



3 March 2023

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Please find below information on key events in college over the next few weeks as well as some important reminders, news from our community and opportunities for you to explore.

## **Coming up in college over the next week**

### **A2 Parents HE Finance Information Evening online - Tuesday 7 March.**

Full information and booking links were sent via email from our Events Department earlier this month, if you have any queries regarding this event, please email [events@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:events@bhasvic.ac.uk). A recording of our A1 HE Information Event that took place on Thursday 2 March will be available on our [Higher Education](#) page soon.

### **National Careers Week**

BHASVIC's first ever **Green themed Careers Week will take place from 6-10 March** to coincide with [National Careers Week](#), further details can be found on our [Careers and Employability](#) page and [MyBHASVIC app](#). Amongst other opportunities, on Thursday 9 March students are invited to attend a talk to understand how the green and circular economy will affect job opportunities and roles within every industry. Students can book this via the BHASVLE Careers and Work Experience page (National Careers Week section).

### **Women's History Month Events presented by Feminist Society, Hypatia Society & Culture Club**

From next week until 20 March, societies are holding talks during some of their lunchtime sessions to hear from a variety of guest speakers with a range of backgrounds and fields to celebrate Women's History Month 2023: full details of speakers are available on [BHASVIC Women's History Month Celebration Series #OurStory](#)

## **Reminders**

### **Week beginning Monday 13 March – changes to timetable, workshops and teacher strikes**

Please check details in the first accordion on our [FAQs page](#) about this week, which has some key changes to normal routines on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for all students.

### **Skills Week - Help Desk & 31 March deadline**

We have previously communicated about [BHASVIC Skills Week](#) taking place from 3-7 July. The deadline for students to have found a placement and registered it on the Connect app (or confirmed that they are on a BHASVIC residential trip) is 31 March. **Our Careers and Skills Week teams are running a help desk from next week in Student Services offering further advice and guidance to students.**

### **Parent/Carer Skills Week support**

Do you or your employer/organisation have opportunities for work experience or volunteering during Skills Week? If so, we would like to share that information with our students, and we would be grateful if you could fill in this short [form](#).

### **Hello Future 23 - Wednesday 8 March – between 11am-1pm (Brighton MET Central, Pelham Street, BN1 4FA)**

An opportunity to engage in conversations with industry experts, chat to local and national businesses and discuss career pathways. This event, hosted a short walk away from BHASVIC, in association with Brighton Chamber of Commerce, is a **specialist post-16 careers fair with a dedicated time for BHASVIC students**. It is a great opportunity for first year students to source placements for Skills Week and for A2s to contact local and national employers. There are 'walk-in' 1:1 careers appointments, together with workshops, panel discussions, goody bags and prizes. **Parents & carers are invited to attend after 4pm**. Details on the [Hello Future website](#)

## **A1 Personal Development Days – Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 March**

This term's A1 Personal Development days are scheduled onsite on 14 and 15 March. Students have received full information during tutorial and are starting to book on to their workshops. Further details on the content of the workshops will be provided to parents and carers next week from [events@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:events@bhasvic.ac.uk). These are being developed in partnership with young people and are bespoke to the students of BHASVIC.

## **A1 to A2 Transfer**

Our first-year students are starting to make decisions about their longer-term career progression and selecting an appropriate second year tutorial pathway (UCAS, Employability, Visual Arts, Oxbridge or Medics). Parents and carers can find guidance about the [A1-A2 Transfer](#) process on our website. We also hope you were able to join our A1 HE Information event online last night where further information was provided, as part of the introduction. The recording will be available on our [Higher Education](#) webpage next week.

## **Progress Reviews**

The second round of Progress Reviews for all students has been introduced in tutorial. These will be published to parents and carers towards the end of March, so do please check the Parent Portal then. Further information and reminders about [Progress Reviews are available on our website](#).

## **Exam Contingency Days**

Please see our [Exams](#) webpage for important information on student availability up to and including **Wednesday 28 June 2023**, in case there is any disruption to a national exam they are taking.

## **Community news**

### **Student Union**

Our fantastic [Student Union](#) organised a bake sale on Thursday 1 March to support the **Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief**: all funds raised will be donated to the **Disaster's Emergency Committee (DEC)** to help support the humanitarian relief work taking place in the affected regions. They have also set up a remembrance box for Brianna Ghey featured in the news recently in Student Services, messages of support can be written to the family and a vigil will be held in the main hall on Friday 3 March.

### **Widening Participation News**

All the latest news about **summer schools and other events** is in the spring edition of the [WP newsletter](#). For those parents and carers with questions about the Widening Participation programme, please see [Widening Participation FAQ's](#). Students will have been notified if they are eligible for this support and parents will have received an email too. If you'd like to contact the WP team, please email [wp@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:wp@bhasvic.ac.uk).

## **Opportunities**

### **Brighton & Hove City Council Adult Education Hub - Online Courses for Parents/Carers**

We have been asked to highlight online courses run by The Adult Education Hub at Brighton & Hove City Council helping to support parents and carers of young people struggling with anxiety, and those needing to build resilience (courses are free to those in receipt of a means-tested state benefit, or with an income of less than £18,500, otherwise there is a fee of £15). Enrolment can be completed online <https://adulthoodeducation.brighton-hove.gov.uk/> or by calling the Adult Education Hub on 01273 292828. Please also visit our [Wellbeing](#) page for further resources to help support your young person.

### **Action Your Potential Wellbeing Webinars every Thursday from 2 March – 8 June**

Following on from the Procrastination Workshops earlier this term, Action Your Potential are offering students, parents and carers unique support throughout this exam season. Please visit our [Wellbeing](#) page for full details.

Yours sincerely,



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