



11 March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to our communications in January and our Spring 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 2 – Spring Term)

All students have started creating their Subject Review reflections with tutors. These will be followed by one-to-one appointments for second years between student and teacher, on **Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 March** (normal lessons are suspended over these two days and all students will be expected to complete independent study work. Work will be posted on the VLE and the college library will be open as normal (8.15 – 6pm) during these days.

The complete set of Subject Reviews will be made available to parents and carers on **Friday 22 March**. 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.

HIGHER EDUCATION A1 PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS – MARCH/APRIL – From 19:00 -20:30

Thank you to those parents who recently attended the first of our Higher Education evenings on Thursday 7 March and for your understanding and patience as we monitored the capacity in the main hall. Our next evening will take place on **Tuesday 12 March** (fully booked) and due to popular demand we have added a third evening on **Thursday 4 April** [Eventbrite booking online](#). The presentations will be available on our Parents'/Carers' website at the end of next week [Higher Education Information](#). Further to previous correspondence sent via our Student Services department **we request that only one parent/carer is booked to attend the evening**. Students are receiving more detailed HE information and guidance during tutorial, so students do not need to attend with you.

Follow-up: A1 SPECIALIST APPLICATION EVENING – TUESDAY 7 MAY – 19:00-20:00

This event will provide important information and advice about the systems which have different or additional processes to the standard UCAS system for HE applications. Information will be provided on applications for an Apprenticeship or Employment; for a Visual Arts foundation course or Visual Arts degree course (such as Art & Design, Photography, Textiles, Fashion, Graphic Design, Illustration, etc.); applications to study Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science; applications to Oxford or Cambridge university or to Music Conservatoires. **If a student is considering further study in any of these areas, we recommend you attend the specialist evening.**

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IMPORTANT EXAM INFORMATION

All students have now been given their proposed exam schedule via their Student Advantage account and have been asked to check it carefully. Exam Boards have set a 'contingency' date of Wednesday 26th June for Summer 2019. **Please do not book a holiday until after this date.** We will update further on all exams, including internal [Progression exams](#) for year 1 students, after Easter, however, if you have any particular questions or concerns, please contact Melissa Gibbon (Exams Officer) m.gibbon@bhasvic.ac.uk

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE FUNDING – RAISE THE RATE CAMPAIGN

The Sixth Form Colleges Association have been increasing momentum behind their **Raise the Rate** campaign. More information can be found [here](#) and we have embedded a link to the [full impact survey](#), which you may have heard about in news reports recently, detailing the effect of funding cuts in sixth form education. **We encourage you to support the campaign by writing to your MP about this issue, and, if you haven't already done so, by signing the petition [here](#).**

PARENT/CARER PAGES ON WEBSITE AND COLLEGE CALENDAR

Additional information about all aspects of the college are available on the Parents' & Carers' pages on the college website - <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard> and key college dates can also be found here: [Parents'/Carers' Calendar 2018-19](#).

Kind regards,



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