



12 November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to our communication in September and our Autumn Term Parent/Carer Newsletter, I write to let you know about a few forthcoming events and essential information over the coming few weeks.

SUBJECT REVIEWS (Round 1 – Autumn Term)

All students have now completed Subject Review reflections with tutors. These will be followed, this week, by one-to-one appointments between student and teacher, on Tuesday 13 & Friday 16 November. These appointments are for first years, and will be followed by A1 Parents' Evenings (see below). The complete set of Subject Reviews will be made available to parents and carers on Monday 26 November. Further information about Subject Reviews is available from the 'Subject Reviews' page in the Parents and Carers' section of our website (<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-and-carers/subject-reviews/>). Here you can find out more about Subject Reviews, as well as the method and purpose of grades and assessments. Please remember that students have lots of ongoing feedback on their progress in lessons, so these Subject Reviews are very much a 'snap-shot' for you to ascertain progress; and to enable you to discuss this with your young person.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

For first year students we have Parents' Evenings over the next few weeks (Thursday 29th November and Wednesday 5th December) and second year students have a Parents' Evening on Thursday February 7th. We have moved this A2 Parents' Evening to earlier in the Spring Term, however, we are reviewing our Assessment and Reporting schedule for the next academic year, and these Parents' Evenings may move again for 2019-20. If any year 2 parent, following sight of Subject Reviews this term, has particular concerns, please do contact your young person's Personal Tutor, who can arrange for more detailed feedback and updates from teachers if needed.

PARENTS' EVENING - ONLINE BOOKING As part of our work to update parent communication, we are piloting an online Parents' Evening booking system for A1 parents this term. You will be sent login details after Wednesday 21st November and asked to create an account which will enable you to manage your own bookings. **Please do look out for this e-mail, as you will need to set up this account in order to book appointments in advance.**

IMPORTANT EXAM INFORMATION

Our Examination Office have asked to make you aware of the following:

Exam Boards have set a 'contingency' date of Wednesday 26th June for Summer 2019. All students must be available to sit an exam on that day in case of a major event. Please do not book a holiday prior to this date. If you have any particular questions or concerns about this or any other examination matter, please contact Melissa Gibbon (Exams Officer) m.gibbon@bhasvic.ac.uk

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PARENT FEEDBACK - FOCUS GROUP

Last year we asked for volunteers who might be interested in working with us to help improve our parent/carer communication and experience. We gained some very useful feedback, so we are looking to run another feedback focus group early in the Spring Term. If you are interested in taking part, please e-mail Caroline Abbott (c.abbott@bhasvic.ac.uk) and we will be in touch again in the new year.

END OF TERM: KEY DATES

- Christmas Concert (18.00-21.00 – Main Hall) – THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER
- Last day of term for students is TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER (Normal timetable to 17.20)
- First day of Spring Term for students is THURSDAY 3RD JANUARY

Finally, there has also been much in the press recently surrounding young people's emotional wellbeing, and we thought this might be a good moment to give you some further information, and tools to help you, should your young person be experiencing any form of concern, either about their studies or more generally around the challenges of adolescence. We would emphasise that some level of stress and anxiety is an expected, normal and healthy reaction to the numerous challenges our young people face during their time at College. However, we have included a link **Supporting the Emotional Health and Wellbeing of Young People** (<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard/young-people-support-and-services>) which we hope will be helpful in giving further information and links to support which is available for parents/carers of teenagers. Our Student Union and Media/Film department have also started to collaborate with a local organisation, Brighton 5, aiming to bring local teenagers together to create and produce video content on emotional health and wellbeing that will be distributed through schools and colleges. For more information on this project, follow the link- <http://www.brighton5.com/>

Yours faithfully,

