



22 October 2021

Dear Student, Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half of our busy Autumn Term it is great to report that students have worked hard and settled into the new term well. It has been lovely to see all students onsite and to be able to run face-to-face clubs and societies for the first time since March 2020.

ENRICHMENT and EVENTS

Our first event of the year was Freshers' Fair which took place in September and was enjoyed by all students across the campus. More details on this and other enrichment activity can be found at [BHASVIC Enrichment](#). We will run another 'Re-Freshers' Fair in January, but if students wish to join or start their own club or society, they should contact the Student Union via events@bhasvic.ac.uk

CITIZENS ASSEMBLY

We were also delighted to be involved in the recent Brighton & Hove Citizens Assembly, which was attended by local MPS and NHS professionals. Staff and students raised a number of concerns around support for young people's mental health which was featured on BBC South East News at 18:30 on Friday 15 October. More information about our involvement in Citizens UK can be found [HERE](#).

KEY DATES – NEXT HALF TERM

Please check the BHASVIC [Calendar \(bhasvic.ac.uk\)](#) for full details of events during the Academic year.

- **Monday 8 – Friday 12 November** – Progress Reviews & Reading Week
- **Wednesday 10 & Thursday 11 November** - BHASVIC Open Event for Prospective Parents and Carers
- **Thursday 25 November & Wednesday 1 December** – A2 Parents' Evenings
- **Wednesday 8 & Thursday 9 December** – Christmas Concert - details coming soon on our website
- **Thursday 16 December** - Last day of term for students (lessons end at 15:45).
- **Tuesday 4 January** - First day of Spring Term for students.
- **Thursday 13 January & Wednesday 19 January** – A1 Parents' Evenings

PROGRESS REVIEWS (Round 1 – Autumn Term)

All students are currently completing Progress Review reflections with tutors. On Tuesday 9 & Friday 12 November, these will be followed by one-to-one appointments between first year (A1) students and teachers. The complete, 'Round 1 Progress Review' will then be published to all parents and carers on Wednesday 17 November, via your [Parent Advantage](#) online account. Further information about Progress Reviews is available from the Parents and Carers' section of our website, [here](#). Please remember that students have lots of ongoing feedback throughout the year, so the Progress Review is very much a bi-annual 'snap-shot'.

Please Note: All students are on study leave during Reading Week from Monday 8 – Friday 12 November inclusive. They will have work to progress with while we collapse the timetable in order to facilitate 1:1s with first year students, run our Open Events and complete some staff INSET. The library will remain open during normal hours but will be closed from 2pm on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 November due to our Open Event.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

For second year (A2) students we have Parents and Carers' Evenings from Thursday 25 November and Wednesday 1 December; and first year (A1) students have Parents and Carers' Evenings on Thursday 13 January and Wednesday 19 January. Full details and instructions will be sent nearer the time.

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IMPORTANT EXAM INFORMATION

Our Examination Office have asked to make you aware of the following: Exam Boards have set a 'contingency' provisional date of Wednesday 29 June for Summer 2022. 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.** For further information, please check the Exams Summer 2022 section in [FAQs \(bhasvic.ac.uk\)](https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/faq). If you have any particular questions or concerns about this or any other examination matter, please contact exams@bhasvic.ac.uk.

WELLBEING

We hope students, parents and carers were able to join the series of webinars during October run by our wellbeing partner Andrew Wright from [Action Your Potential](https://www.actionyourpotential.com). Andrew uses neuroscience to support wellbeing, keep motivated and promote positive study habits. The webinars are fun, informative, engaging and will challenge students to think differently. Please see recordings below:

- [Build Great Sleep Webinar](#)
- [Understanding and Responding to Anxiety \(1\)](#)
- [Understanding and Responding to Anxiety \(2\)](#)

BHASVIC parents, carers and students can also access all the content we're making for them via the #NeuroNinja Learning Hub, just [click on this link](#).

ALUMNI

We were delighted to hear about the success of one of our ex-BHASVIC students [Miranda Mufema](#), who is now at the Theatre Royal, with work shown at the BBC and BFI. If you (or anyone you know) is an ex-BHASVIC student, please do sign up to our alumni network and keep up-to-date with latest news via our [alumni page](#) of the website.

Wishing you are restful half term,



William Baldwin
Principal