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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Ofsted

Our Ofsted report is now published and available here to read in full [BHASVIC Ofsted Report](#). We were delighted to be graded as 'outstanding' in all areas after a decade since our last inspection. The report rightly praises our students as well as our skilful and talented staff. Many thanks to those of you who also took time to complete the Ofsted parent view survey, which was overwhelmingly positive. You can read more of our reflections on the report and the pride we feel as a community [here](#).

Industrial Action

No lessons will be taking place on site on Wednesday 1 February due to national strike action by NEU teaching staff. Some remote learning may be occurring; individual teachers will communicate this directly to students. Full details of this ongoing strike action went out in our update last week which you can access [here](#). Teaching staff do not take strike action lightly and only do so after careful consideration, as a last resort, to highlight the inadequate funding that the education sector receives.

Mock Exam Week - Monday 6 to Friday 10 February – ALL STUDENTS

There will be **an adjusted timetable for ALL students** during this week to enable 3-hour double lesson 'exam windows' for A2 students. All students will have received full details in tutorial and they can speak to class teachers for clarification regarding each subject. We expect students to make arrangements to attend all their lessons according to the temporary timetable. Students should forward-plan for this week in terms of travel and move any external commitments or appointments which clash with their changed lesson times. Any student with difficulties in attending these changed lessons should talk this through with their Personal Tutor, in the first instance.

Exam Wellbeing Support - Online Webinar - Wednesday 1 February 8pm

In partnership with [Action Your Potential](#), we are pleased to announce an online webinar offering exam support on [Wednesday 1 February at 8pm](#). This is open to any parent, carer or student and will last 45 minutes. Andrew from AYP will show you how to manage the next 4 months of exam preparation, including powerful and impactful advice designed to help students:

- Learn and remember more
- Manage revision in a structured way
- Build great wellbeing
- Avoid burnout
- Tackle perfectionism and procrastination
- Manage their worries about their exams

Here is a short introduction from Andrew of [what to expect during the session](#). We will be walking you through the following:

- Daily Learning Routines
- How to manage revision using Study Reps
- How to balance wellbeing and work
- How to manage the brain's worry system

To sign up to this workshop: [please click on this link](#).

Wellbeing

To find out more about the #NeuroNinja programme and Action Your Potential, AYP visit their website – [www.actionyourpotential.org](#), and to get a flavour of the sort of content they deliver please see [latest videos on building Mental Flexibility](#). Please also view our [BHASVIC Wellbeing](#) page which features a wealth of up-to-date resources headed up by Andrea Meadows, Guidance Manager, Emotional Health & Wellbeing Lead.

BHASVIC Futures Fair took place on 19th January - We welcomed over 100 exhibitors to provide advice, give talks and run workshops, helping our students explore the huge range of options for their future. [ITV Meridian](#)

[came along](#) to capture the event and speak to some of our students about the challenges they may face. Further resources can be found on the [Careers and Employability page](#).

There are some important events and activities in the second half of the Spring Term, please always check the [College Calendar](#). I have highlighted some key dates below and further reminders will be sent at the end of term:

- 20 February - [Progress Reviews](#) introduced to students in tutorial
- 27 February - A1-A2 Transfer introduced to students in tutorial
- 2 March - A1 Parents UCAS Info Evening online – Timings TBC
- 7 March - A2 Parents HE Finance Info Evening online – Timings TBC

A1 Skills Week – important deadline on 31 January

We would also like to remind you of the [Skills Week 3-7 July Information Letter](#) we sent out last week. First year students need to have downloaded the Connect App and registered their details and interests by 31 January. Students do not need to upload their choices or work experience options yet, but everyone must have downloaded and registered on the app. The link has been in Tutorial materials for the last few weeks and if you need any help or have further questions, please ask at Student Services Reception Desk.

Enrichment

Finally, we ran our Re-Freshers' Fair yesterday, which was another opportunity to celebrate the huge array of student clubs and societies available at College. If you missed it, you can find out more on the [BHASVIC Enrichment](#) page or by e-mailing events@bhasvic.ac.uk. As a taster of just one of the many options, and for an insight into student life, do take some time to read some of the fantastic articles in [B-Mag](#) written by our student community.

Yours sincerely,



William Baldwin
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