



20 May 2022

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

## **A2 Study Leave**

Today our second-year students will have their last timetabled lessons at BHASVIC and I'm sure you will agree that their time here has flown by.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you as parents and carers for the support that you have provided whilst they have navigated their time with us. You are our silent quality army, doing many unseen tasks to keep them on track. I know this support will have been heightened and more challenging during the Covid disruption – so many thanks to you all.

Looking back to September 2020 when this cohort started, the world was in quite a different place. At that time, there were no Covid vaccines in place, and they started college on a two-thirds in-person timetable with plenty of mitigations in place and much reduced social activity. With a full lockdown from Jan-March 2021, their first year was significantly disrupted and very different to the usual college experience. Thankfully, this year has been much more like the real thing, and I'm pleased that students have had the chance to taste college life as it should be. I very much hope they have enjoyed their time here and will remember BHASVIC fondly.

A huge thank you to the Student Union who organised a fantastic lunchtime farewell for our A2 students at a leavers' event today, enjoying pizza and ice-cream (despite the rain!) whilst being entertained by live music performed by our talented music students.

I have recorded a [farewell message to leavers](#) which can be viewed [here](#). Our students are our greatest asset, and we wish them all the best in their exams and for the future. I know they will be nervous about exams, especially having not sat formal assessments before, but they are well prepared and will continue to be well supported.

Students, parents and carers can access revision and wellbeing webinars through the [ActionYourPotential](#) Website, further resources and recordings can be found on our [Wellbeing](#) page. Please also remember to check the [Parents & Carers](#) page.

## **Exams**

For detailed queries around Exams, please see our [FAQs page](#). Students should check the front page of the VLE to get full instructions, including the importance of bringing their Student ID and timetables to every exam. Please also ensure the national contingency date of Wednesday 29 June is kept free (in the unlikely event it is needed).

## **Alumni Network**

All A2 students have been invited to sign up to our Alumni Network [Futures First](#) during tutorial. Please encourage students to keep in touch with the BHASVIC Alumni community as we are always delighted to welcome ex-students back to share experiences and talk about their career, apprenticeship, university or even offer Work Experience. We also encourage Parents and Carers to sign up if you are an ex-student or to get in touch if you have opportunities for current students; please see more information at [BHASVIC Alumni](#).

## **Progression Week Event for A1 Students – Monday 23 – Friday 27 May**

First year students have now finished their summer exams and I want to congratulate them for the maturity and focus that they gave to these assessments.

As mentioned in previous correspondence, Progression Week will be a mixture of online and on-site activities. Full information has been emailed to Students/Parents and Carers outlining the schedule for the week, please check your emails and encourage your young person to do this. If you have not received an email, please contact [events@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:events@bhasvic.ac.uk). If students experience any difficulties accessing online activities during the week please contact [studentservices@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:studentservices@bhasvic.ac.uk).

Whilst our first-year students undertake Progression Week, our staff have a week of INSET and CPD sessions. We block these days together in the summer during national exams to maximise teaching and learning throughout the year.

Half-term follows Progression Week when the library will be open from Mon 30 May – Wed 1 June and through A2 study leave. Opening times have been posted on the VLE for students, the college is closed for the Jubilee Bank Holiday Thurs 2 & Fri 3 June. A1 students will be back to normal timetable for the 2nd half of the Summer Term on Monday 6 June.

Congratulations to all the BHASVIC Bands who performed at the Brighton Festival music showcase last Saturday at the Riwaq on a sunny Hove Lawns, check out their fantastic performances on Instagram [@BHASVIC Music](#). Thanks to the Music team Jo Hatton, Ben Albu and Rich Cross who helped organise it.

The BHASVIC Creative Arts Festival organised by our Visual Arts, Media and Performing Arts will feature events in college through June and July; if students are involved in these events you will receive further details soon via email. Please also check [BHASVIC News](#) which features past and future events.

#### **Parent/Carer Surveys**

Many thanks to those of you who have already completed the [survey](#). For those of you who wish to complete this [short questionnaire](#) than please do so. We really value the feedback we receive.

Best wishes,



William Baldwin  
Principal