

25 March 2010

**To Parents or Guardians of A1 and Intermediate Programme\* (IP) students**

Dear Parent or Guardian

Students have recently completed subject reviews with their teachers and these are enclosed for you to discuss with your son/daughter. We are also enclosing a record of attendance from Monday 14 September to Friday 19 March. Please note that this information is different from the attendance information shown in the subject reviews, which only goes up to Friday 12 February. An explanation sheet is also enclosed.

In November, we sent you an explanation of how 'minimum expected grades' (MEGs) are calculated and how the 'subject review' process works. These are available on the Parents' Information pages on the College website. You can view them by logging onto: <http://www.bhasvic.ac.uk/parents.htm>. These documents are also available from the College in hard copy on request.

Please see below a reminder of the dates for Exam Leave. We ask that you note down the dates that are relevant to your son/daughter.

**A1 students**

**Exam Leave starts on Monday 17 May (note new date)**

**IP\* students**

**Exam Leave starts on Monday 24 May**

**L2 Health & Social Care students**

Lessons end on **Friday 21 May**. The full time work placement starts on **Tuesday 1 June**, ending on **Tuesday 20 July** (or earlier if they complete the full NVQ qualification before this date)

**During Exam Leave, many departments will be running optional revision lessons.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT A1 STUDENTS WHO ARE PROGRESSING TO A SECOND YEAR MUST RETURN TO COLLEGE AT 8.30am ON MONDAY 14 JUNE.** Full attendance until the end of term (Friday 16 July 2010) is required for students who want to complete their A levels in 2011, as A2 classes begin then. Students are advised that they should not drop a subject if there is any chance that they might want to take it in September, once their results are known. If they do not attend these classes, they will not be allowed to take that subject. **Students who take holiday in the last five weeks of term, including both Enrichment Days in July, are unlikely to be allowed to return in September.**

**A1 students who are not completing A levels and all IP students should attend the Leavers' Event at 1.40pm on Friday 2 July.**

\*IP students are students on a one year Level 2 programme eg L2 Sport, ICT, Health & Social Care, Business or a full GCSE programme. These students are all in the following Tutor Groups: VJM, AMC & DTA.

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

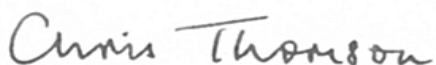


## KEY DATES

<b>Monday 14 June and Tuesday 15 June</b>	<b>Progression Event</b> for A1 students. Attendance is compulsory for those who wish to return to College in September. This event focuses on progression to Employment and Higher/Further Education. A1 students will <b>return</b> their <b>A1 books</b> and will <b>enrol</b> onto <b>A2 courses</b> on Tuesday morning. <b>A2 lessons</b> will start on Tuesday afternoon (subject to confirmation).
<b>Thursday 1 July (all day) and Friday 2 July (am)</b>	<b>Study Leave</b> for A1 students whilst the Moving on to BHASVIC Event takes place for new students.
<b>Friday 2 July (pm)</b>	<b>Study Leave</b> for A1 students whilst the Leaver' Event takes place for A2 and IP students and those A1 students who are not returning in September
<b>Thursday 15 July and Friday 16 July</b>	<b>College Enrichment Days.</b> All A1 students who wish to return in September <u>must</u> attend on both days. A full programme of enrichment events, including day and residential trips, takes place on these two days. Students have chosen their activities earlier this term.
<b>Friday 16 July (pm)</b>	<b>Summer Term ends.</b>
<b>Thursday 19 August</b>	<b>AS and A2 examination results</b> available in the Main Hall from 9.00am. College staff will be available to offer advice and guidance with university applications for A2 students and possible course changes for A1 students
<b>Tuesday 24 August</b>	<b>GCSE results</b> available from Reception from 11am. College staff will be available to offer advice and guidance to students.
<b>Wednesday 1 September</b>	<b>A2 Enrolment Day.</b> All students returning to complete A levels <u>must</u> attend on this day. Failure to attend may result in loss of a place at the College and/or failure to secure a place on an appropriate course. On this day, students confirm their courses and are set work to do during the following administration and welcome days for new students. In addition, students are encouraged to work on their personal statements for university applications.
<b>Thursday 2 September to Wednesday 8 September</b>	Administration days for staff (timetabling, staff training etc) and Welcome Days for new students
<b>Thursday 9 September (provisional)</b>	Normal teaching begins

I hope that you were able to attend our recent Higher Education evening for parents and found it helpful. Please give us feedback by completing the survey which can be found on the home page of the College website – [www.bhasvic.ac.uk](http://www.bhasvic.ac.uk). I also hope that you will find the contents of this letter and its enclosures informative and useful and that they will enable you to feel involved in your son or daughter's progress and the College community.

Yours faithfully



Christopher Thomson  
Principal