

## **BVT Supports Diploma in Engineering**

### **About BVT**

BVT Surface Fleet brings together the great names of BAE Systems and VT Group with their previous joint venture, Fleet Support Limited (FSL), in a huge undertaking to establish the UK's leading provider of surface warships and through-life support.

### **What are BVT doing to support education in the UK?**

On 9 September 2009 a group of Year 10 students from Crookhorn College of Technology began their Diploma in Engineering with BVT Surface Fleet. The Diploma qualification combines classroom study with an opportunity for young people to apply what they have experienced in the workplace. Their course covers a variety of subjects from personal, learning and thinking skills through to the application of innovative technologies in engineering. BVT is working closely with its southern training partner to undertake the on site aspect of the programme; the students pictured returning each week for an afternoons tuition in BVT's new Training Centre in Aldrich Road, Portsmouth Naval Base.

### **How do students benefit from BVT's involvement?**

Students receive assessments throughout their two year course, up to fifty percent of which may contain practical work done at school. They may also have the opportunity to visit other sites to observe how their studies are applied in industry. Competition to enter the programme is high and the students starting today said they were looking forward to their programme; one already inquiring about an apprenticeship and how much apprentices were paid during their training. Those pictured, who were accompanied by their Instructor, the Centre's Administrator and two apprentices from BVT South, will spend six months working with BVT before being replaced, in the latter half of this academic year, by the other ten students in their year group.