



Dear Parent/Carer

9 September 2020

We wanted to write to you as the parent/carer of one of our new students, to welcome you to the college 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 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.

### **A1 Welcome Day – Thursday 10 September**

Students will receive access via the Student VLE to their Welcome Day schedule from 2pm today (**Wednesday 9 September**). Students will be invited to either a morning or afternoon session. An online helpdesk (accessed via the [Latest Information](#) section of the website) will be available for students from 11 September to 7 October. **Normal 'blended' 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](mailto:c.abbott@bhasvic.ac.uk)) if you have any suggestions for information which is not already included.

### **Parent Advantage online accounts**

We will be in touch later this term with instructions on how to access your online **Parent Advantage account**, 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. Once activated, Parent Advantage will be available by clicking the link on the Parent/Carer Dashboard. We will send two emails to this address. One will have an authentication code to activate your account and instructions to access the system and the second will allow you to link your account to your student's account. Please look out for this email in the latter half of the term.

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**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](mailto: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.**

### **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 and Round two Friday 19 March 2021**. At the end of the summer term, progress exam results will be available via Parent Advantage. Please check the Parent/Carer Dashboard for full information on Progress Reviews [here](#).

### **A1 Parents' Evenings – Arrangements for the evening will be sent to you nearer the time.**

**Meet the Tutor evenings** are on **Wednesday 30 September** and **Thursday 8 October**. At this event, you will have the opportunity to speak to your young person's Personal Tutor. We may organise these remotely, but we will send more information once we have reviewed our procedures to make them Covid-secure. At that point, details about our online Parent Booking system will be e-mailed out, together with tutor availability on each evening.

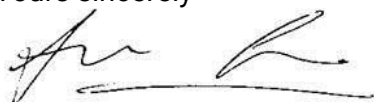
Please note that it is too early to be able to make any comment on student progress in their subjects, and **subject-based parent evenings** are scheduled for **Thursday 14 January** and **Wednesday 20 January**. We also hold general information evenings about Higher Education and specialist applications and progression pathways later in the Spring Term (March & May), and we will send details to you nearer the time, including information on 'virtual' alternatives, if this is still necessary after the Autumn Term.

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

Finally, you will shortly be receiving the Autumn Term edition of Parent & Carers News, via e-mail, which 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 our events and communication [here](#). You can also follow us through our online BHASVIC community on [Instagram / Facebook / Twitter](#).

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



Alison Cousens, Assistant Principal (Director of Student Services)