



BHASVIC

BRIGHTON HOVE AND SUSSEX SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

PARENTS & CARERS NEWS

SPRING 2023

Welcome

As the clocks change and the evenings become lighter, I would like to welcome you to our Spring newsletter, celebrating the wealth of events and enrichment at BHASVIC in the last term. From our Media & Performing Arts team, we have recently enjoyed the college production, **Innocent Creatures**, performed in our lovely Elms Theatre and soon to be showcased at Tunbridge Wells as part of the National Theatre Connections project on April 25. We have also heard the musical talents of our students at the **Spring Concert** and we look forward to viewing the best of our Media and Film productions at our summer awards ceremony, the BHAVTAS on May 12. Whilst on the subject of visual arts, one of our students has recently won the RSPB Wildlife Photographer of the Year Award and we were proud to be represented at the Grand

Final of the **Articulation competition** hosted by the National Gallery. On the football field our **women's team** have, for the third time in five years, made it to the national final of the schools cup: and we're hoping it's going to be third time lucky at Accrington Stanley on May 4. There is so much to be proud of across the college, and this is just a snapshot, so do please take a moment to enjoy reading about all the activity which our BHASVIC community have taken part in this term.

Alison Cousens
Assistant Principal
(Director of Student Services)
& Careers Leader



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Parents and Carers Guide



Culture Day

– celebrating the diversity at BHASVIC

We had our first BHASVIC Culture Day in March, organised by the Student Union EDI officers. This included a cultural catwalk where students wore their traditional dress, a fundraiser for **The Hummingbird project** (Brighton based charity working locally with young refugees) and stands hosted by our students celebrating their cultures and traditions including a very popular bake sale of traditional foods. An impressive £180 was raised, and the event was really well received.

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The **BHASVIC Higher Education** information webinar events for parents and carers took place in early March. The A1 (first year) event included Higher Education & Progression. The A2 (second year) event included Higher Education and Finance.

Support at home in making these life-changing decisions is critical, and all evidence shows that parents and carers have a huge influence on their young person's decisions. We were able to answer questions on the night, but please do not hesitate to email he@bhasvic.ac.uk with any queries. Please also visit our **Higher Education page**

Read more and listen to the recordings →





Student Union News

from Lauren Gilligan, SU Coordinator

The final term for our current **Student Union** has been incredibly busy, and they have continued to impress their fellow students and BHASVIC staff with their energy, hard work and enthusiasm. The term started with Future's Fair, where our current SU president Sachin appeared on ITV news to talk about life after BHASVIC. This was followed by Refreshers Fair, where the elections were launched for the new Student Union and ambassadors were recruited. The Student Union were then approached by the student body and asked to run events for important causes. In response, the SU held a bake sale, supported by ambassadors and other Union members to fundraise for Turkey, raising £200. They also held a beautiful vigil for Brianna Ghey, and read out statements of support written by

students for our LGBTQ+ community. On March 17th, we had our first BHASVIC Culture Day, organised by the EDI officers, see the front page for full details of this fantastic event. The SU continue to be involved with CitizensUK and their transport campaign and will be taking part in the Transport assembly on March 29th, where they will present their proposals to key politicians and transport industry leaders. Forums this term have been growing in engagement, with the introduction of Society spotlights, see articles below. They are spending their final week interviewing the newly elected officers into roles for the next academic year, after receiving 21 applicants and running a well-attended Hustings. We are lucky to have had such a wonderful group of students representing BHASVIC, and wish them luck with their exams.

BHASVIC Alumni keep in touch

Join the BHASVIC Alumni community by scanning the QR code or visit [Log in | Future FirstHub](#)



Brighton Period Project Society

Brighton Period Project Society held the first Period Fair and bake sale at BHASVIC to help combat **#PeriodPoverty** with FREE period products for our students!

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BHASVIC Women's History Month Celebration Series #OurStory

We hosted a variety of interesting talks and discussions in the month of March from a variety of backgrounds and experiences to celebrate Women's History Month: presented by the Feminist Society, Hypatia Society & Culture Club Society.

← [Read More](#) in [BHASVIC News](#)

Brighton & Hove Citizens Manifesto Launch



BHASVIC students and staff took part in the Brighton & Hove Citizens Manifesto launch at the Brighton Town Hall Council Chambers. BHASVIC is a founding member of the Brighton & Hove alliance of Citizens UK - a community organising group that aims to make positive change - and over the last year our Student Union has taken a lead on a citywide campaign to address transport issues across the city including the cost and feeling of safety on transport networks.

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Debating Society - Toxic Masculinity

BHASVIC's Debating Society led a lunchtime discussion in the main hall with various views expressed on the issue of 'toxic masculinity'. Over 400 students attended the debate and there were some fantastic questions from the floor, the point was also raised that all genders can manifest toxic behaviours. [Read more](#) →



Model UN Competition Winners

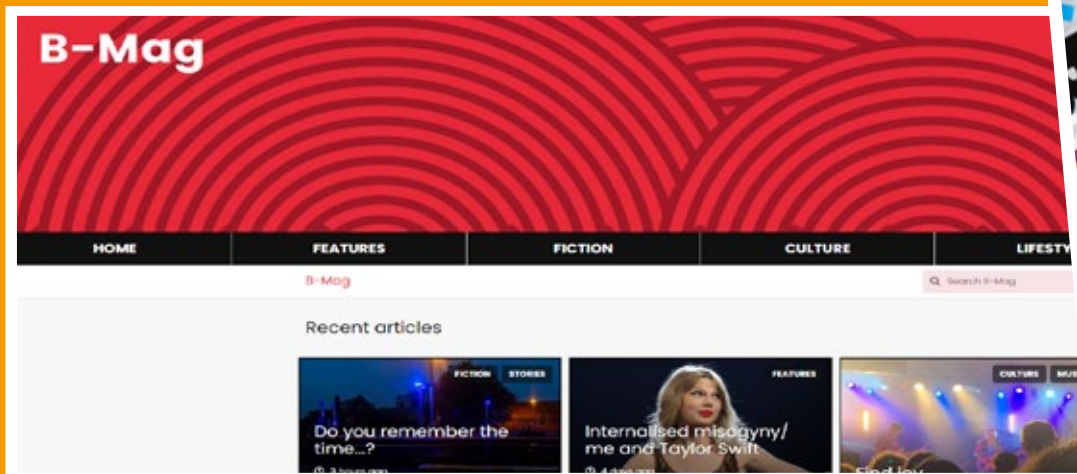
Congratulations to Jo Wilcox and our students who won Best Large Delegation at the Youth Model UN. BHASVIC students won awards in six of the seven committees.

← [Read more](#)

from BHASVIC Event Reporter Ellen Jones

B-Mag Our Student Online Magazine

B-Mag is an online magazine created by BHASVIC's English department in partnership with the Creative Writing Society and Computer Science students. Articles are all submitted, edited and illustrated by students, and available for everyone to read, please take a look at some fantastic articles. To find out more about these very talented contributors please view [About Us](#)



Our Support Service

Includes:
Careers,
Counselling,
Safeguarding,
Financial Support
and so much more.

At BHASVIC there are many services in place to help support all our students; we have a wealth of experienced staff within our team which includes the Student Support, Student Experience, Guidance and the Centre Operations Team, led by Alison Cousens, Assistant Principal, Student Services.

We have a team of Personal Tutors who are always an excellent first port of call for students and our team of Guidance Managers are on hand to help with support and advice for our students. Those who may need more intensive, or specialist advice can speak to our Student Support Team who specialise in providing individualised one-to-one support and can also link students in to both internal and external services. A full list of support services within Student Services are listed [here](#).

Our **Student Experience Team** incorporates Careers, Tutorial and Enrichment below is just a snapshot of events we have organised for students this term, please go to **BHASVIC News** to see more.

The Centre Operations Team underpins Student Services, the team not only support our students face to face on a daily basis in the Student Services centre but also support all the departments within it ensuring the smooth running of all these services. Most of our tutorial sessions take place in Student Services, students can visit the front desk for any questions or queries during college hours, we are always happy to help so come and speak to our friendly team.



Personal Development Workshops

Personal Development Workshops for all first-year students were held in college as part of their programme of study at BHASVIC. The workshops covered Racial Awareness training delivered by the Brighton & Hove Anti-Racism Strategy Group and Gender/sexuality awareness training delivered by Allsorts Youth Project.

It is a core part of our strategic mission 'to be an inclusive and accepting college where every individual feel part of the community'. [Read more](#)

Anxiety Workshop

Flourish Mentors, a Brighton and Hove based non-profit organisation ran a lunchtime Anxiety Workshop to help young women learn practical coping techniques to help with study and exam stress. **Flourish mentors** provide free tailored programmes for young women (or non-binary) who face challenges in their personal, educational and professional lives. [Read more](#)



Pets As Therapy

We were delighted to welcome volunteers from Pets As Therapy during Mock Exam week and were really pleased with the feedback from students. This was a pilot but is likely to feature again as we move towards the key summer exam season. Please keep an eye on our **Wellbeing** page for more details. **Please also visit this page where you will find information and resources on previous workshops and webinars available to our students, parents and carers delivered by our wellbeing partners.**

Green Careers Week

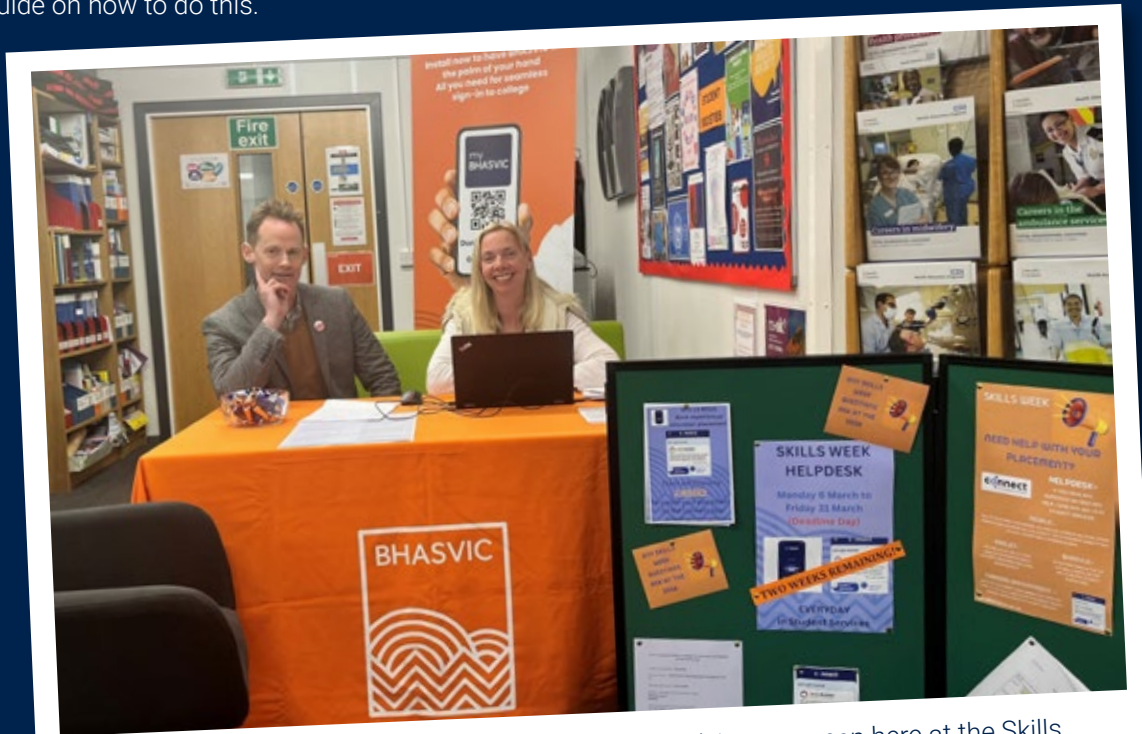
BHASVIC's first ever Green Careers Week took place in March to coincide with **National Careers Week**. We had a range of fantastic local organisations and businesses visiting across the week to talk with students about sustainability in the workplace and jobs in the green economy. **FE Sussex's Education for Sustainable Development Manager Jane Dickson** shared her knowledge with students informing them that 'Green jobs will not be niche. BHASVIC was one of the first colleges to offer students a stand-alone Carbon Literacy qualification (in partnership with the **CarbonLiteracy.com**) Read more about **Sustainability at BHASVIC**.



Skills Week – July 3–7

Our teams have been busy since November preparing for Skills Week, the focus is on developing general employability skills rather than skills related to a particular career, so a wide range of placements is suitable. Except for a few specialist career areas, such as medicine, students are not expected by employers or universities to have relevant work experience in a particular field. We are asking students to contact organisations and employers themselves to find opportunities, and we have provided a Student Guide on how to do this.

Students have been made aware of Skills Week via tutorials and other communications and have been shown how to download the Connect App which will be used to validate and track their placement and activities. Full details about this week can be found on our **Careers and Employability** page.



William Baldwin, Principal and Sam Davey, Careers Adviser are seen here at the Skills Week Helpdesk available to students every lunch time for help and advice.

In Other College News



Innocent Creatures

Fantastic performances by BHASVIC Theatre Company over four nights in March directed by Kim Begley, Head of MPA, a video will be available soon for you to enjoy. NT Connections commissions new plays for young people to perform, the programme brings together some of the UK's most exciting writers with the theatre-makers of tomorrow.

[Read more](#)



Semi-Cup Final Winners

Congratulations to our Women's Football Team. On International Women's Day, after going 1-0 behind Rossall School from Fleetwood, BHASVIC came back to win 3 - 2. It was a very very tough match. An amazing achievement by all of them. We now travel to Accrington Stanley on the 4 May for the National Cup Final!

[Read more](#)

Communication at BHASVIC

At BHASVIC we like to celebrate, share and inform as much as possible to ensure our applicants, students, parents/carers and the wider community have all the information they need.

For anyone interested in joining **BHASVIC** this process often begins with a chance to visit the college for the first time at our **Year 10 Taster Day in July** and our **Open Events in November**, when we are delighted to welcome so many new faces into our community with the support from our current students and staff. This year we interviewed more young people than ever and having made offers to all eligible applicants we are now looking forward to welcoming our new cohort to our Moving on Day in **June** with a **New Parents Information evening in July** to offer advice and support to all our new parents/carers.

Once part of the college we use a variety of communication channels to stay connected with our students including Microsoft Teams, email, social media and the MyBHASVIC App. We like to celebrate student success in all its forms and keep the **news channel on our website** and **social media** updated with all the latest achievements and opportunities at college. There can be a lot of information for students to absorb and we put time into supporting students with their use and understanding of these systems and use our Tutorial Programme with this

process throughout the year.

For our Parents/Carers our **ParentPortal** helps you to track key information about your young person's progress including **Attendance, Progress Reviews, Support Planning** and their timetable.

We hope you enjoy hearing about all the essential and exciting things that happen throughout the year in our diverse community. We welcome feedback on our communications and if there is anything else you would like to see in this newsletter or any comments you would like to share on our communications in general, please email j.barton@bhasvic.ac.uk



James Barton,
Communications Manager



MyBHASVIC APP

Launched in September 2022 enhancing our students' digital experience.

In the myBHASVIC app students can:

- View their live timetable, Outlook calendar entries, and deadlines
- Easily check and reply to their emails
- Open SharePoint and Teams, where teachers post messages, share documents, and set assignments
- Open their courses on BHASVLE, the virtual learning environment
- View their attendance statistics and see any unauthorised absences they need to follow up
- Access their library account to keep track of loans and reservations
- View their print credit balance
- Access the A to Z Student Guide
- Use the quick links to Wellbeing, and other useful information, including the The Student Union and student-curated content



Please check the for key dates coming up.

Useful Links

You can follow up to date information on our Social Media links –

Students can also follow their subjects on Social Media please see **Course Pages**

Our website page **BHASVIC News** is also a great source of the enrichment happening at BHASVIC.

