

Dear Francis,

Thank you for your letter of Wednesday 17 September. The Vice-Chancellor has asked me to respond on her behalf.

As you know, DUCU has no specific remit for student matters.

However, for your information, you should be aware the University worked actively and extensively with other universities, Universities UK and the UK Government to establish safe pathways for individuals holding offers to study at UK universities to leave Gaza and pursue their studies in this country. You may have seen on yesterday's news that 34 students have arrived in the UK

We continue to work very closely with the Durham Palestine Educational Trust and others to support our Palestinian students.

It is University policy not to comment on the specific circumstances of our students or our offer holders.

We have outlined in our previous letters to DUCU on the situation in the Middle East, and in our published statement, that the University's priority has always been the welfare, safety and security of our students, staff and wider community. We encourage actively community cohesion. This remains the case.

Yours,

Claire

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