***You will only have a BRP if you have applied for a visa inside the UK. If you obtained your visa through Entry Clearance outside the UK then you will not have a BRP.

What is a BRP card
A BRP card is your visa and is proof of your right to be in the UK as a student. If you travel outside the UK you will need to carry this with you with your passport.

What should I do when I receive my BRP card?
Check;
  1) that all your details are correct. If there are any mistakes please contact the International Advice and Support office immediately.
  2) If you need to register with the police – if you do, the statement ‘Report to the Police’ will be written on the back of the card. Please see our website for details on how to do this;

http://www.bristol.ac.uk/international-office/student-support/#student-police-registration

What if I change my address?
You will need to inform the Home Office (HO), you can do this online at;
https://contact-ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/contact/changeAddress/

What if I change any other personal details?
You will need to inform the HO, please see their website for information on how to do this;
http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/while-in-uk/do-i-need-brp/responsibilities/

What if my BRP card is lost/stolen?
If you are in the UK, you will need to;
  1) report it to the HO immediately by emailing; BRPLost@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk
  2) report it to the police and obtain a police report/crime reference number
  3) within 3 months of reporting this, you must apply for a replacement BRP card. Follow the instructions on the HO website to obtain a replacement card.

If you are outside the UK, you will need to;
  1) report it to the HO immediately by emailing; BRPLost@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk
  2) report it to the police and obtain a police report/crime reference number
  3) follow the instructions on the HO website to obtain a ‘Replacement BRP visa’ overseas prior to travelling. Please see the HO website for information on how to do this
  4) When you are back in the UK, you will need to apply for a replacement BRP card within one month.

It can take several months for a replacement BRP to be issued. It is very important that you do not let your leave expire while you wait for the UKBA to send you a new BRP. If you need more time in the UK to complete your studies then you should submit a Tier 4 application before your leave expires and include a letter explaining why you are unable to send your passport.

Please see the Home Office website for further details about the BRP cards:
http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas-immigration/while-in-uk/do-i-need-brp/responsibilities/