

February 4, 2021

Dear Bronte Community,

Welcome to students who continue to arrive on campus! We hope everyone has settled into their new routines and is off to an excellent start in second semester.

Canada continues to react to contain the spread of COVID-19 with new travel requirements. We will update our community as soon as we have confirmation that international students will be affected.

Students will continue online learning on campus this semester; we are carefully monitoring the situation and will return to face-to-face classes as soon as it is safe to do so.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

Many of our graduating students have begun to receive early university acceptances, and we are so proud of their hard work and success. *Congratulations* to Jumoke on her early acceptance to the University of Toronto for psychology!

This month is Black History Month in Canada, a month dedicated to honour and celebrate the many accomplishments of Black Canadians and to remember the people and events in the history of the African Diaspora.

The final grades are now available on Maplewood in the online Student/Parent portal. Please follow the steps posted on the Guidance Microsoft Teams Page to find instructions on how to access your grades. Report cards have also been sent by email to the parent email addresses on file. Students should check their Bronte College Student Outlook accounts.

GUIDANCE NEWS

It is very important that you are following the Bronte attendance policy. Attending your classes will help you succeed in your courses. Please take note of the following:

1. **Your teachers will take attendance at the beginning of every class. If you are in Canada, you must sign in for all your classes. Overseas students must sign in for period one and two.**
2. **If you have not signed on to your class, your teacher will mark you absent.**
3. **If you are an overseas student, before you sign off because of the late time zone, you must email your period 4 and/or period 5 teacher on Teams. Even with signing off, your teacher will state that you are responsible to complete the work for your period 4/5 class. By messaging your teacher on teams every day before signing off, this enables your teacher to mark you present for the class.**

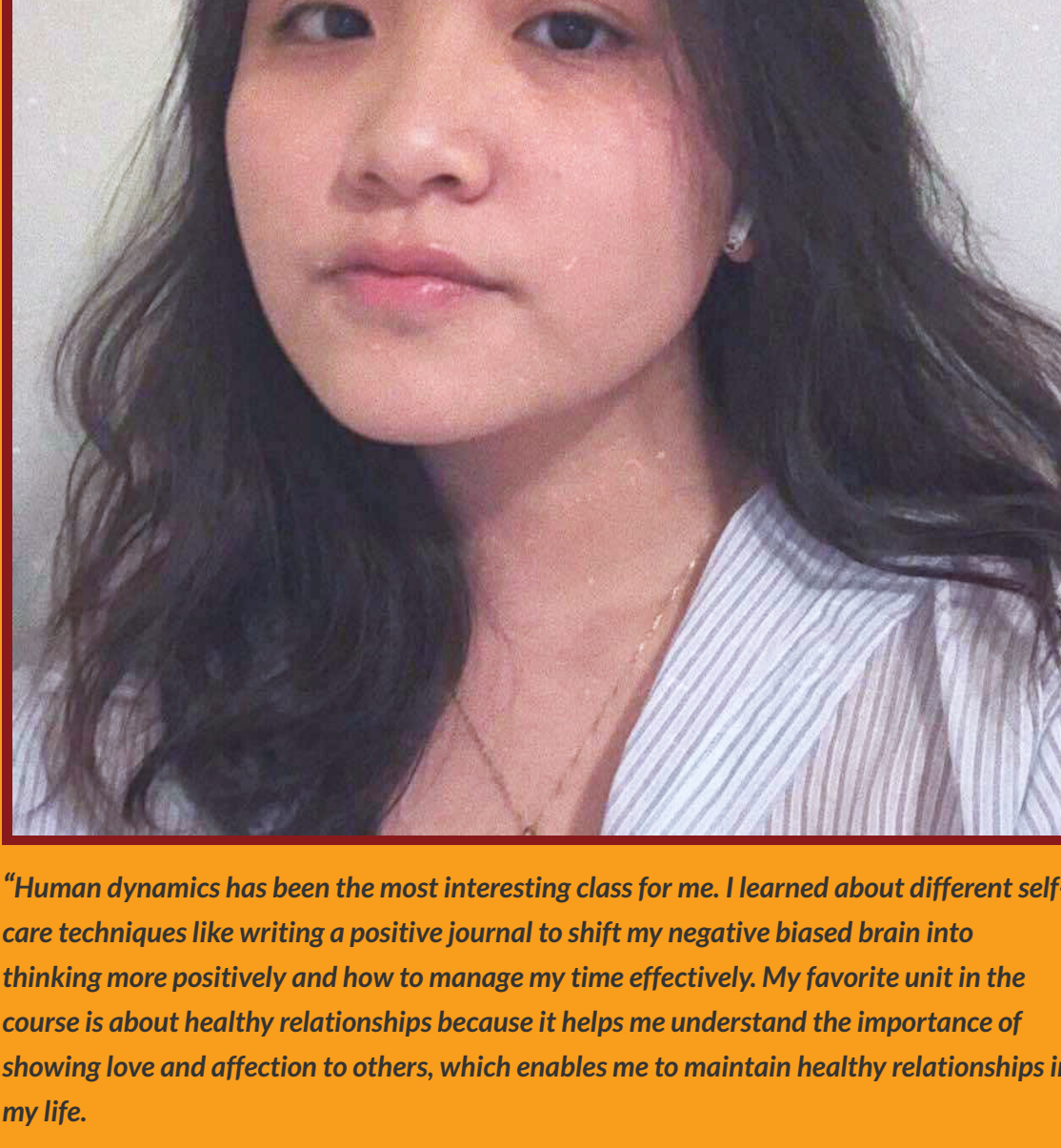
HOW TO SUCCEED IN SEMESTER 2 - ZOOM WORKSHOP

A workshop will be hosted by our Guidance Team on **Friday, February 5th at 8:00am EST on Zoom**. Please attend this quick 30-minute information session to hear strategies and tips on how to succeed in Semester 2 and get off to a good start. Semester 2 is very important, especially for our Grade 12 students as midterm grades are crucial for university admissions. Please see the details on the Guidance Pages on Microsoft Team to access the zoom information.

STUDENT PROFILE

We are continuing to profile students that have been working very hard with our online learning platform and have been achieving academic success.

This week, we are profiling **Nhat Vy**, a grade 11 student currently studying and living off campus, in Mississauga.



"Human dynamics has been the most interesting class for me. I learned about different self-care techniques like writing a positive journal to shift my negative biased brain into thinking more positively and how to manage my time effectively. My favorite unit in the course is about healthy relationships because it helps me understand the importance of showing love and affection to others, which enables me to maintain healthy relationships in my life.

I overcome the challenges of my online study by getting rid of distractions, such as my phone so I can focus on getting work done faster. I believe my best strength is that I do not procrastinate. I like getting things done as soon as possible because if not, I cannot do other things without thinking about it.

My teachers have been very helpful to me throughout my online studies because they are very accessible. I can easily ask them on Teams, and they will reply with detailed explanations. They are very supportive and make me feel comfortable addressing my questions. For someone who is finding online studies challenging, I would say that you should stay in touch with your teachers and ask them questions to clarify anything that you are uncertain of. And you should prioritize your work so that you would not be overwhelmed, especially during culminating weeks.

Recently I have been watching a lot of Netflix because I like watching TV shows and movies, which is a very good way for me to cultivate my English skills. I also listen to lots of music and try to spend time with my family as much as possible, such as hanging out with my niece, playing chess with my brother, and helping out my cousin with chores."

RESIDENCE ACTIVITIES

Residence students enjoyed a high-spirited game of **Cup Pong** last weekend. Students were able to play against each other in groups of 2 and try their skills at getting ping pong balls into their opponent's cups! The students really enjoyed this event and res staff are planning another **Cup Pong** event for the near future.

In addition to weekly events such as Talk Time Tuesdays, sports and crafting, students are looking forward to seasonal events such as Valentine's Day themed activities, celebrating the Lunar holiday and weekly movies in honour of Black History Month.



DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY

5 | How to Succeed in Semester 2, Zoom workshop, 8am EST

12 | Lunar New Year

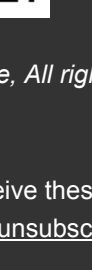
12 | Course change deadline

TRAVELLING INTO CANADA

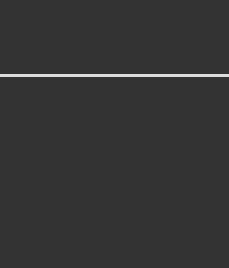
A reminder, please be advised that **effective January 7, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. EST**, all air passengers five years of age or older will be required to test negative for COVID-19 before traveling from another country to Canada. The test must be performed using a COVID-19 molecular polymerase chain reaction (or PCR) test and must be taken **within 72 hours** prior to the traveler's scheduled departure to Canada. Please see this link for more information. [Please click here for more information.](#)

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