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WELCOME

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our Spring Term edition of the Parents/Carers Newsletter. By now, students are well into the groove of the Academic year and they should have found the work/life balance of studying at this level. Being a 16 -18 year old means navigating a lot of competing demands – study, part-time work, clubs, social life etc – and on the whole our students do a very good job of managing this. Generally

our students work really hard and there is a learning culture that exists at BHASVIC where working hard and doing well are celebrated. But we must ensure students find the balance and aren't compulsively over-working or in a perpetual state of anxiety; but nor are they doing too little and storing up problems for later. We are always mindful that we are here to educate them about managing life as well as gaining qualifications which is why our focus on emotional health and wellbeing is so important. I trust all is well with your young person at BHASVIC – please do contact us if not. With very best wishes for 2019.



Will Baldwin
Principal

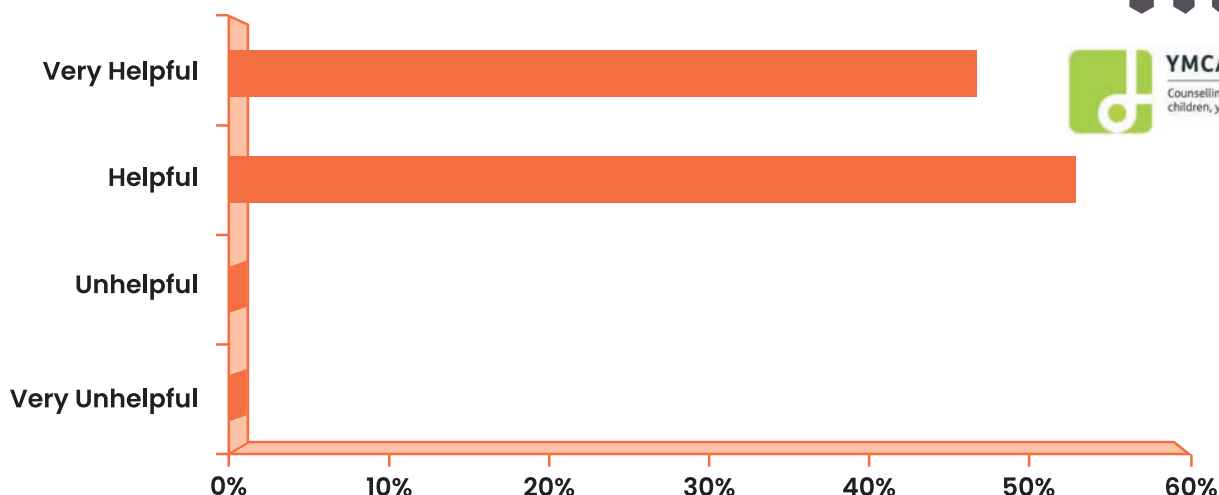
Welcome to BHASVIC footage by BHASVIC TV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LR8sfsgmlf4>

EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

At BHASVIC we recognise the importance of placing our students' emotional health & wellbeing at the heart of what we do. Young people today face a unique set of challenges towards positive mental health and wellbeing, and as a major part of their life we aim to take every opportunity to impact upon this positively wherever we can. Whilst at college, students can access specific support via our Student Services team including assessment and referral to counselling, welfare and careers advice, and can drop

in or make appointments with the team if ever they experience issues. **Our counselling service, delivered by YMCA Dialogue, had another busy year last year, providing 472 one-to-one sessions for 131 students from September 2017 – July 2018. Every student surveyed at the end of their counselling described their sessions as either 'helpful' or 'very helpful'.**

Evaluation



YMCA

YMCA DIALOGUE
Counselling and therapeutic support for children, young people and families

Running alongside our subject delivery we are also proud of our tutorial programme that plays a key role in Emotional Health & Wellbeing. In the autumn term students were introduced to resources in topics such as The Five Ways to Wellbeing, active listening, and stress management. These resources remain accessible all year via our VLE and are reinforced in all teaching and enrichment activities.

Students' Personal Tutors and Guidance Managers are always available to support and advise around any issues that they may be experiencing.



BHASVIC is currently working with Brighton & Hove Council as part of their Emotional Mental Health & Wellbeing Framework for Schools which aims to develop an approach for schools, colleges and their partners to help young people to be resilient and mentally healthy. As part of this framework we have been assigned a Primary Mental Health Worker who is on site for one and a half days a week and has been able to train and support staff in key areas, whilst also to offering support to students in times of crisis.

Looking ahead to September we have developed a portfolio course in consultation with our Primary Mental Health Worker that will give A2 students the chance to train in mental health first aid and mentoring. These students will then become ambassadors for positive emotional health and wellbeing at the college and have access to various opportunities to put their learning into practice. It is hoped these students will work closely with the Student Union, Alumni and feeder schools to promote a positive and inclusive wellbeing environment at BHASVIC.

As we look to support our students as effectively as possible we can't underestimate the importance of you as their parents and carers in reinforcing this support. To recognise this we are looking to develop a series of workshops and seminars for parents and carers in the summer term that look at the key issues facing young people such as anxiety, exam stress, teenage brain development, and online identity. These sessions will be designed to help you understand and manage the barriers your young people might be facing, and to know where you can access your own support and resources. **Please check the website here <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/student-life/our-support-service> for further information on these sessions as they are confirmed.**

KEEPING PARENTS AND CARERS INFORMED

THE LAUNCH OF OUR PARENT ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

As part of our work to update our parent communication, we piloted an online Parents' Evening booking system for A1 parents in the Autumn Term. This has been met with an extremely positive response from parents and teachers and we launched this for A2 parents in January.

MESSAGE FROM OUR CIS DEPARTMENT

The majority of our communication with parents is via email. Your young person gave BHASVIC an email address for you at their interview or enrolment and this is the primary way we will communicate with you. However, we do still have a number of parents without valid email addresses. If you haven't received anything from us then it is likely to mean we don't have the correct email address for you.

It is the responsibility of your young person to provide us with up-to-date and accurate contact information so **if you are not currently receiving emails from BHASVIC please encourage them to come to us with a current working email address for you.**

Parent Advantage enables you to track the progress of your young person and is available here <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard>. (Please scroll down the website to see instructions on how to use Parent Advantage.)

BHASVIC ParentAdvantage ▶▶
If you already have a Parent Advantage account and wish to view information about a student already linked to your account please enter your registered email and password below.

Your Email Address
Your Password

[First Time User?](#) [Forgotten Password?](#) [Login](#)

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

BHASVIC are pleased to be part of this project, supported by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. It aims to safeguard and support children and young people who are involved in or

affected by incidents involving domestic abuse. Please click here and scroll down to the Safeguarding section for full information: <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/student-life/our-support-service>



BBC VISITS BHASVIC

Some strictly sparkle came to BHASVIC in November causing great excitement among students and staff. We hosted Stacey and Kevin in our Main Hall rehearsing their salsa in readiness for the Blackpool ballroom! We were very happy to hear they won the Strictly Glitter ball 2018!

BHASVIC STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

BBC News visited in November, interviewing students about their progression pathways after college- click on link to see the full report. <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/bbc-news-visits-bhasvic>



Enrichment Opportunities

Please click on this link to see the enrichment opportunities offered to our students: <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/student-life/enrichment>

BHASVIC offers students an amazing array of enrichment opportunities and activities. It has been a busy Autumn Term for our students, **check out and follow our Twitter page for up to the minute information and photos <https://twitter.com/BHASVIC>, see the "news" section of our home page to view some of the regular events taking place. <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/news/search>.**

BHASVIC isn't just a centre of academic success. We also offer numerous opportunities beyond academic courses, enriching our learners' experiences via sports, the arts, clubs and societies, travel options and more.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

The Economics team were delighted to learn that one of our students recently wrote to Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of England, to challenge him on the lack of diversity in Economics. His reply, while not providing any answers, highlighted his interest

in this issue. The Student also recently entered the Bank of England's essay competition. The theme of the competition is the Future of Money and an essay was submitted titled 'The Cost of Being a Woman'

Young Enterprise students were interviewed for their team roles by local business people- details here:
<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/young-enterprise-interviews> .

Young Enterprise students are also BTEC Business Diploma students, and as part of their 'Managing a Business' event coursework, organised and marketed the recent BTEC Music gig- details here:
<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/btec-music-fundraising-gig-for-the-martlets> .



CHEMISTRY

BHASVIC ChemSoc (Chemistry Society) is open to all chemistry students and runs a range of extra-curricular activities to enhance their CV and/or University Applications. Weekly activities (Wednesday, Room 27, 4pm-5pm) are advertised via the VLE and include research collaborations with East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, trips to local universities to study pharmacy practicals and

internationally recognised competitions such as the **Chemistry Olympiad in January and the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge in June**. Participation is free, and any first year chemistry students keen to pursue a career in a chemistry related field or medicine, for example, would be well advised to consider taking part even if on an ad hoc basis. **Please see <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/news/search> to view some of the regular events we have held over the past year.**

PHYSICS

Female physics students attended a 'speed dating' event organised by and hosted at BHASVIC where they met role models who have a successful career in the industry.

COMPUTER & IT

The British Informatics Olympiad is an annual competition in computer

programming for secondary schools and sixth form colleges. The first stage of the BIO is a very challenging three-hour exam, taken in College, in which students solve problems by writing computer programs. A final for the top 15 students nationally

is held at Cambridge University, where 4 students are chosen to represent the UK in the International Olympiad in Informatics competition.

All of our Y1 (and some Y2) students in Computing and Computer Science took part in the UK Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge, which is sponsored by Oxford university. 6415 students competed this year in the 16-18 category. Of our 181 students, we achieved:

- the best scores in East Sussex
- 47 achieved a Distinction certificate (scoring in top 25% nationally)
- 13 of those scored in the top 10% nationally, meaning they are now invited to a second stage competition – The TCS Oxford Computing Challenge- which helps talented computational thinkers develop their skills by asking them to solve tasks with programmed solution

MEDIA AND PERFORMING ARTS



LOOKOUT CREATIVE INDUSTRY MENTORING PROJECT

BHASVIC is pleased to be part of an exciting new project called 'Are we there yet?' produced by LOOKOUT, an organisation who bring creativity and the arts into young people's lives. 'Are we there yet?' matches 10 BHASVIC students to a mentor currently working in the creative industries. Through a series of 1:1 sessions with their mentor, as well as trips and workshops, the student will have the opportunity to explore a range of skills and experience to enhance their college work and progression options. LOOKOUT focus on highlighting the benefits of creativity across all subjects as well as the variety of creative careers available in the arts and beyond. **Activities in the first term included a workshop from PUNCHDRUNK Theatre Producer Andrea Salazar and a trip to see 1927's show The Animals & Children Took to the Streets at The Old Market, followed by a workshop the next day with all the cast and crew exploring the range of roles and skills involved in creating the show.** Students will have the chance to showcase what they have learnt and experienced on the project at an event in the summer.



BHASVIC HAS FORGED A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE THEATRE ROYAL BRIGHTON

Certificate in Performing Arts students have a unique opportunity to gain an insight into the working of Brighton's most renowned theatre. The students experienced what it's like to be on stage as well as behind the scenes.

FLORENCE AND THE MACHINE – BEHIND THE SCENES

Our music and performing art students were given a behind the scenes tour and watched the show set up for **Florence and the Machine at the Brighton Centre, to view footage please click here <https://twitter.com/MediaBHASVIC/status/1066819068567724034>**. They had exclusive access and attended the show via the guest list of the promoter which gave a fantastic insight into events and tour management, the work of a promoter and live musicians which feeds directly into their coursework.

JOHN YOUNG – WORKSHOP WITH FIRST YEAR MEDIA STUDENTS ON NEWS BROADCASTING

Once again, the BHASVIC MPA Department were delighted to welcome BBC News presenter John Young. He came to college to deliver his excellent and interactive News Bootcamps in which Media Studies students learned about how broadcast news programmes are constructed, news agendas, how to use an Autocue and how the BBC responded to the election of Donald Trump. The latter tied in with their exam topic on Newspapers. John Young is always an inspiration to our students and he kindly offers to help those who may be interested in a career in the media.



SOCIOLOGY

Students and staff had a fantastic time on a trip to London to see this extraordinary play. **"We loved the way it dealt with issues of identity we have discussed on the A level course, especially sexuality, gender and youth. The opportunities to be more fluid than ever with our identity and to create new hybrid version of ourselves in this postmodern world are well exemplified in this uplifting musical"**.



FOOTBALL REGIONAL FINAL WIN

The BHASVIC Football Team – Representing the Association of Colleges of Sport, National Championships 2019

BHASVIC Men's Football Team celebrated winning the British Colleges South Coast Area Championships 7-a-side event. They won all 7 of their matches. The event is run by British Colleges Sport and the team now progresses to the National Finals in April in Nottingham (whereby all of the other Regional Winners meet).

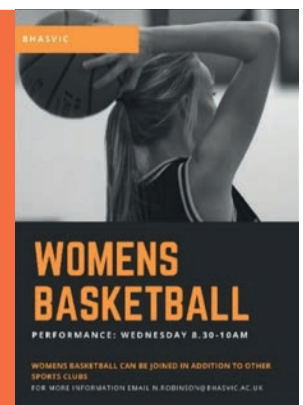


EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

The sports we offer for a Wednesday afternoon, team fixtures are:-

- Men's Basketball
- Netball
- Rugby
- Women's Basketball
- Men and Women's Football

These are all team sports and we have trials in September.



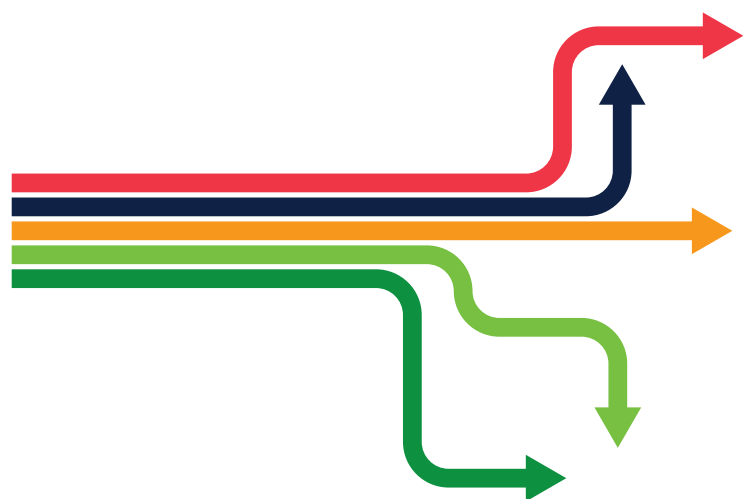
Recreationally we offer the following at lunchtimes:-

- Volleyball
- Badminton
- Table Tennis
- Futsal

We also have athletes who compete in other sports such as swimming, athletics and trampolining. Although we do not offer training for this, we can still enter them in to competitions under the college name.

Life After

BHASVIC



Where Next?

A1 students

Our first years are starting a three-part project 'My Future Plans' this January half term. This encourages students to think about what they might do after BHASVIC and covers higher education, employment, apprenticeships, art foundation, voluntary work – and more. Students downloaded a project book into their own space loaded with information and useful web links – ask them to share it with you.

For more information on Higher Education (around 70% of our students apply for higher level study) please check out our parents and carers higher education pages.

<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard/higher-education>.

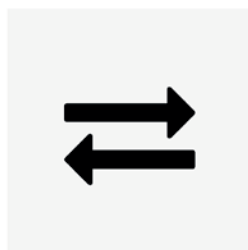
Coming soon: Higher Education Information evenings scheduled for March 2019 (featured in Key Dates).

A2 students

Many of our second year students have been busy applying to Universities and Personal Tutors, Guidance Managers and General Office staff have helped them complete the process, including personal statements. We reached the national UCAS deadline of 15th January and received 1106 applications for university and related courses for this year, from current and ex-students.

We will have plenty of information and advice through tutorials on Independent Living, Next Steps and Student Finance.

This is all available on the Student VLE.



Progression from A1 into A2

A1-A2 transfer

A1 students will shortly be embarking on their choices for their second year. Essentially within our two year programme we would expect the majority of students to continue with their first year courses into the second year. In addition students are offered a range of portfolio options. **Full information on this process can be found here: <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard/progression-criteria-from-a1-into-the-a2-year> and includes useful information on the following:**

- Portfolio Courses
- EPQ (Extended Project Qualification)
- Tutorial Pathway
- Predicted Grades
- Progression Exams
- Art Foundation

EMPLOYABILITY AND ENTERPRISE PATHWAY

The Employability and Enterprise pathway is aimed at those students who have decided not to go to university in the immediate future, preferring instead to enter employment and training when they leave BHASVIC. The tutorial programme is organised as follows:-

Term 1

Focus on self- reflection, making informed decisions about future careers, introduction to our college careers advisers and work experience co-ordinator. Thinking about their own skills, talents, interests and aptitudes.

Term 2

Opportunity awareness in which a series of speakers come to meet the tutor groups including employers, apprenticeship providers (including degree apprenticeships) gap year specialists and FE colleges.

Term 3

Decision Making, having looked at some of the opportunities available begin to make decisions about future career plans.

Term 4

Transition to employment including interview techniques, online reputation and how to write a winning CV.

WORK EXPERIENCE ORGANISED THROUGH BHASVIC

We encourage all of our students to explore career ideas through work experience placements. This may be a compulsory curriculum requirement e.g. Health and Social Care BTEC, a compulsory tutor pathway requirement e.g. Enterprise and Employability A2 students, summer term enrichment or on an ad-hoc basis. We also work with a wide range of employers across all career areas, Brighton Hove City Council, plus countless schools, nurseries and residential care homes across the city and beyond including organisations listed below:-



NHS



Lloyds



Barclays



Sussex Police



Ricardo and Helmsley Orrell Organisation (engineering)



HOP Consulting Civil and Structural Engineers



Laing O'Rourke (Construction and engineering)



Morgan Sindall (UK Construction)



RSPCA



Graphite



Shelter



Shoreham Port



Martlets

If your young person requires further information they can drop in and see our Work Experience Coordinator in Student Services at any time. Please also click here for more information: <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/student-life/our-support-service>

THE FUTURES FAIR

This event is part of the ongoing careers support that we offer to students and is the largest event of the year. This is a great opportunity for students to find out more about the options available to them after they leave BHASVIC and for parents/carers, it is an opportunity to speak directly to a range of organisations who offer progression routes to your young person. An invite was also sent to Parents/Carers as some of the organisations, most notably the NHS, are recruiting from a wider age group.

This year we hosted **105 exhibitors** representing higher education, further education, apprenticeships, gap year providers, volunteering and employment.

The universities that attended included not just our three local providers, but also **many of the top 15 destinations for our students**, such as Manchester, Bristol, Sheffield, Southampton, Portsmouth, Exeter and Leeds. **A more comprehensive list of attendees can be found on our website** <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/student-life/our-support-service>.



MENB MENINGITIS VACCINES

We have been invited to take part in some research funded by the Department of Health and being led by the University of Oxford.

This study will see if immunising teenagers with MenB meningitis vaccines could reduce the risk of others getting meningitis across the whole community.

As part of this, our A1 students were invited to have two doses of a licensed vaccine against meningitis (MenB) for which they would not otherwise be eligible.

The research team came into college during October and will visit again in February/March, to deliver a presentation to students and take the necessary throat swabs needed for the research. The next step takes place next year when the team will visit again to take another throat swab and administer the vaccine.

All students will be invited back for a booster vaccination approximately one month after their first vaccination. Any students that missed presentations and swabbing sessions in November, can come along in February, more details to follow. **If students have any questions please come along to Student Services.**

SUPPORT PLANS

What is a Support Plan and what are its implications?

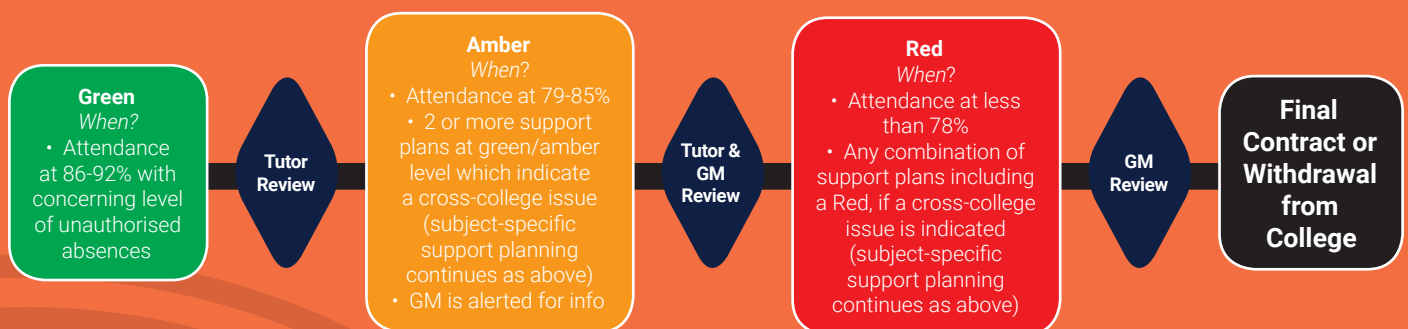
During their time at BHASVIC, many students will have a discussion with a member of staff resulting in a set of targets. The Support Plan is the College's system documenting progress towards these targets.

The plan will outline additional support available such as subject extensions and additional learning resources to help the student achieve their targets.

The Support Planning system is not designed to be a 'report' system or to be punitive but to encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning and progress. To assist in this, **the plans are available to parents via the Parent Advantage portal <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard>.**

We hope that through good communication we can enable students to assume responsibility for their success whilst also providing a supportive environment for this to take place.

CROSS-COLLEGE SUPPORT PLANS



SUBJECT REVIEWS

Full information can be found here <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard/subject-reviews>
– The final publication of Subject Reviews to all parents will be Friday 22 March. There will no longer be a third date in July for A1 parents.



Christmas Concert Rehearsals



Student Revue Christmas Celebrations

Please click here to view students performing on the night:- <https://twitter.com/MediaBHASVIC/status/1073310710883598336>
<https://twitter.com/MediaBHASVIC/status/1073297390071889920>

Open Evening Footage supplied by BHASVIC TV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdoS2oQ8594>

WW1 COMMEMORATION

To commemorate the end of WW1 and to mark 100 years since the end of the conflict, BHASVIC recreated part of the Military Hospital as it once was in the Main Hall alongside the usual student social and study space. Fourteen military style hospital beds were created and displayed alongside photographic displays from 1914 - 1918 of the military WW1 wards. From 5th - 9th November there were lunchtime events which included a student choir and a brass band performing wartime songs, poetry readings and duologues. Drama students re-enacted the roles of wounded soldiers, military nurses and doctors working in the King's ward (the main hall). On Friday 9th November at noon there was a full remembrance ceremony, with the 'The Last Post' by lone trumpeter, student Alex Baker and wreath laying by Christopher Bennett from the Past & Present Association and a BHASVIC student. Also in attendance were cadets in full uniform plus the British Legion with standard and bearer. Video footage of the event supplied by BHASVIC TV <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L-F1JFCaI78>



KEY DATES

**THURSDAY
7 FEBRUARY**

A2 Parents Evening
18:00 – 20:30

**MONDAY 25
FEBRUARY**

Second Half of
Spring Term Begins/

MONDAY 4 MARCH

Students create Subject
Review Reflections/A1-A2
Transfer Launch for students

**TUESDAY 12
MARCH**

HE A1 Parents Evening (L-Z)
18:30 – 20:30

**FRIDAY 15
FEBRUARY**

First Half Spring Term Ends

**MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY-
FRIDAY 1 MARCH**

A2 Mock Exam Week/Modified
Timetable for students

THURSDAY 7 MARCH

HE A1 Parents Evening (A-K)
18:30 – 20:30

TUESDAY 19 MARCH

A2 Subject Reviews 1-1's (L-Z)
– All students on study leave

FRIDAY 5 APRIL

Second Half of Spring
Term Ends

TUESDAY 7 MAY

Specialist Application
Evening for A1 Parents

MONDAY 18 MARCH

A2 Subject Reviews 1-1's (A-K)
– All students on study leave

FRIDAY 22 MARCH

A1-A2 Transfer Deadline for Students/
Subject Reviews published to Parents

TUESDAY 23 APRIL

First Half of Summer Term
Starts



Please check the college calendar for further dates and the second half of the Summer Term here: <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard/calendars> or here <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/calendar>

BHASVIC IN THE COMMUNITY

Homeless Donations Collected in December



We would like to say huge thank you for all of the wonderful donations and contributions students made to help **Sussex Homeless Support**. They were overwhelmingly generous and it is hugely appreciated by the recipients who benefitted from the warm clothing and the wealth of lovely products that were kindly donated.

BHASVIC took part in the **#LoveOurColleges** campaign led by the AoC. The Principal, William Baldwin, visited Peter Kyle with two student SU members and took part in the rally in Parliament Square, a brief interview with Will appeared on ITV Meridian News. The SFCA has also started a **'Raise the Rate'** campaign which is specifically designed to lobby Government in the run up to the Comprehensive Spending Review. It would also be great to get Parent/Carers support for this cause so please click here for further information: <https://www.ucu.org.uk/article/9669/Love-Our-Colleges>



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