



Thursday 1 April 2021

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Re: Progression & Higher Education Information Webinar Evening – Tuesday 27 April

At BHASVIC we are aware that the variety of options available for post-18 study and/or employment can be a little overwhelming for students and their parents/carers to navigate. The cost to the individual of studying a degree, and the impact this is having on admissions policies at universities, means that it is increasingly important to be confident about the facts and the choices your young person is making. To help support you in your discussions with them about their decisions, we are pleased to invite you to our **Progression & Higher Education Information Evening**.

We are also aware this is a critical transition point for our young people and it is important that their personal wellbeing is prioritised in order to provide the optimum conditions for clear and rational decision-making. We are delighted our wellbeing partner, Andrew Wright, will be joining us to advise how we can best support students through this time. Please also see further resources on our [Wellbeing page](#).

The evening will start with a brief introductory talk giving an overview of the variety of options now available post-18, and the support that is available at BHASVIC. We then outline what studying a degree involves and focus on the important decision-making process. We will also outline the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) application process and provide an overview of student finance. This will follow with a short talk from Andrew Wright, who will give his perspective as both a recent parent and wellbeing neuro-scientist.

For the first time, we will be holding this event online via Zoom and to ensure we are supporting as many parents and carers as possible, we are offering two sessions. You are invited to attend **one** of the following sessions on **Tuesday 27 April**:

First Session: 17:00 – 18:30 and Second Session: 19:00 – 20:30.

We ask that only **one parent/carer books onto the event but obviously welcome additional members of the family to join in the webinar**. All presentations will be available after the event on our [Higher Education page](#) where you can also find further research resources on HE pathways and applications. **You need to book a place in order to attend** and can do this via the Parent/Carer website, via the following link

- [Parents & Carers Event Booking System](#) - The booking system will open on Monday 19 April and will be on a **first come, first served basis, closing at 12:00 on the day of the event. A reminder and zoom link will be sent to you nearer the time.**

Please be assured that all students receive a full package of support via the tutorial programme and you can find more information on this below. They can also request one-to-one support from one of BHASVIC's qualified careers advisers should they feel this would be of benefit to them.

Tutorial Programme – “My Future Plans” & Progression Week

To support your young person with their progression plans after BHASVIC, during tutorial, we will explore the range of routes available to young people, including Higher Education, and have been guiding them in their decisions about their programme of study for their second year. In addition to this, the **Student Progression Week from Monday 7 – Friday 11 June** will give students the opportunity to further explore their options. More information about this week will be provided to students and parents/carers in May. The tutorial programme will then be focussed on progression plans during the second half of the summer term, and throughout the Autumn Term of the second year.

Dedicated A2 Pathways

As you are aware from recent communication students have the option, for their second year, to choose a specialist tutor group which focusses on the application process for their next steps after BHASVIC, whether this be university, employment, apprenticeships, art foundation, Oxbridge or medical careers. This choice is

made during the A1-A2 transfer process which commenced in March, and full information can be found on our [Progression from A1 to A2 page](#).

Additional Date for your Diary: Specialist Application Evening Webinar – Tuesday 25 May 2021

Further to the evenings outlined above, we are also hosting a Specialist Applications Evening Webinar. This event will provide important information and advice about the routes that many of our students apply through which **have different deadlines or additional processes to the standard UCAS system:**

- Applications for an Apprenticeship or Employment
- Applications to study Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science
- Applications to Oxford or Cambridge university
- Applications for those students wishing to study a Visual Arts foundation course or who wish to apply directly to a Visual Arts degree course (such as Art and Design, Photography, Textiles, Fashion, Graphic Design, Illustration, etc.)
- Applications to Music Conservatoires

If your young person is considering an application in any of these areas we strongly recommend you attend this evening and encourage your young person to attend with you. Full details will follow at the end of April, in the meantime further resources can also be found on our [Careers & Employability page](#).

We look forward to seeing you virtually on 27 April and do also hope that you will consider attending our Specialist Application evening on 25 May, if relevant. Please don't forget to check out the wealth of resources on our [Parents and Carers page](#).

Wishing you a Happy Easter.

Yours faithfully,



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