

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to the second Horizon Headstart e-mail. We've got lots to update you about...

What's on at Horizon?

This week we've been taking part in Financial Awareness Week. We've been supporting local primaries with a range of resources, including lessons, games, assemblies and posters to help children become more informed about how finances work. Your child may have talked about this with you, but if they haven't, feel free to quiz them on their new financial skills!

Mrs Malson and Mr Arezoo, along with Mr West and Mrs Middleton from the Careers and Enterprise team, have been visiting primaries and holding Q&A sessions with both Y5 and Y6 students, sharing information about life at secondary school and Horizon in particular. We've had some fantastic questions asked so far, and we're really pleased to see so many students excited about the prospect of coming to Horizon in Y7! Mr West and Mrs Middleton have started our Regeneration Barnsley enterprise project this week, giving Y4, Y5 and Y6 students opportunities to look at how areas of Barnsley town centre could be developed to support the community. They're starting with Burton Road, Worsbrough Common and Ward Green primaries over the next few weeks – other schools are in the pipeline too, so watch this space...

Y11 have also been working on their 'Work Ready; Life Ready' curriculum, which includes Financial Awareness, Employability, Healthy Lifestyles, Driver Theory and much more. The feedback from Y11 has been extremely positive, and it's been great to have the opportunity to help students prepare for life beyond secondary school. Horizon was also featured in the Barnsley Chronicle's Education Supplement this month, "Horizon's Headstart for students" reflects on the offer we give our Y7 students, and some of the positive impact Horizon Community College has had on our students as we move into the 10th year of being open.

Finally, if you want to know more about how we get Y6 students ready for their September start at Horizon, you can watch our Virtual Transition Evening on the college website – [click here](#) to access the presentation. In the video, we share with parents and carers the college vision, our aims and aspirations for every student as well as the logistics of the college day, college uniform and much much more.



Regeneration Barnsley Enterprise Project at Burton Road



Y5 Q&A and Goody Bags at Ward Green

Introductions



Who am I? Mrs Malson

What is my job? Assistant Principal, Head of School Year 7

How long have I been at Horizon? Since we opened in September 2012 and before that I worked at one of the 2 schools which merged since January 2000

What's a favourite thing about my job: I really enjoy welcoming new students into the college in Y7, watching them make new friends, try new experiences and seeing their confidence grow. I take great pride, in then watching students grow into young adults, leaving in Y11 for a positive future in the pathway of their choice.

A fun fact about me: I have travelled to Australia twice to see friends, and on one occasion I climbed the Sydney harbour bridge and watched the sunset from the peak of the bridge!

My message for future Horizon students: Take every opportunity that is offered to you! Our large school means we can offer you so many experiences - and all you have to do is say Yes!

Competition Time!

We have 2 competitions this month – both with prizes of 'Love To Shop' vouchers for the lucky winners...

Competition 1:

Competition 1: We're again asking Y5 students: '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 **Wednesday 30th June** – good luck!

Finally...

We're looking forward to keeping you up to date with more of what's going on, and what we have to offer at Horizon. If you have any questions, 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