



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

12 May 2023

## A2 Leavers

It's always a bittersweet moment to wave off our A2s into the exam period. They had a tough couple of years before coming to BHASVIC with severe disruption to their GCSE years, but I'm delighted they have been able to have a 'proper' college experience. Thanks to BHASVIC staff for helping to provide what has hopefully been a memorable and enjoyable couple of years.

I have wished our leavers the best of luck ([via this video message](#)) and in that I underscore that their humanity won't be reflected in their exam results, and that the universal human traits of kindness and empathy will always go far.

All A2 students were invited to our Leavers' Fair today to celebrate their last day at BHASVIC, where a range of activities were running on the college field including live music from our music students; giant Inflatables, pie-a-teacher for charity, tug-of-war; candy floss, popcorn, snacks & soft drinks and so much more. Photos of the event will be available via social media so follow us on BHASVIC (@BHASVIC) / Twitter and Instagram also on the [Parents & Carers](#) page.

## Study leave will begin for our A2 students from Monday 15 May.

We really encourage our A2 students to keep in touch with us via our [BHASVIC Alumni Community](#) and if you haven't done so already, please sign up to [Future First](#) as you could inspire the next generation of BHASVIC students, just like [Kabecca Films](#) and [James Alexander, TV Casting Director Careers Talk](#).

We wish all our students the very best of luck in their Exams. Students have been given information about Results Day in tutorial this week. BHASVIC-linked email and Teams accounts will remain open until 1 December 2023, but students are advised to move any essential resources from their cloud accounts as soon as their exams are completed.

Students should keep an eye on their [MyBHASVIC App](#) during the next few weeks and months to keep in touch with key exam updates. Further Exam Information is also available on our [Exams webpage](#), and [FAQs](#) page, which is always updated during the summer, in time for **A level / BTEC Results Day on 17 August**.

Please see the following DfE Guides published in the run up to exams to support students.

- [Coping with exam pressure - a guide for students - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Student Guide 2023 condensed.pdf \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Ofqual Student Guide 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

## Parent and Carer Annual Survey

Every year we ask Parents and Carers to complete this [Parent and Carer Annual Survey](#). Please could you complete it by 1 July. It is really important to receive your views so that we can continue to make improvements to how we operate.

## A1 Return to Timetable

We welcome our A1 students back to normal timetable on Monday 15 May following their Summer Exams. They are scheduled to receive their results on Thursday 15 June. There will be a chance for re-sits on 20/21 June and re-sit results are released on 28 June. Guidance Managers can answer any questions about progression criteria from A1 to A2 and will be available to support students following resit results; please contact [studentservices@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@bhasvic.ac.uk) if you need to contact your Guidance Manager or message them via Teams.

**Coming up in college** - please always check the [BHASVIC Online Calendar](#) for key dates/events coming up.

## A1 Progression Week: 22-27 May

This week is for all first-year students, when normal timetable is suspended to enable students to make progress in researching their preferred next steps after BHASVIC. **For all students there will be timetabled activities starting on Monday 22 May, with a combination of in-person and online sessions, which students are expected to attend.** Progression Week activities vary depending on which tutorial pathway students have chosen for next year (Visual Arts, Employability and Enterprise, Oxbridge (early applications),

Medical Careers (early applications), or UCAS) and students will be given the full schedule in tutorial next week.

## Reminders

### A2 exam seating plans - IMPORTANT

Students have been asked in tutorial to collect their exam seating plan. If you have not done so yet, go the Exams Office upstairs in the Sports Centre. **You will need your college ID and your timetable/seating plan to get into your exams!**

### Library Book Returns for A2 Students

All A2 students who have books on loan will receive an email from the Library detailing the items they need to return to college. **Please check your college email regularly!**

- Drop off your books to the library as early as you can - hand them in to the main **Library Desk**.
- There will be two dedicated book return days in the Library on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**.
- We encourage you to return the books before these dates, as soon as you have finished an exam and no longer need them!
- After 28<sup>th</sup> June, we will re-check your library account. **It is important that you have returned all items to the college.** You will need to have a clear library account for Finance to process the return of the £50 deposit which was paid when you joined BHASVIC.
- Please note: deposits will be returned to parents/carers' accounts unless otherwise notified.

### Careers and Employability

Students should be aware that we have an [Ex-students webpage](#), which includes useful careers links and live jobs boards. See links below for a list of opportunities, event and resources including information for parents and carers.

- [BHASVIC Jobs Board](#)
- [BHASVIC Careers Events and Activities Board](#)
- [BHASVIC Work Experience & Volunteering Board](#)

### A1 Parents and Carers – recent Specialist Application & HE Events

Recordings of our Higher Education Events that took place in March can be found [HERE](#) and PowerPoints of the Specialist Application evening presentations are now available on our [Parents & Carers](#) page.

## Community news

### Pets as Therapy

We were delighted to welcome back our [Pets As Therapy](#) dogs Doris and Jimmy, students were able to meet them in Student Services or in the Piazza, Jimmy will be back for more fuss on the 15 May. As we enter the exam period in earnest, please also see further support resources on our [Wellbeing](#) and [A-Z Young Peoples' Support and Services pages](#).

### BHASVIC show for Brighton Fringe Festival 2023!

Over the past few months our cast have given up their time to rehearse a reinterpretation of Lorca's classic tale 'Blood Wedding.' This version involves physical theatre, live acapella singing, puppetry and gripping storytelling. For more details, please see [BHASVIC College presents 'Blood Wedding' - Brighton Fringe](#) and listen out for us on Brighton Fringe Podcast!

## And finally

Good luck to students who are about to start their exams – do feel confident that you are well prepared and have the foundations set for your individual success. My thanks also go to all parents and carers who have helped students navigate the last couple of years – being a parent of a 16-18 year-old isn't always easy, but your patience and guidance has got them to a place where we see confident and independent young people ready to leave us and navigate a successful future for themselves.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal