



Dear Parent/Carer

9 September 2020

We wanted to write to you as the parent/carer of one of our A2 students, to welcome you back to the new term and to let you know about some of the main ways in which you will be able to keep up-to-date and informed about the progress of your young person, as well as giving you some information about key events which are coming up this term.

Adapting to Covid regulations

I wanted to share this video by William Baldwin, Principal, which gives you an overview of the new structure of this term's 'blended learning' timetable: [How BHASVIC is adapting to Covid regulations](#). Students will be learning more about this in their 'Welcome Day and Onsite Induction' and will also have explained to them some of the key health & safety measures we are putting in place, demonstrated by members of the Student Union in this video [HERE](#). We hope that these videos – and the Welcome Days and Onsite Inductions, this week – provide some reassurance to all our students and to you, as parents/carers.

A2 Welcome Day – Wednesday 9 September

Students received access via the student VLE to their Welcome Day schedule from midday yesterday (**Tuesday 8 September**). Students have been invited to either a morning or afternoon session. A remote helpdesk for A2 students has been running since Tuesday 1 September and students have been completing work remotely and checking in with their teachers/tutors.

Normal timetable begins for students on Monday 14 September.

Parent/Carer Dashboard (<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard>)

We hope that you will find most of the information you need on our parent/carer page of the main BHASVIC website. This has information about a range of college activity and provision including guides to attendance & absence procedures, 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. We are adding to it all the time, so do please e-mail Caroline Abbott (c.abbott@bhasvic.ac.uk) if you have any suggestions for information which is not already included.

Parent Advantage online accounts

Just a reminder you can access your online **Parent Advantage account** from [here](#) which enables you to track the progress of your young person online. This is a secure account which shows you up-to-date attendance, timetable, support plans, exam entries and other information.

Changes to your email address - If this is not the best email address to use, please ensure your young person informs us of the correct email so that we can update our records. The best way they can do this is to email us on cis@bhasvic.ac.uk by **Sunday 20 September** from their BHASVIC email account. **If you do this, please ensure you include the name and date of birth of your young person within the subject line.**

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Progress Reviews (termly)

Once a term, you will receive information about your young person's progress through Progress Reviews. Current planned publication dates are:

Round one: Monday 23 November 2020

Round two Friday 19 March 2021

Please check the Parent/Carer Dashboard for further information: [Progress Reviews](#)

A2 Parents' Evenings – Arrangements for the evening will be sent to you nearer the time.

Subject-based parent evenings are currently scheduled for **Thursday 26 November** and **Wednesday 2 December**. We may organise these remotely, but we will send more information once we have reviewed our procedures to make them Covid-secure.

Parents and Carers Newsletter (termly)

You will shortly be receiving the Autumn Term edition of Parent & Carers News, via e-mail, which as you may know is our termly update on events, activities and key services. 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 also view information regarding BHASVIC events and communication [here](#). You can also follow us on our online BHASVIC community [Instagram](#) / [Facebook](#) / [Twitter](#).

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.

I trust that you and your young person have a good Autumn term, and please do not hesitate to contact your young person's Personal Tutor or the Student Services team if you have any further questions.

Yours Sincerely



Assistant Principal (Director of Student Services)