



11 March 2022

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another week, the situation in Ukraine continues to concern us all. We have asked the Student Union what they would like to do to support victims of the conflict and it has been a topic for tutorial this week. In the meantime, we have changed our logos to yellow and blue on social media and on the website, in solidarity. We hope that it shows students and the wider community that we will speak up on issues of justice. If students are feeling anxious about the situation, we have a range of wellbeing support available – see below or speak to your Personal Tutor.

### **Progress Reviews & Study Leave (Monday 14 & Tuesday 15 March)**

On Monday and Tuesday next week, normal timetable is suspended in order that A2 teachers can complete 1:1 appointments with their students. These will be conducted online, via Teams, and all students will be on Study Leave. Independent study work has been set for A1s and A2s, and the Library remains open from 08:30-18:00 for any student who wishes to study onsite. [Progress Reviews](#) will be published to Parents & Carers on Wednesday 23 March.

### **Online Filtering & Monitoring**

We would like to remind all students of our statutory safeguarding duty to monitor and filter online activity on all College IT platforms, including Teams. We therefore ask that you only use Teams for college-based work and communications, and use other platforms for informal exchanges, not linked to your work at college. This is part of the college's [Acceptable Use](#) policy. Please check this, and our [Student Behaviour Policy](#) for detailed information and further guidance on IT and social media activity.

### **Talks, Workshops & Fairs in March**

This term it has been great to see the return of onsite enrichment activities. This week saw a successful Book Swap and the [Clothes Swap](#) is scheduled for Wednesday 16 & Friday 18 March – 11:00-13:00 - in the Main Hall. Please bring donations to the Student Services Centre. We also have a series of female speakers, including a prominent artist, physicist, sports coach, and environmentalist, as well as a trip to see Soma Sara, founder of Everyone's Invited on 29 March. Information is on the front page of the [BHASVLE](#) or email [events@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:events@bhasvic.ac.uk) to find out more and sign up for any talk.

### **Anxiety Management Workshop (Tuesday 15 March, 11:00-13:00)**

For many of us, the global situation is adding to feelings of anxiety. As part of our "Break the Bias" series of events in March, we have invited a local team from [Flourish Mentors](#) to run a fun, interactive wellbeing workshop to give female and non-binary students practical tools to help manage these feelings more effectively. For more information and to sign up, e-mail [events@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:events@bhasvic.ac.uk). Further non-gender specific workshops will also be available after Easter, in the run-up to exams.

### **Young Carers' Action Day (Wednesday 16 March, 11:45-12:30)**

Students are invited to our Young Carers Action Day event, which is a lunchtime 'drop in' meeting on Wednesday 16 March, Main Building, Room 38, 11:45-12:30, where they can meet Lizzie from Brighton Young Carers Project and discuss support at BHASVIC.

### **College Play – Cable Street**

**(Thursday 17 – Saturday 19 March, 19:00 & 15:00 matinee on Saturday)**

Tickets are still available for [Cable Street](#), this year's college play, specially commissioned by the National Theatre. It is the first time we have been able to stage our annual play in the new Elms Theatre, and it promises to be another excellent showcase of student talent.

### **Venue Hire – open for business!**

Now Coronavirus restrictions have been lifted, BHASVIC Venue Hire is pleased that we are now able to welcome back previous and new hirers. More information is available at: [Venue Hire at BHASVIC](#) or contact [venuehire@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:venuehire@bhasvic.ac.uk)

### **National Careers Week – Hello Future 2022!**

As part of National Careers Week, our local Careers Leader network have put together [this website](#), with a series of online webinars for students and [parents & carers](#). Please do take time to have a look and feedback.

### **Wellbeing NeuroNinja Programme (Wednesdays & Thursdays at 8pm)**

Our wellbeing webinars for students, parents & carers also continue over the next couple of weeks, with sessions on “Little & Often Learning” on Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 March, giving practical tips on how to study effectively; and “Anxiety Masterclasses” on Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 March. All sessions are 8-8.30pm - further details [HERE](#).

### **No Smoking – please be respectful to others**

We ask that students continue to respect that the College is a no-smoking site and are polite and respectful to other members of the community, including our neighbours. Please do not smoke in or around the entrances and public walkways around the College, as this also blocks safe access for others.

### **Absences**

Public Health/NHS guidance advises that you should still stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you test positive for Covid. We advise staff and students to follow this advice for now and will continue to authorise Covid-related absences for this reason.

Please use email: [studentabsence@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:studentabsence@bhasvic.ac.uk) to [report an absence](#), or use [Study Bugs](#). We have extensively updated our [FAQ page](#) so please do refer to this if you have more specific questions.

Best wishes,



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