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Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers

**Re: Higher Education Information Evenings for Parents**

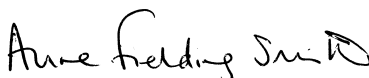
We are pleased to invite you to one of our Higher Education Information Evenings for parents of A1 students. If your son or daughter's surname begins with **A-K**, you are invited to attend the evening of **Thursday 17 March**; if their surname begins with **L-Z**, you are invited to attend the evening of **Tuesday 22 March**. These evening start at **7pm** and end at approximately **9pm**.

Each evening starts with a general session which explains how the College supports your son/daughter through the Higher Education application process and outlines the timescale for making applications. The second part of the general session provides information on student finance and the application process for this. Afterwards, there will be a series of **optional** talks for those who are interested in specialist areas. Each parent will be able to attend a maximum of two optional talks. Brief details of these optional talks can be found overleaf.

Please complete the slip overleaf to book places for the general session and, if you wish, for one or more of the optional talks and return to or, alternatively e-mail, Nick Herbert at: [n.herbert@bhasvic.ac.uk](mailto:n.herbert@bhasvic.ac.uk). We would appreciate responses by **Monday 28 February 2011**. Please also make us aware of any specialist access requirements you may have. Please note that these events are for parents/guardians/carers only, and not for students, as we do not have space. A full programme of advice and guidance is provided for students during the tutorial programme and at the Progression Event in June.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these evenings.

Yours faithfully



Roz Brody (Senior Tutor with responsibility for Higher Education)  
Anne Fielding Smith (Vice Principal)

Please inform us if you require this letter in an alternative format

## Higher Education Information Evenings for Parents

The first session is for parents who wish to find out more about the timescale for applications to Higher Education and the financial implications for students and parents.

The **optional** talks are for parents who want to find out more about particular aspects of the Higher Education application process. Parents may attend up to two talks each. In addition to these optional talks, College staff will be available to answer general questions after the general session.

### **Optional Talk 1: Parents new to the Higher Education application process**

This 20 minute talk is for parents who have not been through the Higher Education (H.E.) application process before with an older son or daughter. The talk introduces parents to some of the terminology used in the H.E. application process and offers an opportunity to ask some of those questions that others are thinking, but no-one wants to say!

### **Optional Talk 2: Oxbridge (Oxford and Cambridge)**

This 20 minute talk is for parents of students who are considering applying to Oxford or Cambridge (= "Oxbridge"). The talk will outline the ways in which the College supports potential Oxbridge applicants and will give a few key facts about the application and selection processes used at the two universities.

### **Optional Talk 3: Medicine/Veterinary Courses**

This 20 minute talk is for parents of students who are thinking about becoming a doctor or a vet. The talk will outline the ways in which the College supports students who are applying to medicine or veterinary courses.

### **Optional Talk 4: Visual Arts Courses**

This 20 minute talk is for parents of students who are considering taking Visual Arts courses after leaving BHASVIC such as Art, Photography, Textile, Fashion, Graphics, Design etc. The talk will cover the different routes that students can take (eg Art Foundation / National Certificate / Diploma / Foundation degree / BA (Honours), and will briefly outline the financial implications for students taking these courses.

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Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places (max 2) at the H.E. Information Evening for Parents on Thursday 17 March / Tuesday 22 March (please circle evening). We would like to attend the following **optional** specialist talks (up to a maximum of two per person).

Parent 1: Name \_\_\_\_\_

New to HE  Oxbridge  Medicine/Vets  Visual Arts

Parent 2: Name \_\_\_\_\_

New to HE  Oxbridge  Medicine/Vets  Visual Arts