

Motion to support the Matthew Boulton Two

This Union notes

1. On Friday 9th December two students at Matthew Boulton College, Assed Baig and Darrell Williams, received a letter informing them that they had been suspended 'with immediate effect for an indefinite period'.
2. The letter refers to an 'incident' on the 6th December when the two students were approached by security guards for distributing a newsletter. They were questioned, had their identity cards removed and were prevented from re-entering the college premises.
3. The newsletter contains the students' views on international and national issues, student apathy and several criticisms of college policy. It is in no way offensive.
4. The appeal decision from the Governors of Matthew Boulton College was due on Tuesday 31st January has not yet been received by the two expelled students.

This Union believes:

1. Students have a right to organise, to express their views on political questions and to criticise their institutions policies and practices.
2. These students were acting within their rights and should not have been suspended. This suspension is impeding their ability to complete their UCAS applications and if not lifted immediately could seriously jeopardise their chances of finding a university place.

This Union resolves:

1. To write to the college principle urging that the suspension is lifted immediately.
2. To send a letter of support to the students.