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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

We wanted to write to parents and carers of our second year A2 students to welcome you back to the new term and to remind you of the main ways we keep you up-to-date and informed with key events across the college year, as well as individual student progress.

### **Parent/Carer Dashboard and FAQs on the website**

We hope that you will find most of the information you need on our parent/carer page of the main BHASVIC website [HERE](#). This has information about a range of college provision including [guides to attendance and absence](#), [online payments and course charges](#), [key college events and calendars](#), as well as [higher education](#) applications, [careers and apprenticeship](#) advice, and support for [young people's emotional health & wellbeing](#). Our most up-to-date information is usually at the top, on the 'Noticeboard' section of this Parent/Carer page, or on the [FAQs](#) page. We are adding to our information all the time, so do please e-mail [info@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:info@bhasvic.ac.uk) if you see anything which is missing or have suggestions or additions.

### **Parent Advantage online account – tracking individual student progress**

Just a reminder that you can access your online Parent Advantage account from the [Parent/Carer Dashboard](#). This is your secure account to track individual student progress online, showing up-to-date attendance, timetable, support plans, exam entries and other information. If you have any issues using Parent Advantage please see the "How to use Parent Advantage" menu at the foot of the [Parent/Carer page](#).

**A2 Tutorial** – Second year students are now settling into their tutorial pathways which are linked to their progression choices and onward applications once they leave BHASVIC. If students have changed their Personal Tutor, you should be receiving a brief email\* from the new tutor which introduces themselves.

**\*Changes to parent/carer email address** - If this is not the best email address to use, please ensure we are informed of the correct contact details so that we can update our records. The best way to do this is for the student to email us on [CIS@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:CIS@bhasvic.ac.uk) by **Monday 27 September** from their BHASVIC email account. If the email comes from a non-BHASVIC account, please ensure it includes name and date of birth of the student within the subject line. Please note any requests from a non-BHASVIC account will have to be confirmed by the student.

### **Progress Reviews (termly)**

Once a term, you will receive information about your young person's progress through Progress Reviews on your Parent Advantage account. Current planned publication dates are round one **Wednesday 17 November 2021** and round two **Wednesday 23 March 2022**. Please check the Parent/Carer Dashboard for full information on Progress Reviews [HERE](#).

**A2 (second year) subject-based parent evenings** are scheduled for **Thursday 25 November** and **Wednesday 1 December**, when you will have the opportunity to book short online video appointments with subject teachers, further information will follow nearer the time. We are also hoping to hold a new virtual information event on next steps for A2 parents/carers linked to Higher Education, specialist applications, careers and progression pathways later in the Spring Term. Further details will follow.

### **Go to Uni challenge for parents**

If you would like to help your young person get started on their UCAS application, we recommend that you join The Life Tutor's FREE 5 day Go to Uni challenge, hosted by BHASVIC tutor Lucy Aditi. She will take you through everything you need to help them choose courses, navigate the UCAS process and start a brilliant personal statement. This will complement the advice your young person is getting from their personal tutor at college and enable you to be more directly involved. The link to sign up is here:

<https://thelifetutor.ck.page/a212c22519>

You can also follow Lucy's [Facebook page](#) for more tips and advice including the A-Z of Uni Applications.

### **Freshers and Enrichment Fair – Wednesday 29 September**

We are delighted to begin the new term with our first student enrichment event of the year. Our Freshers' Fair runs from 10am-2pm and we hope to showcase enrichment across the college campus. There will be exhibitions and stalls in the Main Hall, Elms Theatre and in both the Courtyard and Piazza (weather permitting) where students can find out more about a host of student clubs and societies, trips and opportunities to get involved in the college and wider community. Normal timetable continues on this day.

### **Parents' and Carers' Newsletter (termly)**

Finally, after October half term, you will receive the Autumn Term edition of Parent & Carers' News, via e-mail, which is our termly update on events, activities and enrichment. Once again, we hope you find this useful and informative, and do please take time to feedback to us if you feel there is anything else you would like to see included in future editions. You can see previous editions and view information on all our events and communication [HERE](#). Please do also follow us through our online BHASVIC community on social media [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

We hope that students are already enjoying the college experience and you feel informed about what is planned over the coming weeks and months. Please do not hesitate to contact your young person's Personal Tutor or any one of the Student Support, Student Experience or Student Guidance teams ([Our Support Service](#)) if you have any further questions.

Best wishes,



Assistant Principal (Student Services)