



2 December 2022

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Ofsted Inspection

As you may know, Ofsted will be inspecting BHASVIC next week from 3-6 December. We have been waiting for this inspection and are looking forward to hosting them and showing them our college. Students will have a brief presentation in lessons on Friday and Monday going over some key points for the inspection. As circulated earlier in the week, Ofsted are keen to hear your views, so please complete the relevant survey if you can. Thanks to those who have already completed these.

[Here is an explanation to students of what the Survey is about](#)

[Here is the link to the Student Survey](#)

[Here is the link to the Parent Survey](#)

ID card checks

For everyone's safety, all BHASVIC students are expected to carry their ID cards when they are in college. We ask that you meet friends from other colleges off site. If we cannot quickly confirm you are a current BHASVIC student, via your ID card, you will be asked to leave the campus. Please remember to carry your student ID this week and be ready to show it to your tutor or any member of staff. We have a Community Officer who is leading on daily, random 'spot' checks, but we will also be conducting termly reminders in tutorial. Remember: you will also be unable to sit any exam without your BHASVIC ID. If you need a replacement card, you will need to pay £2 at the Finance Office (Room 112, ground floor, College House) and then go to the IT Office (room 126, College House) to get your card re-printed. For further information, email ITSupport@bhasvic.ac.uk

End of Term Arrangements [Calendar \(bhasvic.ac.uk\)](#)

Autumn Term ends for students on Thursday 15 December at 3.45pm. Our Events and Enrichment team and Student Union have organised a BHASMAS Christmas special with a range of activities planned between 10.00 - 12.30 including: Music Performances from student and staff bands; a film screening hosted by the Film Society; 'Arts and Crafts' space; Xmas Quiz hosted by the Student Union and a festive Christmas Market in the Piazza organized by Young Enterprise.

Widening Participation Launch (WP) - November 2022 - Two talks took place onsite attended by approx. 200 first year students, in partnership with Sussex and Brighton Universities. Our Widening Participation scheme is managed within our Student Experience Team. If you are eligible for WP you have received an email recently from our WP Team, here is a link to the [WP Autumn 2022 Newsletter A1](#) For further information or questions, please email wp@bhasvic.ac.uk. please also see [Widening Participation FAQs](#).

Wellbeing Update

1-2-1 coaching sessions have now been established and are ongoing with one of our wellbeing partners – [ActionYourPotential](#). Students should email wellbeing@bhasvic.ac.uk if they think they would benefit from this support. Action Your Potential have more planned in Term 2 where they are hoping to work with small groups around the themes of motivation and procrastination. More details to follow in the Spring Term.

Rail Disruption

Rail strikes are planned for Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Friday 16 December, as well as Tuesday 3, Wednesday 4 and Friday 6 January. This may have a knock-on effect on travel for students on days either side of these dates. Where possible, teachers aim to make learning materials from the class available for students who miss lessons, however, we are unable to offer online learning on these days and we ask that parents/carers email studentabsence@bhasvic.ac.uk before 11am. This will ensure that any unavoidable absences are authorised by the attendance team. Please be aware that absences reported by students directly will not be authorised until confirmed by a parent/carer.

NEU Industrial Action

Thank you for navigating the suspension of lessons on Wednesday due to national industrial action taken by NEU members in Sixth Form colleges. It is unfortunate that this coincided with one of the two A2 Parents' Evenings. We did seek advice on our options to move this to another night but the withdrawal of labour for that

day covers the withdrawal of labour for events on that day and these can't just be slotted back in elsewhere without the risk that they will remain unstaffed on the re-arranged date.

Progress Reviews

As highlighted in previous communications, all students have had Progress Reviews completed in November, including a progress grade and reflective student comments. You can check your young person's Progress Reviews, which were published on the Parent Portal on Wednesday 23 November. For more information on Progress Reviews, please check the [Parents & Carers](#) page of the website.

A1 Parents Evenings

A1 parents' evenings will be on Thursday 12 and Wednesday 18 January. Full details will be sent before the end of term from our Events team.

A1 Skills Week – preparation needed now

BHASVIC Skills Week runs from Monday 3 July – Friday 7 July. It is a new part of the college calendar and all students will be expected to complete a work experience or volunteering placement (unless they are on a college residential trip). The work/volunteering placement can be in-person or remote/online. We have asked students to start making enquiries about placements themselves by contacting a wide range of people, organisations and employers as possible, including family members, friends, neighbours, contacts through clubs/sports/other organisations, businesses and organisations near home. Please support students to source their placement as soon as possible. They will be asked to confirm their plans early in the new year.

Futures Fair 2023 - save the date

Futures Fair is taking place at BHASVIC on the 19 January from 10.00am – 2.30pm. We are delighted to announce that 120 organisations will be attending, Parents and Carers are welcome to come along, so please do check nearer the time for full details on our [Careers and Employability](#) web page.

Start of Term Arrangements

We look forward to seeing students back onsite for the Spring Term on Tuesday 3 January. Our A1 students begin their Progression Plans activity work in tutorial and A2 students will begin work on 'Life Skills' including professionalism and financial literacy.

Finally, please don't forget our Christmas Concerts are on Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 December. [Tickets are available HERE](#) (tickets are selling fast!) and a recording will be available on our website for those unable to attend. Remember to keep an eye on [BHASVIC NEWS](#) which will include our end of term roundup of events and enrichment.

Wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas.

Best wishes,



William Baldwin
Principal