

Dear Students,

You should all have received an email from the university addressing the incoming rise in tuition fees. While this may not come as a surprise to some of you, the news is most likely new to many of you. We would like to take a moment to assure you that the Students' Union have done everything to ensure that this increased income to the university will be pledged appropriately. I am writing to inform you that while the rise in tuition fees was passed in 2015/16, in the New Year we have negotiated with the university to ensure that a proportion of this money is spent only to benefit the students. I am awaiting figures from the Principal and her senior leadership team on exactly how much of the rise will be used for the three areas mentioned in the email, including:

- Refurbishment of the second floor and the Students' Union space
- [SGUL Change](#)
- Access to Learning Funds

The Principal has had honest conversations with us regarding where and how this money should be spent. Rest assured that we will hold the university accountable, ensuring that the money does not simply enter a black hole, but rather will be used to improve your learning environment. The university has already invested in new teaching spaces and we are confident that this will remain a priority.

We do not view this rise in tuition fees as a defeat. We are using it as an opportunity for our University to further improve our facilities and experience here at St George's.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions about the rise in fees please do not hesitate to contact myself or Tanisha directly. We will also be holding another Teaching Excellence Framework open meeting on Monday 16th January at 12:00PM in H2.5 Boardroom, here you will have the opportunity to ask the Principal and other staff members about the fee rise and voice your opinion on where you feel the areas requiring investment are. (A free pizza lunch will also be provided).

If you are unable to attend the open meeting, please email across your questions to president@su.sgul.ac.uk.

**Best Wishes,
Corey Briffa
President
St George's Students' Union 2016-17**