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WELCOME

Welcome to a new academic year at BHASVIC. We are delighted that your young person has chosen to study at BHASVIC and we welcome both new students and those who are continuing into their second year.

We have been very busy over the summer ensuring everything is ready for students as they commence either their A1 year (first year) or their A2 (second year). As we mentioned in our July issue, the Student Services area has been reconfigured and as I am sure you will agree from the photos in the newsletter it provides a welcoming and spacious area for our students.

As well as our excellent support services for students, please find details here <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/student-life/our-support-service>. We now have further small office spaces,

enabling tutors to have more focused one-to-one time with their tutees in the course of the year. At the rear of the building, with the help of students, we will be developing a wellbeing garden, as well as light and airy social areas – all of which should help promote the positive emotional health and wellbeing of everyone.

We hope that your young person finds their time at the college to be enjoyable and we are able to support them to work hard and achieve well.



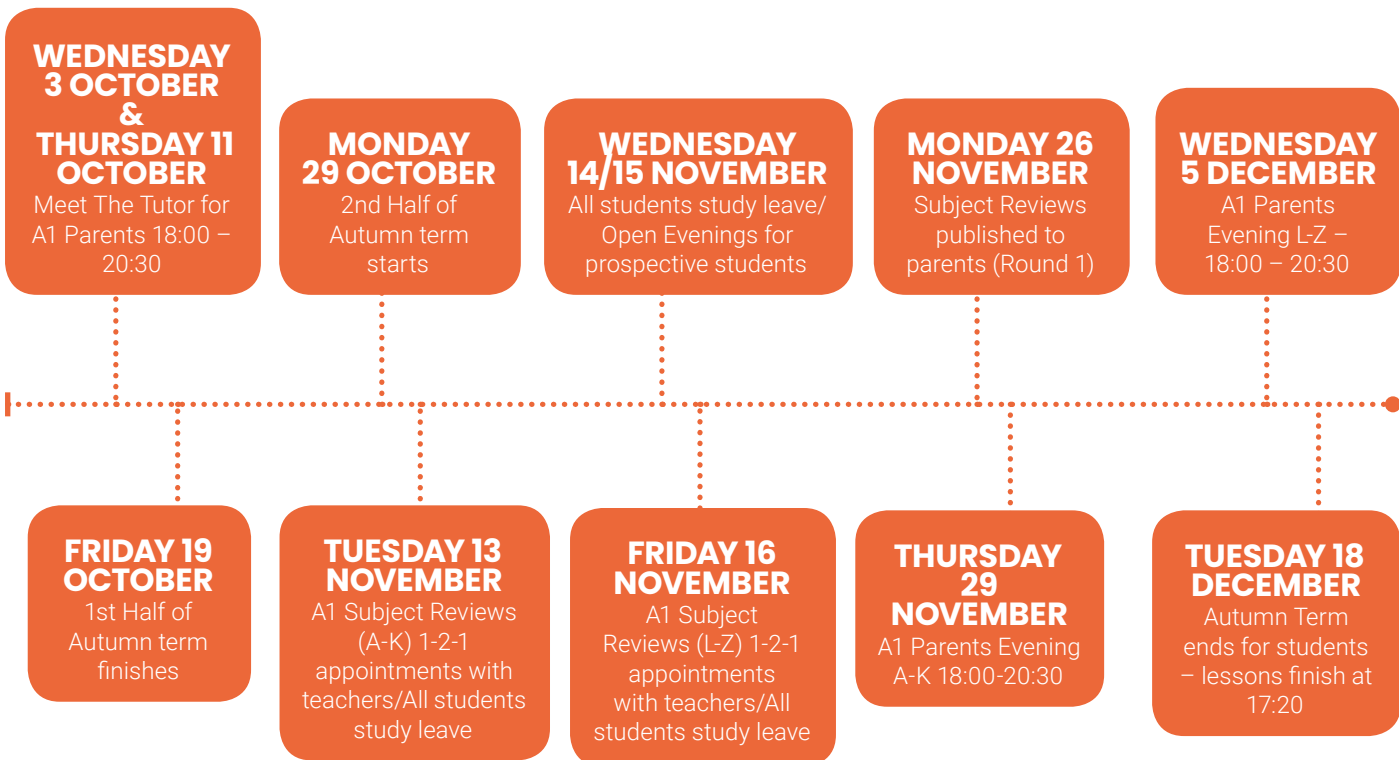
Alison Cousens
Assistant Principal
Director of Student Services

PARENT ADVANTAGE

From 1 October A1 parents will be able to access their online Parent Advantage account, which enables you to track the progress of your young person online. This is a secure account which shows you **up-to-date attendance, timetable, support plans, exam entries and other information**. Once activated, **Parent Advantage** will be available by clicking the link on the **Parent/Carer Dashboard**. In the week beginning 1 October, we will send two emails to your address. One will have an authentication code to activate your account and instructions to access the system. The second will allow you to link your account to your student's account.

If you require assistance please email CIS@bhasvic.ac.uk
Parent Advantage is available **here**. Please scroll down the page to see instructions on how to use Parent Advantage

KEY DATES



Please check the College calendar for further dates:
<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/calendar>

BHASVIC STUDENTS STAFF PARENTS & CARERS CALENDAR

THE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COURSES STUDENT LIFE NEWS CONTACT US

Home > Parents & Carers

Welcome to your Parent & Carer dashboard

We recognise the importance of the involvement and support of parents and carers of all of our students throughout their time at the college. The information included within these pages is aimed at keeping you informed about the college and what we expect from students, so that you can participate as effectively as possible in your young persons' education. The Guidance and Student Services Team at BHASVIC are here to support all our students.

For your information: A1 students are first year students and A2 are second year students.

- Attendance & Absence
- Calendars
- Parent Advantage
- Events & Communications
- Higher Education
- Parent Governors
- Subject Reviews
- Progression from A1 into A2
- Student Social Events Guidelines
- Payments & Donations
- Young Peoples' Support
- Our Support Service
- A to Z Student Guide

KEEPING PARENTS INFORMED THROUGH OUR PARENTS/CARERS PAGE.

Please check the Parent and Carers Dashboard:
<https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard/>

SUPPORTING TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO COLLEGE

We are mindful that the transition from school to college can be both an exciting and daunting time for students and parents/carers. Students all adapt at their own pace and require different levels of support.

The challenges are also varied; it can be about:

- learning to manage their time and adapting to the workload and intensity of study at this level
- adjusting to the size of the college, feeling comfortable with new friendship groups
- understanding the boundaries and expectations of a college environment with its emphasis on independence.

A focus of tutorial sessions in the first few weeks will be to assist students in settling in and supporting their individual needs.

It is important to recognise that some level of stress and anxiety is an expected, normal and health reaction to the numerous challenges our young people face during their time at college. However, for a number of students, their stress and anxiety can reach levels which start to have a negative impact on their day to day lives, including their ability to engage with, and participate fully in, their learning.

If this happens we want to reassure you that there are services in place to help support them. Their Personal Tutor is always an excellent first port of call and, for those who may need more intensive or specialist advice, we have a dedicated team of Counsellors and a Welfare Coordinator who specialises in providing practical advice. For a full list of services please see <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/student-life/our-support-service>. We also have a team of Guidance Managers who are able to help with support and advice. Every student has a Personal Tutor and Guidance Manager assigned to them.



INTRODUCING STUDY SUPPORT

If your young person is struggling with their studies and would benefit from some academic support, we can provide **Additional Learning Support** to help them to manage the following:



We offer weekly timetabled sessions of study support and a number of subject specific workshops to support their learning needs.

Please ask your young person to discuss their concerns with their tutor or subject teacher who will complete a referral for appropriate support.





BHASVIC is celebrating record breaking results this year, cementing our reputation for excellence as one of the best performing sixth-form colleges in the country. In terms of A level grades achieved:



90%
A*-C



70%
A*-B



40%
A*-A

The overall pass rate was 99.4% (up 0.9% on the previous year). Of the 3,374 A levels sat, 15.6% of grades were A* nearly double the national average which stands at 8.0%. An incredible 70% of grades achieved A*-B (up more than 6% on last year and 17% above national average). **There will be very few non-selective state education providers nationally who are able to match these results and they cement BHASVIC's reputation for excellence.**

"Whilst our results are incredibly important, let's not forget for some students it's an achievement to simply turn up to college and this will never be recognised by grade outcomes. Neither will the rich cultural, sporting and community based activities that contribute to the development of individuals whilst here. We want students to leave BHASVIC with the best grades possible and we also want them to leave BHASVIC as compassionate, responsible and thoughtful individuals".



STUDENT SERVICES AND TUTORIAL BASE



TUTORIALS

Tutorials happen once a week, lasting 45 minutes for whole group sessions. Tutors also have 15 minutes per week for one to one conversations and all students are required to attend. Please find below the programmes for both A1 and A2 tutorials.

The A1 tutorial programme

Five ways to Wellbeing	Six Rs for Success	1: Induction & Identity	2: My Future Plans
3: Looking after myself	4: The Wider World	5: Exam preparation	6: Progression launch

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The core A2 programme

Five ways to Wellbeing	Six Rs for Success	1: Progression and UCAS	2: Life Skills
3: Independent Living	4: Professionalism	5: Moving On	

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SUBJECT REVIEWS (TERMLY)

Once a term, you will receive information through Parent Advantage about your young person's progress through Subject Reviews. Current planned publication dates are:

<p>MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2018</p>	<p>FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019</p>	<p>(PROVISIONAL DATE) WEDNESDAY 3 JULY 2019 (A1 STUDENTS ONLY)</p>
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Please check the Parent/Carer Dashboard for further information <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard/subject-reviews>



Introducing the Student Union, further details can be found here <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/student-life/the-student-union>

WELCOME MORNING FOR OUR A1 STUDENTS

Welcome Morning is designed to:

- help new students to feel welcome and positive about BHASVIC and the significant change they will experience
- help new students to begin to make connections and friendships within their tutor group
- help new students to begin to orientate themselves around our college
- distribute key information and resources to our new students
- give students the opportunity to meet BHASVIC staff

The college was buzzing on Welcome Morning, the first day for our A1 students, the photos just give a snapshot of what was on offer to ease them into college life.

Various stands were available in the main hall for students to sign up to extra-curricular activities, The National Citizen Service, Student Union, IT Helpdesk and much more.



NCS (NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE) SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

As part of the development of our “**Futures Framework**” employability programme we are offering all students the chance to get involved in the **NCS Social Action programme** during the Autumn term. This is part of a subsidised government initiative and is open to everyone, but is particularly useful for students who are looking to develop their CVs/Personal Statements in order to apply for careers which show leadership skills, team-building, and evidence of community or voluntary work. Examples of students who have already signed up include those who are interested in medical careers (doctors, paramedics, nursing, veterinary science etc.), Oxbridge, public services (teaching, police, youth work etc.), health & social care, sports leadership, environmental work – but any student is welcome.

The project runs across the Autumn term in three main phases and includes a 4-day residential and development of your own team project, making a positive impact on the local community. **There are only 30 places available and bursary students will have their costs covered.** The final sign up and payment deadline is **Wednesday 3 October.**

NCS have been promoting to students at various events and will also be running two presentations at Meet The Tutor Evening on Wednesday 3 October.

A further meeting will take place for the students who have signed up with their parents (NCS will be in contact directly regarding this). It will be held in the Copper Building on Monday 8 October from 18:00 - 19:30.





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FRESHERS FAIR

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MEET THE SOCIETIES AND LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES THERE ARE AT BHASVIC.

MAIN HALL

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PANCAKES (RAG)

LUNCH

SUGAR AND LEMON? CHOCOLATE SPREAD? GOLDEN SYRUP? WE WILL HAVE ALL THREE FOR YOU TO CHOOSE. CHARITY DONATION PLEASE.

COPPER CAFE

W
03

GAMES

LUNCH

JENGA, GUESS WHO, CONNECT FOUR, TWISTER AND MORE. MEET AND GET TO KNOW SOME NEW PEOPLE.

REFECTORY

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04

TEA & TOAST [LAUNCH]

LUNCH

TO SUPPORT YOUR WELLBEING AT BHASVIC. COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME TEA, TOAST AND A TALK. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF A WEEKLY SOCIETY.

ROOM 423

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BBQ & RAFFLE

LUNCH

COME AND GET A BURGER, VEGGIE BURGER OR CHEESE BURGER AND SUPPORT FUNDING FOR YOUR SU.



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IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING PART TIME WORK

Our experience shows that some paid employment can be of huge benefit to young people, especially at this stage in their development. **However, it is important to be aware that students who do more than around 10 hours of paid work a week are likely to impede their chances of success in their studies.** Any paid work must never prevent a student from attending all their commitments at college, and we advise that students should not work late shifts Sunday to Thursday nights.

BHASVIC PARENTS' FUND

Every year parents and carers can contribute by donating funds to the college, if they are able to. BHASVIC would welcome this financial support in order to provide the best possible resources and facilities for our students. The money given helps finance activities including:

- sport
- music and drama
- also helps equip the Library and Sports Centre
- providing computers
- supports Student Union functions

For this reason, we invite you to assist us by making a voluntary contribution to BHASVIC with a suggested donation of £75. Depending on your circumstances, you may wish to give more or less this sum. You will find further information on how to do this here: <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard/payments-and-donations>.

We thank you for the support if you are able to do this.





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