



Thursday 26 August 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and have been enjoying the summer break. I am writing to remind you of some key dates and arrangements for the start of the Autumn Term for students coming back to their second year.

A2 Enrolment – Thursday 2 September (remote lessons)

A2 students need to confirm they are returning to study for a second year and check their provisional timetable and courses are correct. Detailed instructions will be posted on the front page of the VLE and all students **MUST** log in and register there from 8.30am on this day. **All students must complete remote enrolment on the VLE by 4.30pm.**

There will be a special timetable on Thursday 2 September between 10am-4pm, which enables students to have 45 minute remote lessons in each of their core subjects. Students will receive an invitation to join each lesson in their new A2 Microsoft Team early next week and should check their Teams calendar. **Full links, details and FAQs will be on the front page of the VLE [HERE](#) early next week.**

Please ensure all summer work is complete and ready for submission by this day, as further work will be set in each subject.

A2 Lessons – Wednesday 8 September (onsite)

Students are expected to attend college in person and will have 45 minute lessons in each of their subjects, following the same schedule as Thursday 2 September. Full details will be on the VLE and teachers will communicate the rooms their classes will be held in. An onsite Help Desk will be situated in the Sports Centre Café from 9am to assist with students who are unclear where their lessons are on this day.

A2 Timetables, Virtual Help Desk and Course Change requests

Students will be able to view their provisional A2 timetable on Advantage on 2 September, in order to complete enrolment; however, timetables will then be switched off in order for us to finalise staffing, blocks and rooms. **Final A2 timetables will be published on Friday 10 September** and we ask that students do not make any firm plans around their timetable until after this date.

A Virtual Help Desk will operate from 10am from Thursday 2 September to deal with any queries regarding enrolment, courses, tutor pathway and portfolio choices. However, it is important to check the information on the front page of the VLE and read the FAQs before raising a query, as many timetabling issues are often explained or resolved there. Once you have logged a help desk request, a member of the team will respond as soon as possible.

Library opening and textbook issue – Friday 3 to Wednesday 8 September

The library will be open to collect and/or return textbooks between 10am-4pm. If students are due a year-loan second year text book in any of their subjects and did not collect these from the library at the end of last term, they can do this from Friday 3rd to Wednesday 8th September. Please bring college ID to the library issue desk.

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Replacement ID cards

For obvious security reasons, all students must carry their ID cards when onsite. As part of A2 enrolment, students will need to confirm that they have read and agree to the College Contract and still have a valid BHASVIC ID card. If they have lost their card, there will be an opportunity to obtain a replacement before term starts on Wednesday 8 September from Sports Centre Balcony. Details will be sent to students who request a replacement card as part of the A2 enrolment process. Once term begins, students will be charged for any replacement ID, so it is important to take the opportunity to get a replacement ID card now, if one is needed.

Covid Testing – Friday 3 September & Wednesday 8 September

Following Government guidance, A2 students are invited to attend college to take a lateral flow test on Friday 3 September and Wednesday 8 September. Students do not have to make an appointment and attendance at these tests is voluntary. Testing will take place in the Sports Hall and the entrance will be via the rear doors – signs will be up to help you navigate! Testing is open from 10.15-4.45pm (Friday) and 9.15am - 4.45pm (Monday – Wednesday)

Careers, University and Progression research

As part of the A2 tutorial programme, students will be progressing with their applications, personal statements and CVs, over the coming few weeks. There is plenty of online support and advice to help students, parents and carers 'get ahead' with this. We recommend lots of [super-curricular activities](#) for students to complete outside normal timetabled lessons, in addition to their summer work and other teacher-set activities. More information on specific pathways is also available on our [Higher Education](#) and [Careers & Employability](#) web-pages.

Newsletter

Finally, we hope that, if you haven't already taken a look, you will all enjoy the [latest summer edition of our newsletter](#), which contains some really uplifting information on the wider college experience and our end-of-term show case events. There are also features on wellbeing and careers support during the learner journey as well as some feedback on our amazing alumni.

We aim to return to delivering as much of the rich extra-curricular and social opportunities as normal over the coming term and continue to hope that over the next few months we will be able to return to business as usual. BHASVIC is an exciting place to be at an exciting stage of life and we aim to ensure that as far as possible this should be no different for those starting their final year with us in September.

Best wishes,



William Baldwin
Principal