



16 December 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Covid

Two weeks is a long time in a pandemic. It is too early to speculate what this surge in cases will have on the NHS and any what, if any, impact this might have on the start of term, but our sincere hope is that term will resume as planned with face to face teaching. We will update you before the start of term if anything changes. We will continue to use the website pop-up message and FAQ section of the website so please do check this if necessary.

Start of Spring Term - Key Dates

Normal timetable starts again on Tuesday 4 January at 8.30.

- **Tuesday 4 January 2022** – First day of Spring Term for students
- **Thursday 13 January & Wednesday 19 January** – A1 Parents' Evenings (see below)
- **Wednesday 12 January** – Refreshers' Fair
- **Monday 31 January** – A2 Study Leave & Mock Exams – A1 Normal Timetable
- **Monday 7 February** – A2 Study Leave & Mock Exams – A1 Normal Timetable
- **Monday 14 February** – Half Term Break

A1 Parents' Evenings

I write to remind you that our A1 (first year) Parents' Evenings will take place on the following dates:

- Thursday 13 January 17:00-19:00
- Wednesday 19 January 18:00-20:00

Full instructions were emailed earlier this week from our Events team, please email events@bhasvic.ac.uk if you have further questions. However, please note due to the Christmas holidays it may take longer to receive a response. A reminder will be sent in the week beginning Tuesday 4 January.

Mock Exam Fortnight and Study Leave – Monday 31 January to Friday 11 February

At the start of term, we will be publishing the Mock Exam Timetable to A2 students, along with some key facts and advice. This will be shared with all students in tutorial and will be available on our FAQs page. Please also note that some of our BTEC courses will also have controlled assessments over the first few weeks of the Spring Term.

Destinations Guidance

For our A2 students, universities will begin to make offers in earnest over the Spring Term. We have extensive information, advice and guidance for all our students about their progression after BHASVIC – regardless of whether they have applied to University or not – and students should initially speak with their Personal Tutor to access our expertise and support.

Wellbeing during the holiday period

In advance of the Christmas & New Year break, we would like to let you know that if you have any concerns about your young person's emotional health and wellbeing whilst the college is closed, telephone consultations are available from the [Brighton & Hove Schools Wellbeing Christmas Consultation Line](#) from 21, 22 and 30 December, 09:00-12:00.

I would also like to share a list of external agencies that may be helpful: [Young People's Support and Services](#), [Maintaining Positive Wellbeing](#) and our dedicated [Wellbeing](#) page with a wealth of resources. Students can also refer to the [BHASVLE Welfare VLE page](#) to find a range of advice and information about; welfare, safety, and local support services.

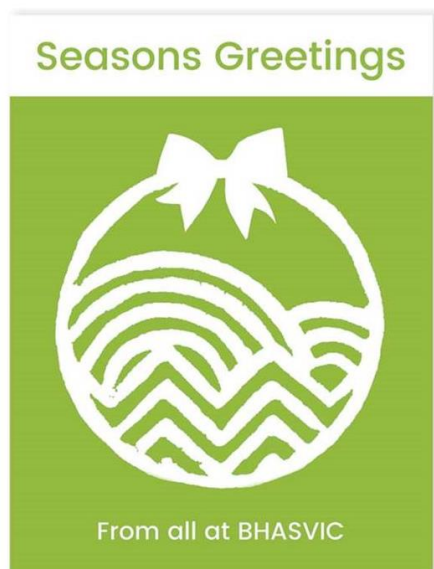
Christmas Concert

We held performances over two nights last week and I was blown away by the talent of our students. It was wonderful to see students perform – many of them for the first time in two years. If you'd like to see any of the concerts then the links are here:

Compilation clip [here](#), Full shows for Wednesday 8 December [here](#) and Wednesday 9 December [here](#).

Season's Greetings

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing, safe and peaceful Christmas with very best wishes for 2022, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 4 January 2022.



Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Baldwin".

William Baldwin
Principal