

# WELCOME TO HORIZON

Class of 2028



# Welcome from Mrs Huddart

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to be able to welcome you to Horizon Community College. We are looking forward to working closely with all our new students and their families over the next few months to ensure the transition from primary to secondary education is smooth, positive and exciting.

The move to secondary school is one of the most significant events in a young person's life, one that stirs excitement and anticipation. Now that you've chosen Horizon Community College it is our aim to ensure that this transition is as smooth as possible. This means that upon starting with us, your son/daughter is ready to 'hit the ground running' and embrace the many opportunities that our college offers.

This month our transition staff will be busy meeting primary school teachers discussing the needs of each student, to ensure they have the best start possible to Year 7. More importantly, staff will be meeting Year 6 students between now and July; this is so children can ask questions to help ensure they feel prepared or the change they are about to face.

We are looking forward to meeting you and your child and working with you and them in the future.



Mrs C. Huddart  
Principal

# Welcome from Miss Sheldon

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Dear Class of 2028,

A very warm welcome to Horizon Community College. I am very excited that you will be joining the Horizon family from September and hope you are too! Your time in Year 7 represents a time of great promise and opportunity and is your first step on a new learning journey.

Your first year will form the foundation for all that you will achieve in school. At Horizon, our aim is to ensure you are school ready, work ready and life ready.

We want you to enjoy your time with us. We want you to feel inspired and passionate about your learning. We also want you to feel happy and successful. I recognise that for many of you this will be both an exciting but also anxious time and want to reassure you that we are all here to help you make the transition from primary school to secondary school as stress free as possible.

Your pastoral team, form tutor and teachers are just some of the key people at school who will be with you every step of the way; helping you to understand how the College's core values underpin and maximise your opportunity for success.

This transition handbook will help you understand the culture and values of Horizon Community College and what we expect from you each and every day. There is a wealth of information for you to read through so that you can start positively with us in September.

We look forward to getting to know you and working with you to ensure that your time with us is a happy and settled one.



Miss L. Sheldon  
Head of KS3 Pastoral

# What does the Y7 day look like?

All students enter the building through the side gate at the front of college from 8am. You follow the path around the building to the student entrance. Here, every morning the Year 7 team will meet you to check you are smart and organised for the day ahead.

You can then visit the college canteen where you can have breakfast with your friends. We have free items for all students – toast, bagel, cereal – or you can buy many other items like pancakes, bacon sandwiches and many more delicious items!

On your first day at Horizon, you will be given a timetable which tells you which lesson you have, when and where. Please don't worry about finding rooms – there are always lots of staff to help you find your way.

**The Year 7 day follows the timetable below:**

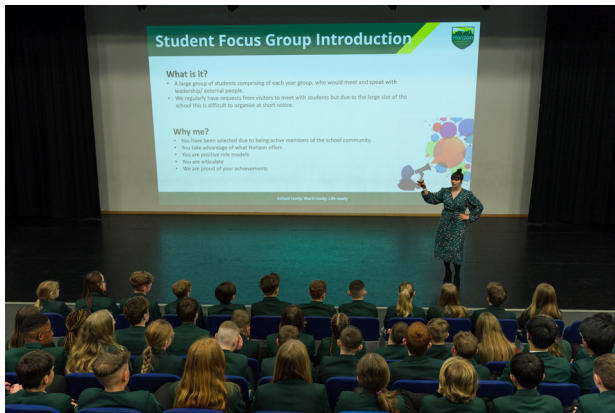
8am - 8.25am	Canteen is open for breakfast from 8am to 8:25am
8.25am	Year 7 day commences
8:30am - 8.50am	Tutor Time – every day commences with 20 minutes with your form tutor.
8:50am - 9.55am	Lesson one – 65 minutes
9:55am - 10:55am	Lesson two – 60 minutes
10:55am - 11:15am	BREAK – 20 minutes
11:15am - 12:20pm	Lesson three – 65 hour
12:20 - 12:50pm	Lesson four – 30 minutes
12:50 - 1:25pm	Lunch (Year 7 Only)
1:25pm - 1:55pm	Lesson four – 30 minutes
1:55pm - 3:00pm	Lesson five – 65 minutes
3:00pm - 4:00pm	Enrichment Activities – Optional (but definitely recommended!)

# What is form time and what will we do?

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Tutor time is at the start of every day, and a great way to form new friendships. Your tutor will take your register, check you are ready for the day ahead and then lead on various activities such as Votes For Schools and the weekly student bulletin. Your tutor will also update you weekly on your attendance, achievement points and behaviour points.

We will also have a weekly assembly in the theatre where the whole year group comes together to discuss many topical areas such as Mental Health Awareness, Bullying, LGBT+ Awareness and many others. We will also celebrate your successes in lessons every half term and your attendance to college.



# Who will be in my form?

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There will be 420 students in Year 7 who will be split into 14 forms. These forms are a mix of students from different primary schools. We do not ask for friendship groups, but we can assure you there will be at least one familiar face from your current primary school.

Making new friends is a huge part of joining Horizon – there are so many students in Year 7 – everyone makes new friends, and if you are struggling, we are here to help you. Just remember everyone is feeling the same, give it time and keep smiling.

# What lessons will I study in Year 7?

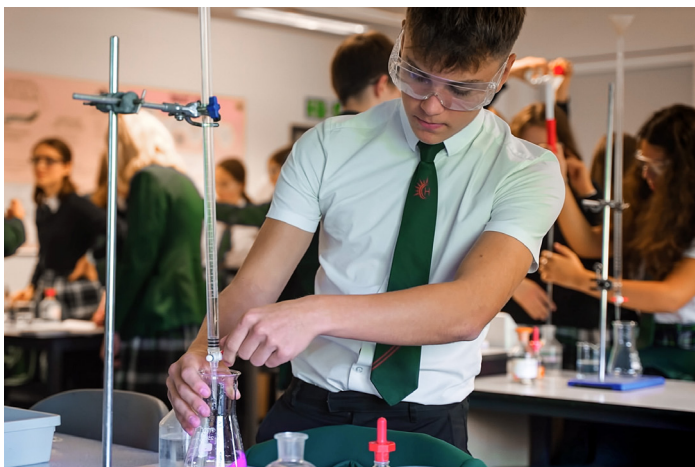
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At Horizon we believe it is so important that you have experience of as many subjects as possible from Year 7 through to Year 9 (Key Stage 3). Once in Year 9 you will then make choices as to which subjects you want to continue studying as GCSE courses in Year 10 and Year 11 (Key Stage 4).

Key Stage 3 is the first time you will study so many different subjects with specialist teachers, and also in specialist subject areas.

## **In Year 7 you will study the following Subjects:**

- Maths
- English
- Science
- Physical Education
- Modern Foreign Language (French or Spanish)
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Design Technology (Cooking & Nutrition, Textiles, Graphic Products, Engineering)
- Religious Education
- Citizenship
- Computing
- Performing Arts (Music, Drama, Dance)



# What will I wear?

We want you to wear the Horizon uniform with pride and we expect all students to wear it correctly.

Here are two students who are wearing their uniform perfectly and we can't wait to see you doing the same.



An example of our uniform expectations.



An example of our physical education uniform.

You can find all the details about our uniform on the school website in the **Parents Hub - [www.horizoncc.co.uk](http://www.horizoncc.co.uk)**

## Key things to remember:

- The skirt is knee length, the trousers are traditional in style – not skinny fit, not chino and we do not allow leggings.
- Please look carefully at the guidance around shoes – we do check all uniform items every morning when you arrive. If your uniform is not as expected, we are happy to loan items while you purchase the correct ones if you are having trouble, so that you can attend lessons looking smart and ready for the day ahead.
- We allow one ring, a watch and one pair of small stud earrings – no other piercings are allowed and will have to be removed before the school day commences.
- Makeup should be natural and discreet, and this is also the same for nails. We do not allow false nails.

**We strongly recommend you read the information about our uniform on our website in the Parents Hub.**

# Is attendance and punctuality important?

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Attendance each and every school day is compulsory. If you are not in school then you must have a justifiable reason for your absence. Parents/Carers should inform the school absence line on the first day of your absence via telephone and every day thereafter. If you need to make an appointment, for example to see a GP, we would ask that this is made outside of the school day wherever possible.

## **PUNCTUALITY**

Punctuality is an important part of self-discipline and is essential to good time management.

Always make sure that you are in the appropriate classroom no later than the times shown in the section on timing of the school day.

If you arrive late for school, twice, you shall be given a 30 minute detention that shall be served the following day after school.

If you arrive late to school due to attending appointments/ or any other reason then you must sign in at the student reception desk. You will be marked late in the register and will need a note explaining the reason for late arrival. If there is not justifiable reason a punctuality detention shall be issued for the following night after school.

If you arrive after the closure of the register it may be recorded as an unauthorized absence. All unexplained absences shall be followed up by staff in the attendance office with a call home.



# How will I get to Horizon?

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You will need to plan how you are going to travel to Horizon to ensure you are here on time for the start of your day.

Many of you may walk, but there are also two buses which visit Horizon or you may decide to come on your bike.

## **Bus:**

There are two buses which pull into Horizon at the start and end of the day – the 478 and 479, you may have seen them around your home area. The timetables and bus routes are on the school website and will be updated ready for your September start.

We expect all students to abide by the bus company's rules whilst travelling on the bus. We want everyone to have a safe and pleasant journey to and from college.

**Why not have a look at our website now, to see where your nearest bus stop is.**

## **Bike:**

We encourage you to be active and healthy, so why not travel to Horizon by bike? We have secure bike sheds within the college grounds where you can bring your bike lock and fasten your bike up for the day. Please ensure you know the safest route to travel, Horizon is on a very busy road and we want all students to be safe.

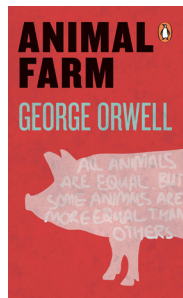


# What do I need to bring each day?

Every student is expected to have a school bag so you can be organised and ready for your learning. Your bag needs to be strong enough to carry your exercise books and PE kit, so choose wisely!

Packing your bag the night before the day ahead, is a good routine. Inside your bag you will need the following items:

- **Equipment – pen (black and purple), pencil, ruler, eraser, scientific calculator**
- **Horizon Planner – given to you in September**
- **Reading book – your choice**
- **Exercise books for the day**
- **PE kit for lesson or enrichment activities**



# Character in the classroom

You are encouraged to reflect and develop your 'character within the classroom'. This involves you taking ownership and responsibility of your learning, having high expectations of yourself and developing a positive, growth mindset. Each classroom across the College displays a poster with the important characters and qualities that we feel you should aim to demonstrate at every opportunity. All staff will encourage you to develop 'character in the classroom' which in turn supports our ethos of you becoming a 'positive role model'.

## Outstanding character in the classroom involves...

### Having high expectations for yourself

Taking pride in your work and ensuring your books are well looked after and organised

Finishing work and where you don't, taking it home to finish it

Pushing yourself onto challenging work and not staying in your comfort zone

Speaking loudly and clearly using a 'stage voice' when addressing the class



### Taking responsibility for your learning

Being fully equipped to learn for every lesson

Arriving on time for all lessons

Tracking the speaker

Asking questions to clarify learning

Bringing your book

Being aware of your strengths and areas for development



### Having a growth mindset

Wanting feedback so you can use it to improve

Working hard consistently

Listening to others to learn from them

Supporting your peers and valuing their effort

Answering questions and not being afraid of being wrong



### Taking ownership of your learning

Taking your books home so that you can finish work and use them for revision

Responding to feedback

Completing home learning on time and bringing it in

Revising for assessments

Getting on with the 'Do Now' work, in silence as soon as you arrive at your lesson



Pride

Organisation

Engagement

Questioning

Respect

Kindness

Teamwork

Tolerance

Independence

Resilience

# What is enrichment?

Three days a week we encourage all student to participate in enrichment activities. There is such a wide variety to choose from, there really should be something for everyone!

These run for 1 hour at the end of each day, are completely free and you can attend as many as you like!

Below is an example from this year, so you can see just how much is on offer for you to get involved in!

<b>Y7 ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
<b>STEM</b> 3:00-4:00 - 3C05	<b>GIRLS FOOTBALL</b> 3:00-4:10 - Astroturf/Field	<b>SPOTLIGHT</b> 3:20-4:20 - PA08 Drama Studio	<b>PRIDE CLUB</b> 3:20-4:20 - 10.09
<b>HAWKS CYCLING CLUB</b> 3:00-4:30 - Muga 3/Field	<b>STREETKINGZ BREAK DANCE (BOYS ONLY)</b> 3:00-3:45 - PA07	<b>TRAMPOLINING</b> 3:00-4:20 - Sports Hall	<b>METBALL</b> 3:00-4:30 - Muga 3
<b>QUIET STUDY SPACE</b> 3:00-4:00 - Library	<b>ORCHESTRA</b> 3:20-3:50 - Theatre	<b>BOYS FOOTBALL</b> 3:00-4:30 - Astroturf/Field	<b>TABLE TENNIS</b> 3:00-4:30 - Sports Hall
<b>FITNESS SUITE</b> 3:00-4:10 - Fitness Suite		<b>HISTORY CLUB</b> 3:00-4:00 - 10.4	<b>BEGINNER BAND</b> 3:20-4:20 - PA05
<b>CHILLOUT READING SPACE</b> 3:00-4:00 - Library		<b>MFL CRAFT &amp; CULTURE CLUB</b> 3:00-4:00 - MFL Corridor	<b>JAM SESSION</b> 3:00-4:20 - Practice Rooms
<b>LOVE TO READ</b> 3:00-4:00 - Library		<b>CHILLOUT READING SPACE</b> 3:00-4:00 - Library	<b>CHILLOUT READING SPACE</b> 3:00-4:00 - Library
<b>SENIOR BAND</b> 3:20-4:20 - PA05		<b>QUIET STUDY SPACE</b> 3:00-4:00 - Library	<b>QUIET STUDY SPACE</b> 3:00-4:00 - Library
<b>JAM SESSION</b> 3:00-4:20 - Practice Rooms		<b>CHILLOUT COLOURING</b> 3:00-4:00 - Library	<b>ENGINEERING DESIGN CLUB</b> 3:00-4:00 - DT02/DT04
<b>FUSION DANCE CLUB</b> 3:20-4:20 - PA07			
<b>STUDENT NEWSPAPER</b> 3:00-4:20 - ICT 11			
<b>GYMNASTICS CLUB</b> 3:00-4:10 - Sports Hall			
<b>GEOGRAPHY IN THE NEWS</b> 3:00-4:00 - 10.09			

At lunchtime we also have activities that you can join in to ensure we really are making the most of every minute! You can head to the heart space to play board games, go up to the library for themed daily events such as Magazine Mondays, play football on the Muga or hit the theatre for breakdance.

**LUNCHTIME ENRICHMENT MONDAY**

Board Games Club  
Heartspace

Football  
Muga

Cool & Calm  
Conference Room  
Invitation Only

Imagination Space  
Library

Breakdance  
Theatre

Horizon  
Primary

**LUNCHTIME ENRICHMENT TUESDAY**

Board Games Club  
Heartspace

Football  
Muga

Independent Work  
9.04  
Bridge - Invitation Only

Imagination Space  
Library

Breakdance  
Theatre

Horizon  
Primary

**LUNCHTIME ENRICHMENT WEDNESDAY**

Board Games Club  
Heartspace

Football  
Muga

Cool & Calm  
Conference Room  
Invitation Only

Imagination Space  
Library

Horizon  
Primary

**LUNCHTIME ENRICHMENT THURSDAY**

Board Games Club  
Heartspace

Imagination Space  
Library

Football  
Muga

Independent Work  
9.04  
Bridge - Invitation Only

Horizon  
Primary

**LUNCHTIME ENRICHMENT FRIDAY**

Board Games Club  
Heartspace

Football  
Muga

Imagination Space  
Library

Cool & Calm  
Conference Room  
Invitation Only

Independent Work  
9.04  
Bridge - Invitation Only

Horizon  
Primary

# How will I be praised?

At Horizon we believe in rewarding effort, achievement and much more! Your classroom teachers will award you with achievement points in your lessons – this may be for outstanding home-learning, effort towards a piece of work, outstanding verbal contributions and these are just a few of the reasons. Your teachers may send a postcard home, always a lovely surprise when they land on your doormat!

You may also receive positive conduct points which are given for showing kindness, going above normal expectations, helping others, respect for the college building, and being a positive role model.

**Achievement points and conduct points are accumulated together and we then have praise thresholds for you to aspire to:**

<b>BRONZE</b>	100 net Achievement Points	Certificate in form period & name on the college website.
<b>SILVER</b>	200 net Achievement Points	Certificate in assembly, name and picture on website/twitter.
<b>GOLD</b>	300 net Achievement Points	Certificate presented by the Principal, name and picture on the website/twitter. Invite to the end of year rewards trip.
<b>PLATINUM</b>	450 net Achievement Points	Award at the Celebration Evening at the end of the school year where you and your parents are invited to attend.

Each half term we will have two celebration assemblies – one for attendance and one for outstanding behaviour. In these assemblies there will be gift vouchers for the lucky students who are picked from the prize draw.

During the year your teachers will report on your effort and progress in lessons. We reward the students in the top 10% with a gold pin badge to recognise their outstanding achievements. We also treat these students to a cooked breakfast with your own reserved seating in the canteen!

At the end of each term the Principal awards a certificate to one student in each year group. This student is selected on a variety of reasons, this could be for your effort across all subjects, your involvement in college life, representing the school at a local/national event and many other reasons that make that student 'stand out'.

Finally – we encourage all students to visit our Proud Thursday table during lunchtime. We want you to be proud of your work, so we invite you to bring a piece of work (or two!) to share with a member of staff and then take a certificate home to share with your family.



## Will I receive Home-Learning?

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**Yes!**

At Horizon, we believe Home Learning is essential to help develop independent learners.

You will be set regular Home Learning in each of your subjects.

In most subjects, students are asked to carry out retrieval practice using their knowledge organisers which we will provide you in September.

You then complete a 'retrieval quiz' online through Microsoft Teams.

The purpose of this is to help you securely embed knowledge you already have, so that you remember this the next time you use it. This helps to make learning within lessons even more purposeful for you, as important knowledge is therefore 'readily available' to be added to, supporting rapid progress.

# What can I buy to eat?

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You can buy food and drinks at breakfast, break and lunchtime. You will do this using your Parentmail account that your parents will set up for you.

Your parents will be able to do this later in the summer term so it is ready for you starting in September. We will send your parents details when this is ready. If you currently receive free school meals, this will automatically continue at Horizon.

At lunchtime Year 7 have the canteen and café areas all to yourselves, and this also includes all the outdoor space – all other year groups are in lessons!

Each week our catering team offer different meals for you, and there are lots of staff to help you to know where to queue for the different meal choices.

Here is an example of a week's menu choices at Horizon, we send this home to you every week so you can choose what you would like to eat before you even get to college!





## HOT MEALS

- ✔ **Katsu Chicken with Rice**  
Monday
- ✔ **Quorn Sausage Casserole & Yorkshire Pudding**  
Monday
- ✔ **Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread**  
Tuesday
- ✔ **Vegetable Balti with Naan Bread**  
Tuesday
- ✔ **Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding**  
Wednesday
- ✔ **Broccoli, Tomato & Potato Bake**  
Wednesday
- ✔ **Sweet & Sour Chicken Stir Fry with Noodles**  
Thursday
- ✔ **Cheese & Tomato Quiche**  
Thursday
- ✔ **Freshly Battered Haddock**  
Friday
- ✔ **Roasted Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread**  
Friday

# Menu

## Horizon Food Hall

Week Commencing - 23/1



## Pasta Bar

- Tomato Salsa**  
Monday
- Arrabiata**  
Tuesday
- Beef Bolognaise**  
Wednesday
- Margherita**  
Thursday
- Basilica**  
Friday

PASTA WITH A DRINK £2.15

GRAB BAGS ARE £2.15

## VEGETABLES

- Broccoli, Sweetcorn & Creamed Potatoes**  
Monday
- Crisp Salad, Coleslaw & Potato Wedges**  
Tuesday
- Savoy Cabbage, Baton Carrots & Roast Potatoes**  
Wednesday
- Mixed Salad, Coleslaw & Baby Potatoes**  
Thursday
- Mushy Peas, Baked Beans & Chips**  
Friday

## HOT DELI

- ✔ **Chicken Burger**  
Vegetable Burger  
Monday
- ✔ **Sausage & Mash Yorkshire Pudding Wrap**  
Quorn Sausage & Mash Yorkshire Pudding Wrap  
Tuesday
- ✔ **BBQ Chicken Panini**  
Tomato & Basil Panini  
Wednesday
- ✔ **Meat Feast Calzone**  
Roasted Vegetable Calzone  
Thursday
- ✔ **A Selection of Hot Snacks**  
Friday

## DESSERTS

- Cherry & Coconut Sponge with Custard**  
Monday
- Chocolate Fudge Pudding with Chocolate Sauce**  
Tuesday
- Jam Roly Poly with Custard**  
Wednesday
- Banana & Toffee Sponge with Custard**  
Thursday
- A Selection of Hot Desserts**  
Friday

# Can I bring my mobile to Horizon?

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We know that many of you may find it useful to bring a mobile phone to college so you can check in with your parents when you arrive and leave.

However, mobile phones must not be used or seen throughout the college day, and this does include break and lunchtime. They must be in your school bag and turned off. You are responsible for the safe keeping of your phone.

If you did need to contact home, we have a student reception who can help with this.

If you are seen with your mobile phone out during the school day, it will be confiscated and taken to student reception where you will then collect it at the end of the day.

**Mobile phones cannot be seen or used on College site.**



They must be stored in your school bag and **NOT** in your blazer pockets.

Refusal to comply will result in a consequence.



# When can I visit Horizon?

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Every student will be invited to visit Horizon before the summer holidays. You will spend a day moving around one area of the college, experiencing lessons at Horizon and meeting new people.

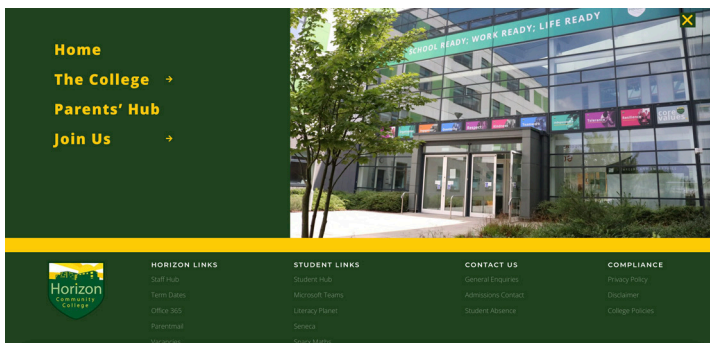
The provisional dates are **7th and 10th July** and we will be in touch with your primary school to organise these visits.

More information will come soon!

# How to keep in touch and find out more

We will regularly keep in touch with you using the email address you gave to Barnsley admissions when your parents applied for a place at Horizon.

Our website is a great place to find out everything about Horizon and we strongly recommend you have a good look at the different areas.



We also have a dedicated email address, just for transition, so if you do have any questions please do email us using [transition@horizoncc.co.uk](mailto:transition@horizoncc.co.uk)

**We are so looking forward to meeting you very soon.**



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