



13 July 2021

End of Term email to Students, Parent and Carers

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We've reached the end of the summer term and therefore the end of the 2020-21 Academic year. It has, without doubt, been one of the hardest years to navigate – both for staff and students – and I want to thank you all and congratulate you for managing through rotas and lockdowns, mass testing and mask wearing. I hope you are able to have a good break over the summer and to prioritise your well-being.

A1 end of term references and provisional predicted grades

Teachers have completed subject references and these can be viewed via [Parent](#) and [Student Advantage](#) accounts from 8am on Wednesday 14 July. Please navigate to the "Performance" tab on the menu, where you will find a link to "References" ([Instructions for Parents](#)).

This year, the provisional predicted grades have been generated using A1 summer exams, as well as other assessment information across the year, to give a holistic view of progress through the academic year. These predictions will be finalised during the Autumn Term and any queries can be resolved early in September. Where a first year student is expecting to get a final grade this summer, there will be no provisional predicted grade: please see the section below regarding accessing results in August.

Results

Results Day is Tuesday 10 August for A levels and equivalent and Thursday 12 August for GCSEs. Students will be able to access results via their Advantage account from 8:30am that morning. There will be plenty of support available via our Help Desk, from general guidance to careers and UCAS advice, with instructions for how to access this circulated nearer the time.

We think the vast majority of our students will be very happy with their results. However, there will be further information on how to raise an appeal against a grade available via the FAQ and Exams sections of the website, nearer the time. We will also hold webinars to explain this process in more detail – these will also be signposted via the FAQ page.

Start of term arrangements

All key dates are on the college calendar [HERE](#), and on the front page of the VLE for students. Enrolment for new first years starts on Tuesday 31 August. On Thursday 2 September, students entering the second year will have a remote check-in with their teachers to focus on the completion of summer work, to have new work set and for questions/clarity about the course and learning in the year ahead. Second year students will come onsite on Wednesday 8 September for mini-lessons in each subject, before the normal timetable starts in earnest on Tuesday 14 September. As ever, it takes us some time to enrol everyone and construct a timetable, as we never quite know who is going to come and what they want to study!

The DfE have indicated that we will be expected to run onsite asymptomatic testing for all students before term begins. This is voluntary and ideally two tests need to be taken onsite between 3 and 5 days apart. For second year students we are planning to offer onsite testing on Friday 3 September and Wednesday 8 September.

We are not planning any significant Covid mitigations for the Autumn term but will keep this situation under review, tracking local case rates carefully.

College Summer Opening

The college remains open during the summer but with reduced staffing. The library is open every day from 10am-4pm for students.

Reception is closed from Thursday 15 July until Monday 9 August. Reception will be open from 9am-3pm every day from Monday 9 August until 8am on Tuesday 31 August inclusive (except for Results Days – 10 & 12 August – when Reception will be open from 8am-3.30pm).

Please do continue to use [email](#) as your first form of communication and bear in mind that many of our staff will be on annual leave during this period.

Wellbeing Support

Our Welfare team do not work outside term time, but if you have a concern regarding a student's emotional health and wellbeing, you are invited to contact the Schools Wellbeing Service to speak to a Primary Mental Health worker. Please e-mail SWSConsultationLine@brighton-hove.goc.uk or call 01273 293481. For further information on different services available, please visit <https://e-wellbeing.co.uk/>

BHASVIC students have also been involved in contributing to the Raising Teens podcasts (www.makegoodtrouble.co.uk) and students can volunteer to get involved over the summer by e-mailing Lotti@makegoodtrouble.co.uk or visiting the Instagram account @wemakegoodtrouble.

Careers & HE research

The Hello Future careers event is underway this week, featuring live, interactive sessions with local and global employers, including American Express, Albion in the Community, Graphite Digital, GetMyFirstJob, Laing O'Rourke and many others. The menu of panel discussions can be viewed [HERE](#) and can be accessed by entering the access code HELLOFUTURE.

There is also a virtual summer university fair on Wednesday 14 July, with live webinars on topics such as UCAS personal statements, clearing and student finance. You can register for this event [HERE](#).

Finally...

Please do keep an eye out for the forthcoming Parents & Carers Newsletter which contains lots of links, photos, reports and information from the spring and summer terms. For a taste, check out the weblink to our fantastic summer concert [HERE](#)

I sincerely hope that the Academic year 2021-22 provides the stability that we have yearned for a couple of years and that we can get back to providing an engaging and sociable experience in contrast to the sterility of the past year and more.

With very best wishes for a good summer break,



William Baldwin
Principal