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POSTGRADUATE STUDY SPACE IN MAIN ARTS

I am a postgraduate research student in the School of Social Sciences, and I wanted to outline some ongoing challenges regarding access to suitable study space.

Until recently, our PGR cohort had two dedicated offices in the Main Arts Building. The ground-floor room has since been refurbished into a commuter lounge, and as its main user, I no longer have access to that space. The remaining PGR office on the mezzanine floor has been quiet over the summer, but with September approaching and more students returning, I am concerned that it may again become too busy for focused research work.

I have also been using Pontio during late evenings when other spaces are unavailable. However, the top floors are often not quiet enough for research. For example, on 21 July at around 10 p.m., several students entered the study area near me, removed their shoes, played music, discussed plagiarism issues, and made video calls until 12:30 a.m. On another night, two people were laughing loudly at 2 a.m. on the fifth floor. Last week at around 2 a.m., two shirtless students were running and shouting near PL5. These incidents make it difficult to rely on Pontio as a late-night study environment.

I appreciate the temporary arrangements that have been made so far. However, since last September, PGR students and staff have not been able to access the Main Arts Building during night-time or weekends.

This has significantly affected my schedule, especially as I work part-time during the day and occasionally conduct virtual interviews with scholars and housing professionals in East Asia. The repurposing of the ground-floor PGR room in June also removed a quiet space that I previously used for both study and virtual meetings.

While weekend access to Pontio's third floor has been helpful, it remains limited. I would be very grateful for any support the Student Union can offer in advocating for a quiet study environment with 24/7 access for PGR students, or in facilitating a discussion with staff in my school to explore a similar arrangement. In my previous undergraduate and postgraduate studies at Manchester and Newcastle, such provision was standard. I also understand that Bangor University's School of Psychology offers its PGR students a dedicated research office, which raises concerns about fairness and consistency across schools.

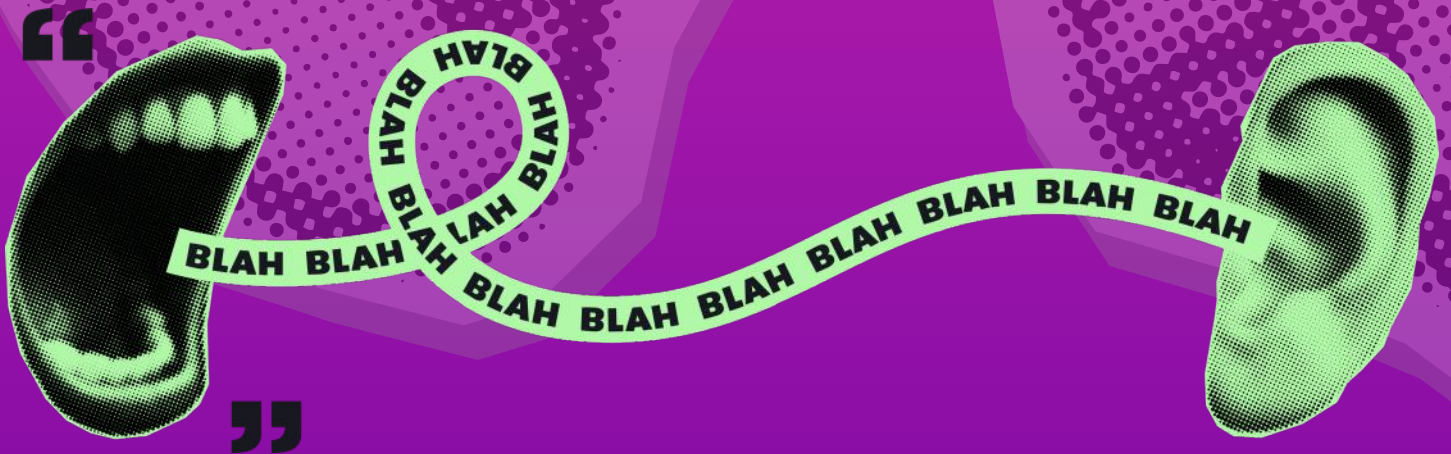
A university should be a place where students can study without extensive restrictions on when and where that study can take place. I believe the recent changes have created significant difficulties not only for me but also for other research students and academic staff.

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