



25 June 2021

Dear Student, Parents and Carers

A1 Exams

As we reach the end of our first week of first year summer exams, it is good to report that these have progressed smoothly. We hope students are feeling that they are benefitting from the experience, which gives them a chance to polish revision techniques and rehearse completing assessments in large venues under timed conditions. Teachers will be giving students their marks before the end of term and end of year subject references will be published in the week beginning Monday 12 July: further details to follow.

Relaxation Space and Wellbeing

For anyone who may need to practise relaxation techniques before or after their exam, we have set up a calm 'drop-in' space on the ground floor of Student Services, in room C311. No prior booking needed, and a range of distraction activities, calming aromas, as well as drinks and snacks are available.

We also ran one of our wellbeing webinars for A1 students, parents & carers on Monday 21 June, with specific advice on managing your wellbeing during the exam period: a recording of this can be found [here](#).

ID Cards & Seating Plans

We do need to remind all students that they must bring their ID cards and seating plan to every exam. If they have lost their exam seating plans, they will need to e-mail exams@bhasvic.ac.uk and visit the Exams Office in the Sports Centre to collect another copy.

For obvious security reasons, it is also essential for all staff and students to carry ID cards when on site; not just in exams season, but throughout the year. If students have lost their ID card, then they must get one issued from IT Support (ITSupport@bhasvic.ac.uk) in room 126 (College House) as soon as possible.

Normal Timetable and Testing

We return to normal timetable, with all students back onsite, from **Thursday 1 July**. Given the current spike in Covid case rates in Brighton and Hove amongst 15-29 years olds, can we ask that everyone has completed a home test before they return on that day, and maintain the twice weekly testing routine whilst we are back at college. As our Moving On Day for in-coming Year 11s has now moved online, **Tuesday 6 July** becomes a normal teaching day for current A1 students.

For those who may be experiencing anxiety about the return, or anything else in the final few weeks of term, we have another Guided Relaxation session online at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 30 June**. Students should e-mail wellbeing@bhasvic.ac.uk if they would like to join.

Oxbridge Success

We were delighted to be mentioned as one of the best state providers for Oxbridge entries and this is testament to the hard work and dedication of all the staff and students involved. This achievement is made even more remarkable by our open access admissions policy which means that over half the successful cohort each year come from non-traditional 'Widening Participation' backgrounds. You can read the full article from The Telegraph, [here](#).

Creative Arts Enrichment

Finally, it is lovely to signpost some positive, creative outcomes to the academic year. Please do take a look at the Visual Arts Exhibition [here](#) which kicked off last night via a launch party on Teams. As ever the work is jaw-droppingly good and it is fantastic to be able to celebrate and showcase the work of our talented students. Please also keep an eye out for news of our Media & Performing Arts Festival over the next two weeks, with both onsite and online showcase events planned.

With best wishes,



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