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Dear Parent/Carer

Whilst we await further detail and announcements regarding school and college re-opening, I am writing to let you know about some important dates and information already scheduled and coming up over the next few weeks. There will be a further update from the Principal, linked directly to the re-opening, later this week; so do, please, look out for this too.

Coming Up:

- **Colleges Live** – Wednesday 24th February, 2pm-4pm: an enriching online platform of speakers organised by Association of Colleges. This is a national conference and we encourage all students to get involved and interact, live, with the inspirational panel.
- **Virtual Futures Fair** – from Monday 1st March: to coincide with National Careers Week, we have moved our annual careers fair online. There are resources from universities, employers, apprenticeship providers, volunteering organisations and gap year providers. We encourage parents and carers to join in by logging into the BHASVLE and will send user name and password details as part of the launch next week.
- **'Exam' Entry checking** – from Monday 1st March in tutorial: we are awaiting further announcements from Department for Education on alternative arrangements to the 'cancelled' summer exam series and will update you when we have more information. However, in the meantime students will be asked to check their qualification entries (A levels, AS levels, EPQs, GCSEs and Criminology) via Student Advantage. This is a very important process and will need to be done by the end of March, so please do remind your young person to attend tutorial for further information from next week.

NB. Students shouldn't expect to see their BTECs and other qualifications in the list as the process is different for these and they don't need to be checked in the same way.

Wellbeing:

We continue to offer support to students and their families during this time and remind you that our [wellbeing section](#) of the website is regularly updated and has a range of resources to support you. Andrew Wright, our Wellbeing Partner, also continues with his webinar series on how to manage our mental health, productivity and wellbeing in these complex times.

- **Webinars: Be A #NeuroNinja in Learning & Life – Every Thursday in February and March, 19:00 – 19:30** These webinars are an opportunity to take stock, understand our brains in a deeper way and get more out of them every day. You can register [here](#) and you can also access all recordings by accessing the members area of the [Action your Potential website](#); The password is **nmbhasvic20**

Parenting Support:

Please take time to look at the resources regularly posted on our [Parent/Carer page of the website](#), including resources from Brighton & Hove's positive parenting programme, which includes workshops on *Reducing Family Conflict* (23 February & 23 March) and *Coping with Teenagers' Emotions* (9 March) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/coping-with-teenagers-emotions-workshop-tickets-137907084803>

Attendance:

We would also like you to remind students that continued attendance and engagement is important and in anticipation of moving back towards "normal" attendance we will be resuming texting parents/carers of students who do not attend live lessons or engage with the work in a timely manner. If you receive a text and your young person disagrees with an absent mark, please can you ask them to speak to their class teacher about it in the first instance.

Finally...

As we know that creativity is good for wellbeing, we encourage everyone in the BHASVIC community to get involved in some of our current enrichment projects:

- [Inside the Box](#) - creating art with a matchbox!
- The [Digital Talent Show](#) challenge - encouraging creativity and a bit of fun at home!

We look forward to having more news regarding the re-opening later this week, but in the meantime, I hope you are able to get out and enjoy some of the early Spring sunshine.

Yours sincerely



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