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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Re: Progression & Higher Education Information Evenings

At BHASVIC we are aware that the variety of options available for post-18 study and/or employment can be confusing and overwhelming to navigate for students and their parents. The cost to the individual of studying a degree, and the impact this is having on admissions policies at universities, means that it is increasingly important to be confident about the facts and the choices your young person is making. To help support you in your discussions with your young person about their decisions, we are pleased to invite you to one of our **Progression & Higher Education Information Evenings**.

Each evening starts with a brief introductory talk giving an overview of the variety of options now available post-18 and the support that is available at BHASVIC. We then outline what studying a degree involves and focus on the important decision-making process. We will also outline the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) application process and provide an overview of student finance.

If your young person's surname begins with **A-K** you are invited to attend the evening of **Thursday 1 March**; if their surname begins with **L-Z** you are invited to attend the evening of **Tuesday 6 March**. The evenings start promptly at **19:00** and end by **20:30**. **There is no booking required for this event.**

Please note that this event is for **parents and carers only** as we do not have space for students. Please be assured that all students receive a full package of support via the tutorial programme – you can find more information on this below. They can also request one-to-one support from a qualified careers adviser should they feel this would be of benefit to them.

We ask that, where possible, only one parent attends the evening to ensure that we can accommodate seating for all guests in the Main Hall. All presentations will be available on the Parent and Carer section of the college's website after the second evening.

To support your young person with their progression plans after BHASVIC, during tutorial, we have explored the range of routes available to young people, including Higher Education, and have been guiding them in their decisions about their programme of study for their second year. In addition to this, the Student Progression Event in June will give students the opportunity to further explore their options. More information about this event will be provided to students and parents/carers in the first half of the summer term. The tutorial programme will then be dedicated to progression plans during the second half of the summer and throughout the Autumn Term of the second year.

Students have the option, for their second year, to choose a tutor group which focusses on the application process for their next steps after BHASVIC, whether this be university, employment, apprenticeships, art foundation, Oxbridge or medical careers. This choice is made during the A1-A2 transfer process which commences in late February 2018 and runs until mid-March. You will receive more information about this process during the evenings.

Additional Date for your Diary: Specialist Application Evening – Tuesday 8 May, 19:00 to 20:00:

Further to the evenings outlined above, we are also hosting a Specialist Applications Evening. This event will provide important information and advice about the routes that many of our students apply through which have different or additional processes to the standard UCAS system:

- Applications for an Apprenticeship or Employment
- Applications to study Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science
- Applications to Oxford or Cambridge university
- Applications for those students wishing to study a Visual Arts foundation course or who wish to apply directly to a Visual Arts degree course (such as Art and Design, Photography, Textiles, Fashion, Graphic Design, Illustration, etc.)

If your young person is considering an application in any of these areas we strongly recommend you attend this evening and encourage your young person to attend with you. No booking is required.

Transport to these events and other special arrangements

Please be aware that we have extremely limited parking on site and we ask that you use alternative parking options or means of transport for these evening events. BHASVIC is located within a 10 minute walk from Brighton Station and is within a 5 minute walk of the many bus routes which stop in the Seven Dials area. If you do choose to travel by car there is on-street, pay and display car parking in the surrounding residential streets as well as multi-storey parking near the station.

Please make us aware of any specialist access or other requirements you may need by emailing studentservices@bhasvic.ac.uk at least one week in advance of any events you are attending.

We look forward to seeing you on either the 1 or 6 March and do also hope that you will consider attending our Specialist Application evening on 8 May, if relevant.

Yours faithfully,



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