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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I hope you have been enjoying the summer break and catching up on some well-earned rest after the recent exam season. As we approach Results Days and begin our preparations for the start of a new academic year, I am writing to remind all students of some key information.

SECTION 1: RESULTS DAYS

All general information about Results Days will be posted on the [EXAMS page](#) of the website and this will be updated regularly. Results Days are:

Thursday 17 August – for A/AS levels, BTEC, Criminology & EPQ

Thursday 24 August – for GCSEs

- Students will be able to access their results from 8am on [myBHASVIC](#): they need to look for the Student Advantage icon on the dashboard and log into their Student Advantage account. If students do not have the myBHASVIC app, there is a link to the web portal on the [student dashboard](#) of the college website.
- Paper copies of results will also be posted, first class, to the registered home address on Results Day.
- You should be aware that **Student Advantage accounts will be temporarily unavailable on Wednesday 16 August**, to enable us to upload exam results information.
- **Students expecting results should therefore double-check that they can access their Student Advantage account, using myBHASVIC, and that we have the correct postal address on the 'Your Profile' page of Student Advantage by Tuesday 15 August at the latest. To update their postal address students should email registry@bhasvic.ac.uk from their BHASVIC account.**
- If students are unable to access myBHASVIC, please contact the IT Team at the email address: ithelpdesk@bhasvic.ac.uk. In the unlikely event that students experience any issues when they have clicked on the Student Advantage icon in the myBHASVIC app, please contact the CIS Team at the email address: cis@bhasvic.ac.uk
- From Results Day, please use the [Virtual Help Desk](#) for all queries and updates.

Results Day Support and Virtual Help Desk

- There will be lots of specialist support available, both on the day and in the coming few weeks, offering advice and guidance on careers, university applications and UCAS clearing, as well as financial and wellbeing support for all our college leavers.
- As in previous years, we will be operating a virtual help desk from 8.00am to help us to manage enquiries. Students need to use the [Virtual Help Desk](#) to log their query in the first instance.
- We have a team of advisers who will be able to respond, via telephone or Teams, or with a face-to-face appointment. All queries will be dealt with as quickly as possible, but priority on Results Day will be given to students who need information or support to confirm university, apprenticeship or other similar offers.

- We therefore ask that students do not come onsite unless they have been given a specific appointment to speak to an adviser or sent an invitation.
- **Please be aware that teachers and tutors are still on holiday, so are not expected to check e-mails or respond; however, Heads of Faculty, Careers Advisers, Guidance Managers, and the Examinations Office are all available, via the Virtual Help Desk, to offer help, advice and guidance throughout August.**
- There are lots of sources of external support and links will be posted on the [EXAMS](#) page of the website. You can also contact the National Careers Service Exam Results Helpline on 0800 100 900 for free advice. The helpline is open until a week after GCSE Results Day <https://www.gov.uk/careers-helpline-for-teenagers>.

Ahead of Results Day

- It is worth reminding yourself of the [Ofqual/UCAS letter to students](#) sent out in July.
- Do some research on [UCAS 'Clearing'](#) before Results Day, just in case you need a 'Plan B'.
- Be aware that lots of universities have already opened their 'Clearing' hotlines, so you can speak directly to their advisers before the day and check out alternative courses.
- Detailed information and updates will be posted over the next few days on our [Exams](#) web pages. Please do keep checking these, if you have specific questions.
- Information on how to request copies of scripts, reviews of marking, resits, etc. will also be included in the post with your results.
- Our careers team are constantly updating the BHASVIC [Results Day Careers Information \(padlet.com\)](#) which contains lots of useful links, and signposts you to essential help and advice in advance of results day.
- If you are feeling a bit anxious, please be reassured that this is completely normal in the build-up to Results Day. Try to keep things in proportion and look at some of the tips on how to manage your stress: [Ways to stay calm and reduce anxiety the day before results day - Youth Employment UK](#).
- If you are still very concerned about your own, or someone else's, wellbeing, then you can contact primary mental health support via the schools wellbeing service, by e-mailing SWSConsultationLine@brighton-hove.gov.uk. For further information on different wellbeing services available to young people locally, please visit <https://e-wellbeing.co.uk/>.

SECTION 2: START OF TERM – ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR CURRENT STUDENTS

All key dates are on the [college calendar](#) and will be posted on [myBHASVIC](#).

- Term starts for second years on **Friday 1 September** when students will have online lessons with A2 subject teachers, via Teams. Further information will follow towards the end of August on accessing lessons remotely.
- There will also be essential enrolment and tutorial activities which students will need to complete remotely on Friday 1 September and follow-up online work during the week.
- Second year students will then come into college on **Wednesday 6 September** for lessons in each subject and take part in tutorial workshops linked to their progression pathway.

- Whilst Teams recordings will usually be made available, there will also be other activities (eg. Small group workshops or 1:1 meetings) so students need to be available, in person and online, throughout this period for tutors and teachers to contact.
- Normal onsite timetable starts on **Tuesday 12 September***.

***A2 Timetables:** please note that it takes us some time to enrol everyone and construct all timetables. This process will not be finalised until Friday 8 September, so any A2 timetables students may have seen on the myBHASVIC app or Student Advantage before this date are entirely provisional and may be subject to change. **Please do not make any arrangements, based on provisional timetables, until after 8 September.**

- From September, Student Advantage and Parent Portal is being updated to a new system called CEDAR.
- In September you will see a new CEDAR tile in myBHASVIC and this is where you will check your timetable. You will be given instructions on how to do this nearer the time. The Calendar tile in myBHASVIC will also show your timetable from 8 September.

Financial Support

- Students in receipt of a bursary in their A1 year, must **reapply for their bursary this year** as awards are not automatically carried over. Please see the link below for details of how to apply and email bursary@bhasvic.ac.uk if you have any questions which are not answered within our guidelines.
- Our [16-19 Bursary Guidelines](#) have been published and are available on the website.
- The 16–19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help students overcome specific barriers to participation and attendance, so they can remain in further education. BHASVIC provides two types of bursary; 'Enhanced' and 'Discretionary'. **We strongly encourage all students who live in a household in receipt of state benefits and/or with an income of £33,000 or below to read the guidelines in full to see if they are eligible for support.**

We wish all our college community the very best for the remaining weeks of the summer.

Kind regards,



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