

February 2010

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 the students surname is A-K you are invited to attend the evening of Thursday 11th March, and those students whose surnames begin L-Z, you are invited to attend the evening of Wednesday 17th March. The Evening starts at 7pm and ends at approximately 8.30pm.

The evening will outline the timescale for applications for Higher Education and will explain the ways in which College supports your son/daughter through the application process. We will also provide information on student finance and the application process for this. Afterwards, there will be a series of optional break-out talks for those who are interested in specialist areas. Each parent will be able to attend a maximum of two talks. Brief details of these talks can be found overleaf:

Parents new to the Higher Education application process

AimHigher

Oxbridge

Medicine

Visual Arts courses

Please would you complete the slip below to book places on one of the break-out talks and return to or, alternatively e-mail, Nick Herbert at: n.herbert@bhasvic.ac.uk. We would appreciate responses by **Friday 26th February 2010**. 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)

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Name of Student _____ Tutor _____

Please reserve _____ places (max 2) at the HE Information Evening for Parents on Thursday 11th March / Wednesday 17th March (please circle evening). We would like to attend the following optional specialist break-out talks (up to a maximum of two per person).

Parent 1: Name _____

New to HE Aim Higher Oxbridge Medicine Visual Arts

Parent 2: Name _____

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

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Please note that these are optional talks 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 break out talks, College staff will be available to answer general questions.

Parents new to the Higher Education application process

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

Aimhigher

This 20 minute talk is for parents of students who are currently enrolled on the Aimhigher programme at BHASVIC. We will explain how Aimhigher operates at BHASVIC, what we have done so far, and how Aimhigher is supporting their progress towards University. Please check with your son or daughter to check if they are on this programme before selecting this option. If you are a 'first time parent through the HE process' and not sure what Aimhigher is, this will be covered in the 'New to HE' talk and there will be an Aimhigher help desk in operation after the talks have finished.

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.

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.

Medicine/Veterinary Science

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.

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