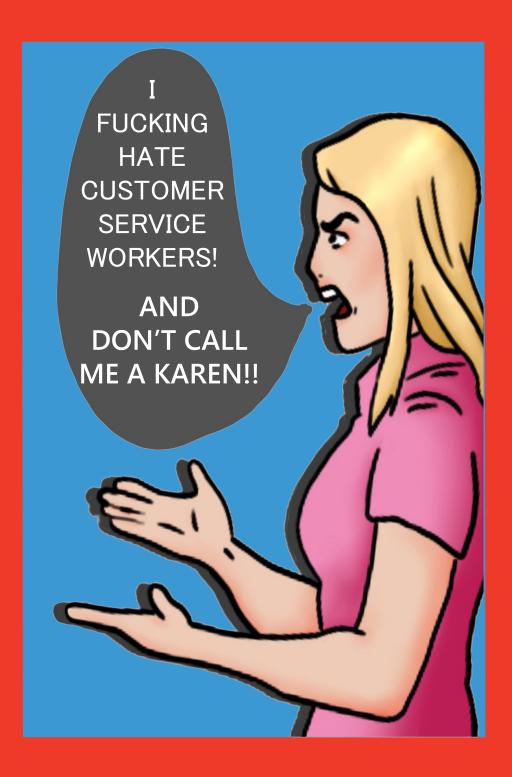


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EAT OUT AND PISS OFF

We all heard about the Eat Out to Help Out scheme, lots of us used it and many of us worked through it. I worked during Eat Out to Help Out as a waitress. I had four years' experience as a waitress before the scheme and I have never had a worse time working than during it!

The pub I worked at was slowly picking up business after lockdown ended when suddenly Eat Out to Help Out hit. I had no idea how busy it was going to be, might've made no difference for all that I knew. The day before the scheme was due to start the waiting staff got a single page of A4 telling us everything we needed to know, which was mainly how the discount works on the till.

The second week was when it really went to hell, the phone would never stop ringing, people wanting to book a table for that day when we were fully booked already. This meant you spent 20 minutes telling them "there's no room at the inn" and them not believing you because they think that's where you get your kicks.

Add to this the constant flow of people that wander in looking for tables that you don't have because they're either booked in the next 10 minutes or there's people sat at them! Of course that's all our fault because we should've known that this table that hadn't booked just walked in.

During Eat Out to Help Out I had to deal with the rudest customers I have ever encountered all whilst risking catching covid-19 and living with a family member that is vulnerable. The customers would continually fail to socially distance from each other or me and when you directly tell someone to keep their distance they just ignore you.

Even though I was made redundant due to the pandemic and have no way to get a new job in my field until the pubs reopen I still don't want Eat Out to Help Out to happen again. It almost broke me to my core both mentally and physically. Customer service staff should not have to deal with customers swearing in their faces when you're trying to help them.



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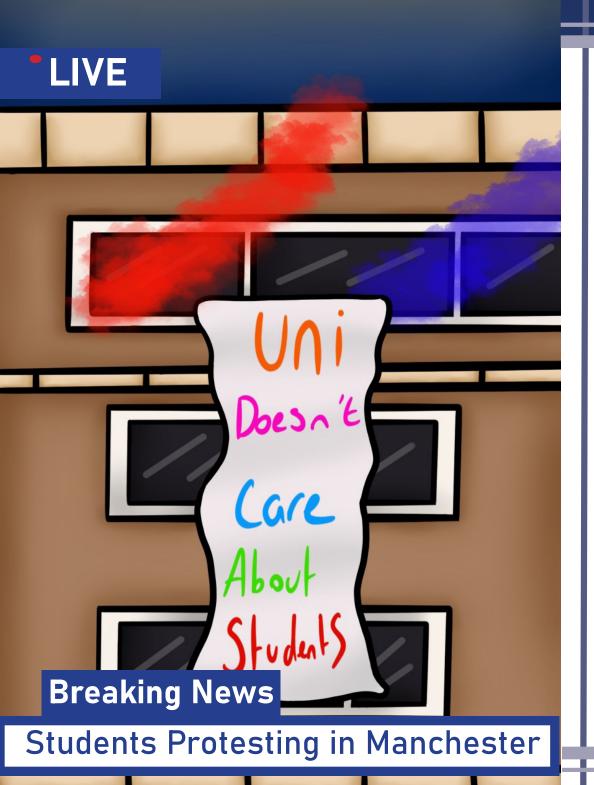
"Can i go back to uni and move into my accommodation?"

"Sure."

"Don't forget to pay rent"







Manchester Student Protest

A moment that is marked in students' heads is what happened at Manchester University. The students living in a Manchester University accommodation woke up to being fenced in and without any prior notice. The students then protested and tore down the fences which admittedly was disgraceful.

However, it highlighted the poor relationship between students and universities and increased the existing levels of distrust. When you see someone else in the same situation as you treated that badly it makes you wonder if there anything to stop your own university doing

the same thing.

Even more shocking is how many students didn't know about this student protest. Why didn't this information reach more students? Is it because students don't look at the news or is it because this wasn't considered newsworthy by the mainstream media? When I investigated news coverage of this protest there were only a handful of articles about it, and none were about how it was resolved.

The whole situation shows the total lack of thought and trust that universities have in their students.



Should Students Be Refunded?

£8,500 is the average cost of online university. So why are university students being asked to pay the full £9,250 per year cost of "in person" teaching when they're only getting an online course.

Universities are asking the same amount for teaching that is worth less than promised. Students pay the fees in exchange for high quality in person teaching and use of university facilities. However, this is not happening. In addition students have received no additional aid or support to overcome the challenges this presents. School children are getting the utmost care to make sure that their learning has not been disrupted but university students, who are paying for the privilege have been forgotten about.

During the pandemic students have been told that it is a hard time, but they just must just deal with it and get through it. We're told there's someone we can contact if we need assistance or support but the information is just thrown on a forum that you need to search for.

Paying all that money to be taught one day a week, the simple fact is that this level of teaching is not worth the cost and students are being ripped off. Who else would be expected to stand for that? Who would willingly accept a system that is scamming about 410, 000 students?

This is a nationwide farce at the expense of the youth!

Should Students Protest?

#SCREAM 4 STUDENTS

Students protesting is a real possibility it's already been done in Manchester but on a small scale. So maybe the way to get attention is to do it on a wider and bigger national scale. That may be the only way that the government will give students the time of day and take their suffering seriously.

However, if students protested in a non-covid-safe way public opinion would be against us and students would again be seen in a negative light.

So how to protest in a covid safe

way? How about Scream for Students every Thursday at 8pm to replace the weekly Clap for Carers.

It has to be a scream because I think this is what students feel like doing now due to all the frustration and all the stress they're feeling.

Even if the protest doesn't achieve a reduction in tuition fees, a good weekly communal scream will at least allow students to vent their anger.

Scream at 8PM Every Thursday to Protest for:

- Refund Rent
- Goverment Ignoring Students
- Students Mental Health
- Loss of Youth
- No Communication
- Aid for Online Teaching
- Refund for Bad Teaching



Online Learning Really that Good?

The words online teaching/ learning don't really show what it's like. Unless you're currently doing online learning then you probably don't know the difference between this and traditional methods of teaching.

The government would like you to believe that there's no difference at all, that the quality of teaching is the same but that is a lie. The quality of teaching has gone down significantly and there seems to be a lack of care, thought and drive in both students and teachers.

When going from in person teaching to online you lose something. There is no sense of community and online teaching is isolating. You lose the moments when you randomly talk to someone because you ended up sitting next to them or you were put together in a group. How are first year university students expected to build friendships with each other or even get to know anyone on their course?

During the pandemic students are feeling more alone than ever and it's even harder to reach out. It doesn't help that because the teaching isn't helping and supporting them in the same way that in person teaching would that students feel abandoned and lost. This leads to students struggling with their mental health and leads to less drive and less engagement.

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NOT ALL MEN BUT Too Many Women

I do not understand why when someone mentions a woman being sexually assaulted, some people say "not all men."

As if that fixes the problem and means the woman was never sexually assaulted, immediately invalidating the woman's experience and changing the narrative to the men's story not the women's.

Instead of not all men it should be too many women. People focus on when men get accused of sexually assaulting a woman that their lives fall apart. They ignore the young women whose lives get torn apart.

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Video Games Aren't Violent





Video Games DO NOT Cause Violence

You hear it a lot on the news or from your grandparents, they say "oh you shouldn't play those games." This is frustrating, especially if you really like playing them. I always knew the old folks were wrong but didn't have the energy to fight my family about it at every gathering.

However, there is a fact that I overlooked that could stop any argument. There were two world wars before video games even existed, the top two most violent events in the history of the world. Video games are based on them and violence inspires video games.

If someone decides to commit a violent act then it's highly unlikely the reason is because of a video game, it's because of the person. They were always going to be violent. Blaming it on video games is taking away the individual's responsibility for their own actions. It gives excuses where none are needed.

Why is an activity that causes no harm, and is something that gives joy to many young people, considered bad? Why must something be taken away that doesn't cause harm.

It seems that repeatedly the youth's joy is taken away from them and this isn't something that can keep happening time and again to the youth. It takes away from the excitement, energy and pure joy that comes from video games.

How Has The Pandemic Effected Your Mental Health?

These are all quotes from students asked this question.

"Extreme Anxiety"

"A bit. Really wish to eat out and go somewhere far for a short/long trip."

"I've had no major changes to my mental health, but generally my mood and motivation have been much lower than usual. I generally have been more emotional and much less productive. Just feel a little pfffft"

"I definitely feel drained and I feel burntout an awful lot."

"I have been extremely depressed and have felt super isolated."

"Being able to spend more time with my family was fun, but the stress of making sure your loved ones aren't at risk and not being able to socialise properly really does take its toll sometimes."

"A nice healthy dose of depression and anxiety"

"My parents got sick, my grandmother is in a hospital and I can't get in to visit her, so my mental health is at stake and some days it's better and some days it's worse"

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