



31 March 2023

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

The academic year continues to speed along and we've already got to the end of the Spring term. The Easter break often marks the start of exams appearing firmly on the horizon. To our students, it is important that you find the right balance between work, rest and play during the next few weeks and months and if you need help finding that balance then please ask. I also just wanted to thank parents and caregivers for all the unseen work you do behind the scenes keeping students on track – it is not an easy task!

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. Students already receive this important information via their tutorial groups on a weekly basis.

Coming up in college - please always check the [BHASVIC Online Calendar](#) for key dates/events coming up.

Reminders

A1 & A2 Progress Reviews (Round 2)

These have now been published to parents and carers: please check the [ParentPortal](#) and view the [how to access progress reviews](#) guide. If you encounter any problems with these notes, or need more detailed advice, please contact the CIS Team for further assistance by emailing cis@bhasvic.ac.uk. Further information and reminders about [Progress Reviews](#) are available on our website.

A1 Parents and Carers 'Specialist Applications' event: Wednesday 3 May

Following on from our HE Info Evenings earlier this term, our **Specialist Applications Evening** will take place on site for parents and carers of students who have chosen a different pathway to UCAS. More information will be sent in the coming weeks from our events department events@bhasvic.ac.uk but please save the date if your young person has signed up for a Visual Arts, Employability & Enterprise, Medical Careers or Oxbridge tutorial pathway.

A1 Study Leave: 2-12 May

A1 students are on study leave from Tuesday 2 May – Friday 12 May. All exam schedules are available to students, via MyBHASVIC App, on Student Advantage, under Exams and Assessments/Exam Statement of Entry. Students are scheduled to receive their results on Thursday 15 June. Predicted grades and [progression to the second year](#) will be partly based on these results, so revision over Easter is important. There is one chance for re-sits on 20/21 June and re-sit results are released on 28 June. Guidance Managers can answer any questions about progression criteria from A1 to A2 and will be available to support students following resits.

A2 Study Leave: begins 15 May

Second year students will be on study leave from Monday 15 May, with a Leavers' Event, organised by the Student Union, taking place on Friday 12 May – more details to follow after Easter.

A1 Progression Week: 22-27 May

This week is for all first-year students, when normal timetable is suspended to enable all students to make progress investigating their preferred next steps after BHASVIC. For all students there will be timetabled activities starting on the Monday, with a combination of in-person and online sessions, which students are expected to attend. Progression Week activities vary depending on which tutorial pathway students have chosen for next year (Visual Arts, Employability and Enterprise, Oxbridge (early applications), Medical Careers (early applications), or UCAS) and students will be given more precise details in tutorials early next term.

Skills Week (including Careers Enrichment day): 3-7 July

We have previously communicated about BHASVIC Skills Week, which includes Careers Enrichment Day on 6 July. [Don't forget to book your place](#), via BHASVLE for Careers Enrichment day, in addition to registering your work experience, volunteering or social action placement on the Connect app. The booking systems will remain open over the Easter break. If you still need further advice and guidance, please email wex@bhasvic.ac.uk or contact your Personal Tutor. The Help Desk in Student Services Reception will also run in the first week back after Easter

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 [BHASVIC Skills Week - Work Experience, Volunteering, or Social Action Offers Form](#)

Community news

Citizens UK Assembly – Thursday 20 April

BHASVIC is part of Citizens Brighton and Hove, the largest network of civil society institutions across the city. Last month, students helped to launch the Citizens [manifesto](#) highlighting key areas that prospective councillors should focus on in the run up to the election (see more here [Brighton & Hove Citizens Manifesto launch \(bhasvic.ac.uk\)](#)) Sixth form students from across the city also held an Assembly specifically to lobby those in charge around transport issues in the city (cost, reliability, safety), which is a key part of the manifesto.

The alliance, including BHASVIC students, will now put forward these proposals to the main candidates running for election in May. The assembly takes place on **Thursday 20 April** 18:30-20:30 at St John the Evangelist Church, Knoyle Road, Brighton BN1 6RB. Students and parents are encouraged to come, especially if you have frustrations over mental health provision, transport costs, housing and other issues featured in the manifesto; please sign up here: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/brighton-hove-citizens-election-accountability-assembly>.

Student Union

The final term for our current [Student Union](#) has been incredibly busy, and they have continued to impress their fellow students and BHASVIC staff with their energy, hard work and enthusiasm (please see Spring Newsletter below). They have spent their final week interviewing the newly elected officers into roles for the next academic year, after receiving 21 applicants and running a well-attended Hustings. We are lucky to have had such a wonderful group of students representing BHASVIC.

Parent/Carer Newsletter

To celebrate the end of term we've created a newsletter detailing some of the personal development and enrichment opportunities experienced by our students as well as a host of useful links and information for parents and carers. [View the newsletter here](#)

And finally

Please note that Reception will be closed for the Easter Holidays from 5pm on Friday 31 March to 8am Monday 17 April inclusive. Many staff will not be available but if you need to contact someone and do not know the extension number, try email using the contact list [here](#). The Library will be open for students from 10am-4pm Monday-Friday, not including the Bank Holidays.

Our Student Support Team do not work outside term time, but if you have a concern regarding a student's emotional health and wellbeing, you are invited to contact the Schools Wellbeing Service to speak to a Primary Mental Health worker. Please e-mail SWSConsultationLine@brighton-hove.gov.uk or call 01273 293481. For further information on different services available, please visit <https://e-wellbeing.co.uk/>.

Don't forget - Action Your Potential **Wellbeing Webinars every Thursday until 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 or e-mail andrewwright@aypuk.com

I hope you are able to enjoy some of the Easter break.

Yours sincerely,



William Baldwin
Principal