

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thanks for signing up to the Horizon Headstart mailing list. We're really excited to be telling you all about Horizon Community College including:

- **what our students have been up to;**
- **the curriculum our students study;**
- **what facilities we have for our students;**
- **our wider personal development offer;**
- **introducing some of the staff who'll be supporting transition and our Primary Partnership programme over the coming months.**

What's on at Horizon?

This week we've been taking part in Mental Health Awareness Week, and our theme has been 'Do Something For You', focusing on maintaining positive mental health and wellbeing. All Horizon students have been given a wellbeing booklet with a range of activities to support them taking part. Your child may have had their own booklet thanks to local primary schools signing up to get involved with our Personal Development offer. We know that many of you would be interested in using this wellbeing booklet, so we've attached a copy for you to use with your child at home.

Also this week has seen Year 11 start their assessments to support GCSE grading. We've been incredibly impressed with how focused and dedicated students have been in the run up to these, and we're looking forward to seeing Year 11 students get the grades they deserve to move on to the next step Post-16.

Primary Partnership and Transition

Both Mr Arezoo and Mrs Malson have already started visiting our primary partners to hold Q&A sessions with Year 6 students who are moving to Horizon in September. Year 5 and Year 6 students can look forward to seeing more of the Horizon team over the coming months, as we've got an exciting range of projects on offer for primaries, and perhaps a few freebies too...

Introductions

We also want to take the opportunity to introduce staff who your child may become familiar with over the coming months through our Primary Partnership programme and the transition process.



Who am I? Mr Arezoo

What is my job? Vice Principal – I also look after our partnerships with local primaries.

How long have I been at Horizon? 3 ½ years

What's a favourite thing about my job? love getting into classrooms and seeing students engaged with learning, trying their best in whatever subject they're studying!

A fun fact about me I'm currently taking part in the 'Cycle The Month Challenge' to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK, aiming to cover 300 miles through May – and I'm ahead of schedule!

My message for future Horizon students: What's great about Horizon is that whatever your interests are, we can cater for them through the subjects you study, or our wider extra-curricular offer. There really is something for everyone!

Competition Time!

We have 2 competitions this month – both with prizes of ‘Love To Shop’ vouchers for the lucky winners!

Competition 1:

‘What’s the number one thing you’re looking forward to about secondary school?’ Parents - share your child’s ideas with us via transition@horizoncc.co.uk, and we’ll ask our College Leadership team to choose their favourite answer. A £20 ‘Love To Shop’ voucher prize will be making its way to the winning student.

Competition 2:

We know there are lots of families who are interested in what we offer at Horizon Community College, and as such we want to spread the word far and wide. You can help us with this by:

- **Directing friends and colleagues to the Horizon Community College website at www.horizoncc.co.uk**
- **Get them to complete the Horizon Headstart mailing list form**
- **Make sure they nominate you for the competition in section 7 of the form**

If you’ve been nominated, you and the person nominating you will go into a prize draw, with £40 of Love To Shop Vouchers on offer for the lucky person chosen!

The closing date for both competitions is Friday 28th May – good luck!

Finally...

We’re looking forward to keeping you up to date with more of what’s going on, what we have to offer at Horizon and more about life at secondary school. If you have any questions or ideas about what you’d like to know about Horizon Community College, there’s a number of ways you can get in touch:

E-mail the Transition team via transition@horizoncc.co.uk

Follow us on Twitter [@horizon_cc](https://twitter.com/horizon_cc)

Give the Year 7 School Team a call via **01226 704230**.

Take care, and keep in touch.

The Horizon Community College Year 7 School Team