



B-FEST 2019

Ex-student Alice Swan returns to help us celebrate students' achievement. Further B-FEST news inside.

Useful Links:

www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents-carers-dashboard
[www.twitter.com/studentsservs](https://twitter.com/studentsservs)

[www.twitter.com/BHASVICLibrary](https://twitter.com/BHASVICLibrary)
www.facebook.com/studentsservicesbhasvic

***Celebrating the achievements
of our second-year students...
with a little help from the first
years.***

Between The Downs and Sea We Flourish

On Thursday 25 April, the college celebrated some of the skills, knowledge and experiences our second-year students have gained over their two years at BHASVIC. The festival is a new event designed to enable students from all subject areas across the college to showcase their learning and achievements. The Principal awarded students' achievements with certificates as he visited their exhibitions.

The first part of the event was in the form of an exhibition. Amongst the exhibitors were our three science departments where students talked about activities such as as our chemists working with the local fire and rescue service to investigate causes of peat fires. Also,

Our GreenCar Challenge student team present their engineering and racing skills. Next race meet is at Goodwood in June! Click on the image to see them in action.



► **Our biologists
displayed their
photography
and were thrilled
to receive
certificates for
all their hard
work.**



Guests had the opportunity to 'speed date' with our sociologists to debate topical issues in society, whilst listening to our live jazz band in the background.



**Wilhelmenia Etoga Ngono,
Teacher of Sociology,
Health and Social Care.**

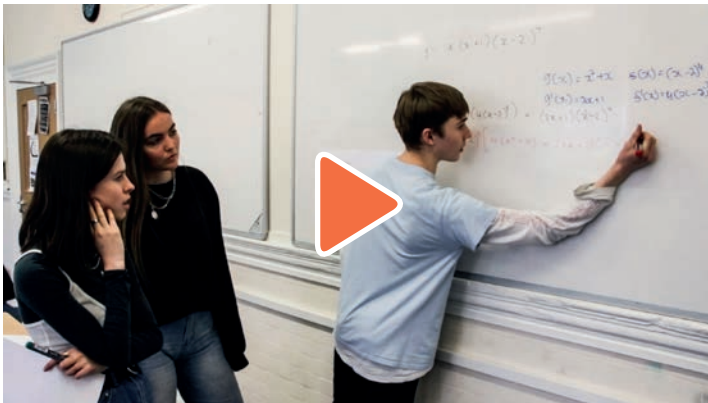


Following the exhibition, all guests and participants gathered in the Main Hall for a sit-down celebration showcase. This included live performances, films and readings from our students and staff. A highlight involved our Model United Nations students simulating a debate by nation states on Russia's military action in Syria.

Alice Swan, BHASVIC Alumuni (see front cover), now Editorial Director at Faber and Faber, responsible for children and young adult literature, gave a wonderfully entertaining and humorous speech at B-FEST 2019, advising our second-year students about life, education and following your heart.



We also saw a film featuring Further Maths students solving a fiendish (Maths) problem as a team.



Kevin Pryde, Head of Maths



"The evening was a rich and entertaining affair, departments and students alike rose to the challenge of showcasing knowledge and skills in a range of subject areas. The event was so much more entertaining than a traditional awards evening and we are really excited for B-FEST 2020." **James Moncrieff, Deputy Principal**

▶ **Andrew Shepherd, Head of Business and Economics**



▼ **Governors were amongst an appreciative audience including Sandra Prail our Chair.**



▶ **Young Enterprise students preparing their exhibition, please click here to see more information BHASVIC Young Enterprise Student Compete in the County Finals**



BHASVIC PROGRESSION EVENT

Held on 4 June, for all our A1 students, this day offered guided time and expertise to help them consider their options on leaving BHASVIC. The programme follows the tutorial pathway options students chose for their A2 year via the A1-A2 transfer process they completed in March.



Students received valuable information regarding

- Student Life
- Applications
- Admissions
- Personal Statements

ENTERPRISE & EMPLOYABILITY TUTORIAL PATHWAY



Visit to the AMEX Stadium

A series of sessions took place aiming to develop students' understanding of employability skills. This included sessions on motivation and career planning.

Further detailed information about the day is available on our website here: [Enrichment](#)



VISUAL ARTS TUTORIAL PATHWAY

Visit to the Faculty of Arts at the University of Brighton's Grand Parade Campus

A series of talks and activities took place at the University and students received impartial information and advice on a range of topics relating to applications for degree programmes in Visual Arts. Students also had a guided tour of the Visual Arts degree exhibition and had the opportunity to speak to some of the graduates about their work.



University of Brighton

BHASVIC OXBRIDGE / MEDICS TUTORIAL PATHWAY

On site activities at BHASVIC organised by our experienced Oxbridge and Medics Coordinators. Oxbridge/Medics alumni and external visitors were on hand to talk with students.

Students were taken through relevant preparatory activities which focused on the following:-

- Application process
- Personal Statements
- Admissions testing and preparing for interviews
- Taster Course Sessions including: Politics, Sociology, History and Law.

HIGHER EDUCATION INFORMATION EVENINGS HELD IN APRIL AND MAY

Our HE information evenings give advice and guidance to parents/carers on supporting their young person through their application to University. If you would like a re-cap of the presentations, they are all available on our 'Parents/Carers' website here: **Higher Education Information**.

"I just wanted to thank you for the really informative presentation. Having had a nephew and niece who have been through Higher Education in recent years, I had rather assumed I knew most of what I needed to know, but last night showed there were clearly gaps in my knowledge that you were able to fill. Thank you, and well done on a really helpful event". **BHASVIC Parent**

SPECIALIST APPLICATION EVENING HELD IN MAY

An evening informing parents/carers of students considering further study in any of the following areas:-

- An Apprenticeship or Employment;
- Visual Arts foundation course or Visual Arts degree;
- Applications to study Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science;
- Applications to Oxford or Cambridge University.

Full presentations from the evening are located on our website, please click here: **Higher Education**

UCAS REFERENCES

At the end of the academic year in July, you will receive a copy of your young person's UCAS references for their enrolled courses. These are references for their subjects that we keep on file for:

- Future jobs
- Bursaries
- University applications in the autumn term.

These are supplemented by tutor comments relating to your young person's:

- Study programme
- Extra-curricular activities
- Future plans.

These are always very positive from teaching staff. **Please remember that your young person still needs to attend regularly and work hard to achieve their grades.**

PREDICTED GRADES (A1 STUDENTS)

A1 predicted grades will be released online at the beginning of July. This will support students' research into appropriate university courses if they wish to continue onto Higher Education. These grades come from a combination of progression exam results and working grades through the year. We pride ourselves on realistic grades for students which universities tell us are key to successful applications. Please find our Predicted Grade policy on our **Parents & Carers Higher Education page** and encourage your young person to ask their tutor for advice and guidance. Please also see further information here: **Parents and Carers Guide to Higher Education 2019.**

OXBRIDGE VISITS 2019

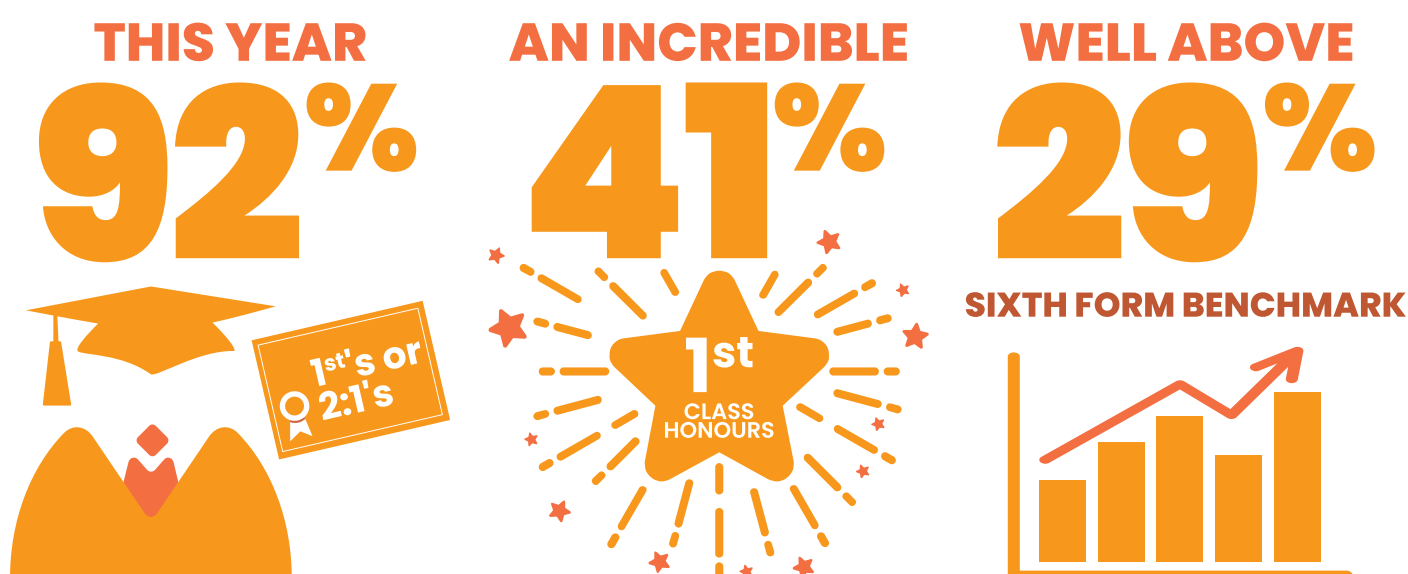
In the Spring term BHASVIC students had the opportunity to visit both **Oxford and Cambridge** universities and to sign up for the enrichment programme running from September 2018 in preparation for potentially moving to an Oxbridge tutor group in June. The visits included tours and meetings with ex-BHASVIC students; these are in addition to the Open days run by each university. For more information please click here: **46 BHASVIC Students Gain Offers**



DESTINATIONS FOR ALL A2 STUDENTS WHO COMPLETED IN 2018

The majority of BHASVIC students continue their education after leaving us, either at University or through Further Education courses like Art Foundation. Students are also well supported through our Enterprise and Employability pathway as they increasingly look at entering employment, be it full or part time or even to become self-employed.

Latest **HE Education Statistics (HESA)** data shows students who went on to University after BHASVIC achieved the following:



DEGREE CLASSIFICATION	1ST CLASS	1ST OR 2:1
BHASVIC	41%	92%
INDEPENDENT PROVIDERS	29%	87%
SIXTH FORM COLLEGES	29%	79%
ALL STATE PROVIDERS	28%	78%

Our Widening Participation (WP) is excellent, it is a government initiative aimed at supporting social mobility and ensuring that all students have access to high quality information, advice and guidance in order to help them make appropriate decisions regarding their future. To find out more about WP please go to our website here: **Our Support Service**

FUTURES FRAMEWORK

Our new Careers Education Information Advice (CEIAG) Strategy

Helping students navigate their next steps, unifying approaches across Guidance and Curriculum to meet the National Careers Strategy and Gatsby Benchmarks.

FUTURES

Focus
on the individual,
formulating
personalised
future plans

Unlock
potential,
identifying
opportunities,
raising
aspirations
and widening
participation

Toolkit
development,
building
appropriate
attitude,
knowledge and
skills for future
success

Utilise
all available
networks
to extend
enrichment,
volunteering
and employer
engagement

Recognise,
respect and
celebrate
positive
progression in all
forms, regardless
of choice of
destination

Emphasise
the importance
of high quality,
targeted
and relevant
information
advice and
guidance

Support
progression,
challenge
stereotypes,
promote
inclusion and
prepare for
lifelong learning

Please see further information in the careers section here: [Our Support Services](#)

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK

Our first-year physics students had the chance to meet with scientists working in STEM careers. During a one hour 'speed dating' session they met in school groups with an engineer completing a degree apprenticeship, a chartered engineer working in the water industry, a computer scientist and a student in product design who previously worked in the welding and

blacksmith industry. This event arranged on behalf of our female physics society (Hypatia society) was open to all students in the department. Further talks are in the pipeline from female scientists and a visit to the National Physical Laboratory <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/news/national-careers-week-in-physics>

BHASVIC alumni



◀ **Ex-student
Paige Yallop
returned to
our Media
department
to share her
experiences
of successful
vlogging.**

We will be encouraging all current A2 Leavers to sign up to our Alumni database in return they will receive a BHASVIC memento. We also welcome former students, parents and carers to sign up here on our website: [Alumni Sign Up](#)

We were delighted to welcome back several BHASVIC Alumni in the Spring Term who came in to talk to our Visual Arts tutor groups and Media and Performing Arts students. A few are listed below:

- "The way I see it" - Local abstract artist, **Abigail Bowen**, discussed life after A levels and how not going to tap-dancing lessons changed everything.
- **Jamie Oliver** Productions joined our Media Studies lessons.
- Exam Revision Mentors: **Helena Smith**, and **Kara Vouilloz**
- **Emily Hilditch** and **Scarlett Cook** were invited on our International Women's Day Panel to talk about women who work in male dominated industries

LEAVERS DAY

Thursday 27 June is an opportunity for A2 student leavers to say goodbye with lots of enjoyable and relaxed activities organised by the Student Union including a BBQ and our annual VIP Students Awards. There will be a final morning tutorial to ensure all resources have been returned to the college and leavers paperwork is completed. **We ask that all Student ID lanyards and cards are handed back.** Full instructions are given to students during their tutorials beforehand.

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS AND VISITORS

- Students participated in the Safe & Well at School Survey, an online, anonymous citywide survey, designed by the Brighton and Hove Council Public Health Team for children and young people. The survey asked a range of questions about school, health and wellbeing and about experiences of bullying.
- Wellbeing expert Andrew Wright visited our tutor groups to deliver an engaging and informative workshop, including tips on how to improve sleep and manage the anxiety around exams. A crucial element of the presentation was emphasising the importance of taking time to look after our wellbeing and making it a priority. **For more information about Andrew's work (and some top wellbeing tips), you can follow him on Twitter @Andrew_Wright.** We are planning to welcome him back soon to meet more students, parents and carers.
- Health Promotion Specialists** from the Chlamydia Screening Programme held a successful sexual health screening week, providing information, testing and C-Cards to our students. It was the best year so far in terms of the number of students they were able to meet, and they have expressed their thanks to all of the staff and students involved.
- Enterprise & Employability mock interviews took place at BHASVIC for a number of our Employability and Enterprise students. Interviewers included **American Express; Clearline Recruitment** and a **Digital Marketing Company**.



- American Express Apprentices visited Employability and Enterprise tutorials, Computing and Mathematics students. AMEX staff and five current higher-level apprentices visited sessions to explain about Software Developer Apprenticeships at AMEX. For further information on apprenticeships please, refer to the careers section in **Our Support Service** on our website.

INTRODUCING THE NEW STUDENT UNION

An executive body of 14 students responsible for ensuring that every student's voice is heard. They speak on important issues and lobby for change, benefitting the student body as a whole. They are also responsible for organising a number of social events, from Fresher's Week in September to the Leavers' Event in summer and co-ordinate student-led weekly societies, further information can be found on our website please click here: [The Student Union](#) you can also follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).



We would like to thank the outgoing Student Union for all their amazing work during their time in office, here are just a few of the many popular activities they organised:

- Multi-Cultural Event - a selection of dishes were offered by the catering team, staff and students in the Copper Café.
- Hosting International Women's Day in the Main Hall and organising speakers.
- Open Evenings – escorting parents/carers around the college.
- Muslim prayer in the main hall at lunchtime consisting of a Khutbah (sermon) which was given by the Imam who also led the prayers.

▶ Following world events during this term William Baldwin, Principal streamed the following video message to all tutor groups, please click on this image to view.



CAREERS ENRICHMENT DAY 12 JULY

Aims to provide all Year 1 students with insights into a variety of careers, improving their employability and helping to prepare them for independent living. Activities include:

- Carousels of speakers including ex-students / professionals working in relevant career areas
- Visits to law courts, laboratories, galleries, museums and theatres
- Skills development activities including interview skills and mock interviews

Further information of the day will be available on our website here: [Enrichment](#)

PLEASE SEE BELOW A FEW HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SPRING TERM, BUT MAKE SURE YOU VISIT [BHASVIC NEWS](#) AND OUR [TWITTER PAGE @BHASVIC](#) TO KEEP UPDATED AS EVENTS HAPPEN.

- Young Brighton refugees honoured in Parliament including BHASVIC student Wasim Yousef. The group have worked to improve lives of their peers across Britain please click here for further information: [ESOL students win the community campaigner award](#). Wasim also played a major part in organising the Brighton and Hove Citizens Forum, an alliance of community organisations working together for positive change in Brighton and Hove, hosted at BHASVIC [twitter.com/CitizensBH?lang=en](#).
- Four BHASVIC students came third place in the **Senior Teams Maths Challenge Regional Finals 2018-19** - Record Numbers competed in this event organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust and Advanced Mathematics Support Programme.
- A fantastic U19 women's league final between BHASVIC and Newman Lewes Academy FC. BHASVIC won 5-3 on penalties. More information [@BHASVICSport](#)



STUDENT WELLBEING AT BHASVIC

We understand with the exam season upon us students can experience periods of stress and/or anxiety affecting their emotional health and wellbeing. In light of this, we have put together some general information and advice for parents/carers on our website: [Young People Support Services](#)

If your young person's emotional wellbeing is having an impact on their time at college, you can email their **Personal Tutor** or **Guidance Manager** directly, alternatively please direct any general enquiries to studentservices@bhasvic.ac.uk. Students are also encouraged to book one to one appointments with their Personal Tutor or Guidance Manager. Please click here: [Guidance and Student Services Team](#).

"I can't tell you how grateful we are that you have given him the space he needs to come back refreshed and ready to commit to his studies next year. Thank you for your patience and understanding". BHASVIC Parent

"I know teachers are not mental health professionals but I truly believe she received more compassionate care from her tutors and teachers at BHASVIC than from any of the NHS teams we have worked with. From a distance their support was absolutely essential and spot on."

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Please check the college calendar here <https://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/calendar> for a detailed schedule of the Academic year.

JUNE

Tuesday 18 June - Results Day for Progression Exams released on Student Advantage AM - Help Desk available

Thursday 20 June - Visual Arts Exhibition

Tuesday 25 June - Moving on Day for students starting in September 2019 – NO A1 LESSONS

Wednesday 26 June - A Level Exam Contingency Day set by Exam Boards. Please do not book a holiday until after this date

Thursday 27 June - A1 Resits Exams begin for 3 days Leaver's Event from 12:30 - No E or A block lesson.

JULY

Wednesday 3 July - BEARDS Evening Event

Thursday 4 July - Year 10 Taster Day – NO A1 LESSONS

Friday 5 July - Publish Resit results to A1 students

Monday 8 July - Performing Arts Showcase at the Attenborough Centre Evening Event

Wednesday 10 & Monday 15 July - New Parents Information Evening for students starting in September 2019 – Evening Event

Tuesday 16 July - Summer Term Ends for Students – Lessons end at 15:45

AUGUST

Thursday 15 August - AS/A2 Exam Results Released online 08:00 (Post results student guidance service helpdesk available from 09:00)

Thursday 22 August - GCSE Exam Results

Thursday 29 and Friday 30 August - A1 Enrolment for students starting September 2019

START OF AUTUMN TERM 2019

Monday 2 September - First half of Autumn Term starts A2 Enrolment & Short lessons

A1 Students on Study Leave until Welcome Morning (Wednesday 11 September)

Friday 6 September - A2 Student lessons (A2 students return to college on Thursday 12 September)

Wednesday 11 September - A1 Student Welcome Morning: Group 1 - 08:30 - 10:00

A1 Student Welcome Morning: Group 2 - 10:15 - 11:45 Lessons begin for A1 students - 12:30

Thursday 12 September - Lessons begin for A2 students - follow timetable

Help Desk for students from now until Friday 4 October

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