

BHASVIC

BRIGHTON HOVE AND SUSSEX SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



2024 PROSPECTUS



Welcome to **BHASVIC**

The experience of being a BHASVIC student will be something that you will remember for the rest of your life. Studying here is a rewarding and enriching experience. You will be part of a culture of academic excellence with aspirational standards aimed at securing the best outcomes for you. Our results are testament to this and are consistently some of the best in the country. In December 2022 our most recent Ofsted Inspection validated our approach, awarding us Outstanding in all areas, and marked a decade of BHASVIC as an Outstanding provider.

At BHASVIC you will be treated as an adult and teachers will work with you to maximise your learning potential. You will be taught more than just course content; we will ensure you develop the skills you need to be an independent, lifelong learner with the ability to think for yourself. On top of this, our first class student services and guidance staff will ensure you are well supported at every step of the way.

Outside of lessons you will be part of a vibrant community with opportunities to engage in a wide range of activities that ensure there is something to suit everyone. We are a stimulating place to be, at an exciting stage of your life! BHASVIC is a contemporary, creative, learning community and we look forward to you being a part of this when you start in September 2024.

William Baldwin
PRINCIPAL

Open Evening

Wednesday
8th November
4pm – 8pm

Thursday
9th November
4pm – 8pm

BHASVIC COMMUNITY

At BHASVIC we are committed to helping to shape a better future for our students beyond the classroom. This includes a strong commitment to sustainability, belonging and social justice. Students are encouraged to engage in creating meaningful change on the issues that matter to them.

SUSTAINABILITY

Last year we were pleased to win the Sixth Form College Associations inaugural 'Sustainability' award and the Beacon Award for Education for Sustainable Development in partnership with FE Sussex. At the heart of this was the successful development and delivery of a Carbon Literacy Qualification, available to all BHASVIC students to complete whilst studying with us. Our student-led Climate Action Society continues to be extremely popular, organising a variety of awareness raising events throughout the year and holding the college to account on key environmental issues. Curriculum teams are encouraged to embed sustainability into the teaching of every subject at BHASVIC.

BELONGING

We were delighted to achieve College of Sanctuary status in 2023, the first college in the South to achieve this. This status represents the commitment of our college community to supporting refugees and people seeking asylum and to help raise awareness about migration and why people seek safety amongst our students, staff, and the wider community. Our Student Union led on initiatives such as Culture Day and participation in Brighton Pride whilst our Tutorial Programme explores key themes from events such as Black History Month, Women's History Month, and Pride Month.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

BHASVIC is a founding member of Brighton & Hove Citizens, a chapter of Citizens UK, a community organising group who aim to bring people together to create positive change around issues of social justice and equality. This student-led work has included campaigning to create safer and more affordable public transport across the Sussex and improving mental health provision in Brighton & Hove.



YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME & SUPPORT

A study programme is all the formal activities that you take at the college consisting of:

CORE SUBJECTS

A levels, BTECs and GCSE qualifications

TUTORIAL PROGRAMME

Weekly Tutorial sessions to support in careers preparation and Higher Education applications, study skills, citizenship, personal development and wellbeing

PORTFOLIO COURSES

Additional one-year courses, normally taken in the second year, that extend your practical or academic studies in areas where you have an interest (for example, the Extended Project Qualification)

SUBJECT EXTENSIONS

Support sessions run by teachers to help you with specific areas in the courses you study

ENRICHMENT

Extra activities such as sport, performing arts, Duke of Edinburgh, community and charity work, clubs, societies, competitions, trips, visits and workshops

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Workshops and training sessions delivered by specialists on the issues that matter most to our students

Most students will take three A levels or equivalent (such as a combination of BTECs and A levels) at BHASVIC. This forms the core of our standard study programme, as it does nationally at this level, and is the normal requirement for entry to Higher Education. Some students may qualify to come to BHASVIC yet will also need to re-sit English or Maths GCSE which can be done alongside the main elements of a study programme.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Support for students with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) is referred to as 'Additional Learning Support' (ALS) at BHASVIC. This support is available for any student who requires some help and guidance with their learning, not just those with a diagnosed or assessed need. We provide a range of support that is tailored to suit the needs of the individual student. Students can bring work related to their studies including coursework and address their difficulties with the help of Additional Learning Support Teachers. Support can include help with essay writing, effective note-taking and organisational skills. We also provide support for Maths and English GCSEs and preparation and practice for exams. In-class support is sometimes provided to students who have significant needs. Assistive technology can be provided to help students access learning, where assessments demonstrate need.

If you have a specific learning difficulty (e.g. dyslexia) a sensory impairment, mobility problems or anything else that affects your learning, please let us know via your application.


















MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY PROGRAMMES	
BTECs / WJEC (all A level equivalents)	<p>Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above in five different subjects. This must include a minimum of grade 4 in English Language GCSE or Maths GCSE.</p> <p>This study programme is made up of three single blocks of L3 study, at least one of which will be a BTEC / WJEC Level 3 qualification (for example, an A level and a double BTEC, two single BTECs etc). All L3 qualifications are A level equivalent at BHASVIC.</p>
3 A levels	<p>Six GCSEs, with a minimum of five grade 4 and one grade 6. These must be in a minimum of five different subjects. This must include a minimum of grade 4 in English Language GCSE or Maths GCSE.</p> <p>This study programme is made up of three single blocks of L3 study (for example, two A levels and a single BTEC, three A levels, etc). We will discuss with you at interview and enrolment whether three A levels or two A levels and a single BTEC is most suitable for you, depending on your GCSE grades.</p>
Double Maths (with 2 additional A levels)	<p>A minimum of four grade 7s and three grade 6s at GCSE including a minimum Grade 7 in Maths GCSE.</p> <p>Students studying Double Maths A level may wish to take two additional A level courses alongside their Maths, to enable them to acquire three different subjects. We will discuss this with applicants individually at interview but as a guideline, we would advise having a minimum of four grade 7s and three grade 6s at GCSE to study Double Maths and two other A levels.</p>
Please refer to individual course pages on our website for full course details.	

EXAM ARRANGEMENTS

If you have had Access Arrangements and/or Reasonable Adjustments for Exams for your GCSEs we will assess you at the start of your time here to see if you will continue to need these arrangements during your studies at BHASVIC.



Course List

Course	Qualification	Entry Requirements
 Art – Fine Art	A level	4 in Art GCSE
 Biology	A level	4 in English Language, 5 in Maths and 2 6s in 2 sciences at GCSE (Biology plus one other, combined science accepted but not Applied Science)
 Business	A level	4 in Maths GCSE and 4 in English Language GCSE
 Business	BTEC Level 3	4 in Maths GCSE or English Language GCSE
 Chemistry	A level	4 in English Language, 5 in Maths and 2 6s in 2 sciences at GCSE (Chemistry plus one other, combined science accepted but not Applied Science)
 Classical Civilisation	A level	4 in English Language GCSE
 Computer Science	A level	6 in Maths GCSE. You do not need to have studied Computer Science or I.T. at GCSE / Level 2
 Computing – Games, Apps and Encryption	BTEC Level 3	4 in English Language GCSE and 4 in Maths GCSE
 Creative Digital Media Production – Film and TV	BTEC Level 3	4 in English Language GCSE. For more information on specific entry requirements, please visit our website, www.bhasvic.ac.uk/courses/search
 Criminology	WJEC Level 3	No specific course entry requirement
 Dance	A level	4 in Dance GCSE if taken or Grade 5 Ballet. Audition required if neither is held.
 Drama and Theatre	A level	5 in English Literature GCSE
 Economics	A level	4 in Maths GCSE and 4 in English Language GCSE
 English	GCSE	3 or below in English GCSE
 English Language	A level	4 in English Language GCSE
 English Language and Literature	A level	4 in English Language GCSE
 English Literature	A level	4 in English Language GCSE
 Environmental Science	A level	4 in English Language GCSE and 4 in two Science GCSEs

	Course	Qualification	Entry Requirements
	Film Studies	A level	4 in English Language GCSE and 4 in English Literature GCSE
	French	A level	4 in English Language GCSE and 6 in French GCSE
	Geography	A level	4 in English Language GCSE and 4 in a Science GCSE
	German	A level	4 in English Language GCSE and 6 in German GCSE
	Graphic Design and Communication	A level	No specific course entry requirement
	Health and Social Care	BTEC Level 3	4 in English Language or English Literature GCSE
	History - Medieval and Early Modern	A level	4 in English Language GCSE
	History - Modern	A level	4 in English Language GCSE
	History of Art	A level	4 in English Language GCSE and 4 in English Literature GCSE
	Information Technology (I.T.) - Digital Marketing & Web Design	BTEC Level 3	4 in English Language GCSE
	Law	A level	6 in English Language or 6 in English Literature GCSE
	Law - Applied	BTEC Level 3	4 in English Language or 4 in English Literature GCSE
	Maths - Double	A level	7 in Maths GCSE and 4 in English Language GCSE or 4 in English Literature GCSE
	Maths - Single	A level	6 in Maths GCSE and 4 in English Language GCSE or 4 in English Literature GCSE
	Maths	GCSE	3 or below in Maths GCSE
	Media Studies	A level	4 in English Language GCSE
	Music	A level	4 in English Language GCSE, 6 in Music GCSE or Grade 5 instrument. For more information on specific entry requirements, please visit our website, www.bhasvic.ac.uk/courses/search



Course	Qualification	Entry Requirements
 Music	BTEC Level 3	4 in GCSE Music or BTEC Level 2 Merit and Grade 5 standard or above on main instrument desirable but not essential. For more information on specific entry requirements, please visit our website, www.bhasvic.ac.uk/courses/search
 Performance (Acting)	BTEC Level 3	4 in English Language GCSE. For more information on specific entry requirements, please visit our website, www.bhasvic.ac.uk/courses/search
 Philosophy	A level	6 in English Language GCSE or 6 in English Literature GCSE
 Photography	A level	No specific course entry requirements
 Physical Education	A level	4 in English Language GCSE, 4 in Science GCSE and 6 in Physical Education GCSE. Club-level standard practical performance within one selected sporting activity
 Physics	A level	4 in English Language, 6 in Maths and 2 6s in 2 sciences at GCSE (Physics plus one other, combined science accepted but not Applied Science)
 Politics	A level	4 in English Language GCSE
 Psychology	A level	4 in English Language GCSE or 4 in English Literature GCSE and 4 in Maths GCSE
 Religious Studies	A level	4 in English Language GCSE
 Sociology	A level	4 in English Language or 4 in English Literature GCSE
 Spanish	A level	4 in English Language GCSE and 6 in Spanish GCSE
 Sport - Single/Double	BTEC Level 3	4 in English Language GCSE or 4 in English Literature GCSE or 4 in Maths GCSE
 Sport & Exercise Sciences - Single / Double	BTEC Level 3	4 in Maths GCSE and 4 in Science GCSE and 4 in English Language GCSE or 4 in English Literature GCSE
 Textile Design	A level	No specific course entry requirements



To see overall entry requirements to study at BHASVIC refer to page 3. Alternatively, for a more comprehensive overview of the course criteria, entry requirements, and additional information, please visit our website at www.bhasvic.ac.uk/courses/search



ENRICHMENT

At BHASVIC we are proud to offer our students a range of enrichment opportunities for students to take their learning beyond the classroom.

STUDENT UNION

The heart of our student voice, 15 student union representatives are elected in a variety of positions each year. The Student Union hold half-termly forums, organise celebration and awareness raising events throughout the year and ensure our students' best interests are represented in all the college's decisions.

STUDENT CLUBS & SOCIETIES

A diverse range of student-led clubs and societies run each year, open to all students to join including; Feminist Society, Hypatia Society, Creative Writing Society, Chess Society, Model UN, Debating Society, LGBTQ+ Society, Film Society, Period Project Society, Jewish Society, Dungeons & Dragons, Digital Theatre, Monologue Slam and the Christian Union.

SPORT

Our thriving sport department runs Women's Football and Men's Basketball Academies alongside Netball, Ruby and Men's Football teams open to any BHASVIC student to try-out for. We also offer lunchtime clubs for Table Tennis, Badminton, and Basketball which are open to everyone.

D of E

BHASVIC students can complete their silver or gold DofE awards whilst with us with expeditions, fundraising and volunteering projects organised throughout the year.

MUSIC

Our Music Department offers a wide range of lunchtime groups and bands including Salsa, Woodwind, Big Band, Choir, Strings, Rock & Pop, and Brass with showcase events including Christmas and Summer concerts.

PERFORMING ARTS

Our Drama department stages productions each year open to all students. Performances have previously featured in Brighton Fringe and National Theatre Connections Festival.

B-MAG

Aspiring authors, journalists and illustrators can contribute to B-MAG, our college magazine. Articles range from film reviews to creative writing and opinion pieces. B-MAG is open to all students and featured on the college website as well as in newsletters and social media.

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

All our subject departments offer students a range of opportunities throughout the year to take their learning beyond the curriculum including Maths & Science Olympiads, IT Competitions, Visual Art Exhibitions, Drama productions, Music Concerts and a variety of trips and field research.

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Application Timeline

SEPTEMBER 2023 | START PLANNING

Start planning early - this time next year you could be a BHASVIC student! Make the most of information in this prospectus and on our website, along with information sessions at your school. Start to get an idea of which courses you think you might want to do, what the entry requirements are and what qualifications you need to have to get into future degree courses or careers you might have in mind.

NOVEMBER 2023 | OPEN EVENINGS

There are two Open Evenings in November for prospective students and parents/carers to visit the college. These give you a fantastic opportunity to see the college and facilities, to hear from the Principal and visit departments to find out more about the courses you are interested in. You will also get a chance to speak to lots of current students who will be the best source of information on what college is really like!

DECEMBER 2023 | APPLICATION DEADLINE

Make sure your application is submitted by **1st December 2023** to be considered a priority applicant. To apply to BHASVIC use the online application form via our website bhasvic.ac.uk

NOVEMBER 2023 – EASTER 2024 | INTERVIEWS AND OFFER LETTER

If you have applied by 1st December you will normally be given an admissions interview at the college. We consider your current progress by looking at your most recent school report and attendance, and discuss your intended programme of study, entry conditions and future plans. If we can make you an offer, we will normally do so within two weeks of your interview. You must accept your offer of a place at BHASVIC within two weeks of receiving your email offer.

JUNE 2024 | MOVING ON DAY FOR STUDENTS

Once you have accepted your place at the college, you will be invited to our Moving On Day on 27th June when you come to the college to have induction lessons and confirm your course choices. We also run Parents' Induction evenings in July where parents can find out more about our guidance and support systems.

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2024 | RESULTS AND ENROLMENT

When you receive your GCSE results in August, we can offer you help and advice if needed via our Admissions and Guidance teams. At the very end of August or beginning of September you will have an enrolment appointment to finalise your course ready for you to become an official BHASVIC student.

SEPTEMBER 2024 | INDUCTION

Around the second week in September our full teaching timetable will start and you will begin your time as a student with an induction session which will ensure you know everything you need to know to make the best start here at BHASVIC.

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BHASVIC Student Union 2023

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