



28 May 2021

Dear Student, Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of this half-term there are a number of updates for you. As ever, students have been fantastic this half-term. It is great to see first years in full classes but sad to have to say goodbye to those leaving us.

Farewell to Leavers

Today we will have had our Leavers' Event and bid farewell to those who have finished their studies – I have recorded a message for them here: [William Baldwin's Farewell to BHASVIC 2021 Leavers \(vimeo.com\)](#).

Specialist Applications – A2 tutorial pathways

Thank you to everyone who attended this virtual event on Tuesday. We have had lots of positive feedback about the information given regarding next steps for our A2 tutorial programme and onward applications. If you missed it, or wish to check out the presentations for any of the tutorial pathways (**Employability & Enterprise, Oxbridge, Medics, Visual Arts, Music**) then the recordings for all these events can be found [HERE](#)

The event followed on from our **Higher Education Information Webinar Event** for A1 Parents and Carers, which took place on Tuesday 27 April. If you were unable to attend this or just needed a reminder regarding the UCAS tutorial pathway please see a recording of the event [HERE](#) (subtitles are available by selecting the 'CC' option on the presentation screen).

Further resources relating to pathways mentioned above can also be found on our [Higher Education](#) and [Careers and Employability](#) pages.

Progression Week – Monday 7-11 June

The first week after May half term is a remote learning week* for students, when normal lessons will be suspended and students will be completing a programme of online activities, linked to their chosen career or progression aim.

All students have been e-mailed directly to let them know their commitments and timetable, which includes a 'launch' webinar on Monday 7 June, a daily timetable of talks, virtual open days workshops and activities; and opportunities for Q&A sessions towards the end of the week. Students will be reminded of daily activities via Teams and will be asked to submit their completed research in follow-up tutorials. Please look out for further information, which will also be posted on the [parents and carers website page](#) during the week.

**The library will be open for students who need to access IT or a space to work during this week.*

Carbon Literacy Course

BHASVIC is piloting a Carbon Literacy Course designed for 16-18 year olds, developed with The Carbon Literacy Project and Manchester Met University. It is a self-study course that will end with a webinar and is open to all students (we anticipate it will take around 5-7 hours of study time). Once complete, not only will it provide a level 3 qualification but will also help individuals to change behaviours, as we all work towards local, national and global emissions targets.

Students have been sent emails and Teams messages about how to sign up for this. This is something that could also be completed during Progression Week!

Covid Testing

A reminder to please continue to self-test twice a week. We know from National Statistics that there should be around 8 million tests being completed weekly by those in education and only around 2 million test results are being registered weekly online. Regular self-testing provides another layer of assurance around us operating as safely as possible here at college. Test kits are available to pick up throughout the college.

Duke of Edinburgh

Students interested should sign up via the VLE for an onsite Induction Day on 8th June. No previous experience is necessary – Silver and Gold Award is available and there are grants available to students who qualify. For those who have been fed-up with lockdown, this provides extraordinary experiences, builds confidence and character and is favoured by employers.

Update from Council

Please do read [this update](#) from the Council reminding you of the updated guidance as lockdown measures ease.

Library

The library will be open during half-term (excluding Bank Holiday) from 10am-4pm and during Progression Week (9am-5pm).

A2 Leavers – A message from our Finance Department

For your information refunds will be made via Bacs, and are normally paid to the parent/carer. Our Finance department will be emailing parents/carers with a request to provide bank details via a short online survey. Please look out for this email from 14 June, you may not receive this immediately as we will be working through them in batches. If any student believes that they should receive the refund and not a parent/carer, we have asked students to contact accounts@bhasvic.ac.uk before 14 June 2021.

Best wishes,



William Baldwin
Principal