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To: Edinburgh University Kehillah

We have just written to the Edinburgh University Justice for Palestine Society (EU-JPS) to remind them that their blockade of the entrances to Charles Stewart House on 18 October and their occupation of the Sanderson Building on 30 October, as well as their entry to the Main Library on 2 November when they were asked not to enter, are completely unacceptable and such actions will not be tolerated.

We have reiterated that the University supports the right to lawful, peaceful and respectful protest. However, this does not give the right to prevent access to our buildings or to disrupt or interfere with events or the choices of our students and staff.

We note that Kehillah has shared a number of EUJPS posts on social media (including [30 October on X](#) and [3 November on X](#)) that are offensive and have taken an increasingly threatening tone against us, the Principal and other colleagues. We take these threats against our staff very seriously. **You must remove these immediately.**

The University will not tolerate bullying, intimidation and offensive behaviour of the type that has been witnessed in recent weeks, both online and in person. We have been very clear that disciplinary action may be taken should anyone breach the Code of Student Conduct. We have now reached that position and will be investigating these breaches with a view to pursuing disciplinary action against individual students thought to be in breach of the Code.

The resharing and liking of such social media posts, along with endorsements of other EU-JPS actions, may be grounds for the pursuit of a Code of Student Conduct investigation. In this light, we would urge Kehillah to consider your actions, particularly given your involvement in wider discussions involving Jewish staff and students which we very much want to continue.

To date, we have remained open to a dialogue with Kehillah that is respectful, constructive and held in a spirit of collegiality. If the sharing of offensive language and threatening behaviour continues, we will have no option but to cease all engagement with Kehillah until your approach, including what you post or endorse via onward sharing on social media, changes.

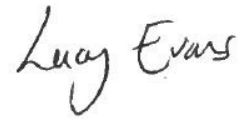
Many students will have different perspectives and they should feel safe to voice their views. We will continue to engage with our wider student and staff community in this spirit. This will not impact our

planned approach to review the University's Responsible Investment Policy.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colm Harmon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Evans', written in a cursive style.

Lucy Evans
Deputy Secretary Students