

# Welcome to Horizon's Class of 2027

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# Welcome to Horizon

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Horizon Community College.



**Mrs Huddart**  
Principal

We really do hope the memories you make from your five years at Horizon, stay with you for an exceptionally long time. You will be the Class of 2027 and I already feel, that you are going to be the best class we have ever had at Horizon!

I am Mrs Malson, and I will be your Assistant Principal and Head of School throughout the transition period and Year 7, and I am very excited to introduce you to the amazing opportunities that Horizon has to offer. There are so many exciting opportunities open to you at Horizon, and all you have to say is 'Yes' and give everything a chance. We can open so many different pathways for you to ensure that your time at Horizon enables you to leave Horizon ready for the world outside of our doors.



This booklet covers some of questions that I have been asked by year 6 students in the past – but if there is anything I have missed please do contact me using the email address [transition@horizoncc.co.uk](mailto:transition@horizoncc.co.uk)



# What happens next?

Over the coming months I will be visiting all of your primary schools to meet you in person.

This will be a great opportunity for you to ask any questions - I really don't want anyone worrying about joining Horizon – I want you to be excited!

We will regularly email “Horizon Newsletters” to your parent/carer – these will introduce you to key members of the staff at Horizon – I am not the only member of staff in the Year 7 team!

Watch out also as the newsletter will include competitions which we would love you all to take part in and hopefully win a great prize!

We will also be sending out the official Horizon Admission Form which your parent/carer will need to complete so we have all your details ready for your start in September.



## Admissions Form



### STUDENT DETAILS (as on Birth Certificate)

Legal Surname		Preferred Surname	
Legal Forename(s)		Middle Name(s)	
Address		Postcode	
Gender	Male/Female	Date of birth	
Letters home to be addressed to		Previous School	

### CONTACT INFORMATION

To fulfil the provision of the Education Regulations the college is required to keep an admissions register that includes the names and address of every person considered in law to be the parent of a student. Please note that this includes, mother, married father – even if separated or divorced from the mother; unmarried father – provided parental responsibility is obtained either by formal written agreement of the mother or by court order; any person who has a residence order in relation to the child. It is a mandatory requirement that this information is completed. The college uses telephone, email and text as the preferred methods of communication with parents/carers. It is your responsibility to keep all contact information up to date.

#### First Parent Contact:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss	Surname		Forename	
Address			Postcode	
Relationship to child		Parental Responsibility	YES	NO
Home		Work		
Mobile		Home email address		

#### Second Parent Contact:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss	Surname		Forename	
Address			Postcode	
Relationship to child		Parental Responsibility	YES	NO
Home		Work		
Mobile		Home email address		

#### Third Emergency Contact:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss	Surname		Forename	
Address			Postcode	
Relationship to child		Parental Responsibility	YES	NO
Home		Work		
Mobile		Home email address		

#### Brothers and Sisters at College

Full Name		Year Group		Full Name		Year Group	
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#### MEDICAL DETAILS

Knowledge of a child's health is vital if we are to help them should the need to arise. Please supply us with the following information about your child. This information will be available to relevant college staff and to the School Health Nurse Service and any other National Health Service professionals as required.

Doctors Name		Surgery Telephone Number	
Surgery Name and Address		Postcode	
In the event of an emergency do we have your consent to contact your child's medical practice	YES	NO	

#### Does your child suffer from or have problems with any of the following?

Asthma	YES	NO	Epilepsy	YES	NO
Diabetes	YES	NO	Bowel or Bladder conditions	YES	NO
Serious allergies	YES	NO	Any special dietary requirements	YES	NO
Any other medical condition	YES	NO	Behaviour	YES	NO
Mobility	YES	NO	Speech	YES	NO
Hearing	YES	NO	Other	YES	NO
Vision	YES	NO			

If you have put YES for any of the above please give details or attach a separate sheet:

Does your child:		
Need regular medication on prescription during the day	YES	NO
Require storage of medicine in college	YES	NO
Suffer from any condition which may affect his/her participation in PE/Sport	YES	NO

If you have put YES for any of the above, please give details or attach a separate sheet:

Following receipt of your completed form you will be contacted if a Health Care Plan is required.

## Key dates:


You will start at Horizon on **Friday 2nd September** – this day is for **Y7 ONLY!**

You will be told your form, given your timetable and planner and have the chance to find your way around Horizon. We will send you more details about this date closer to the time.




# Core Values

Part of our College Vision is to support all students to become positive role models. To realise this vision, all staff support students to follow the College Core Values during and outside of their College day.



# CORE VALUES

At Horizon Community College



<h2>Pride</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wear full College uniform at all times.</li> <li>Take pride in all you do and actively look to improve your work.</li> </ul>	<h2>Organisation</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring correct equipment to every lesson.</li> <li>Organise your time and complete homework to the best of your ability.</li> </ul>	<h2>Engagement</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be focussed and attentive in lessons and act on advice and feedback.</li> <li>Seek to discover new things and be prepared to take risks.</li> </ul>	<h2>Questioning</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contribute in every lesson.</li> <li>Ask questions to deepen your knowledge and understanding.</li> </ul>	<h2>Respect</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow staff instructions the first time and every time.</li> <li>Be honest and polite to others.</li> </ul>
<h2>Kindness</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be considerate and supportive of others.</li> <li>Treat others as you would expect to be treated.</li> </ul>	<h2>Teamwork</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage with cooperative learning.</li> <li>Take on an active role within the team, readily sharing ideas and information.</li> </ul>	<h2>Tolerance</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Value others regardless of sexuality, race, faith, gender or disability.</li> <li>Accept the quirks of others.</li> </ul>	<h2>Independence</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrate dedication and commitment.</li> <li>Be self-disciplined and evidence self-direction.</li> </ul>	<h2>Resilience</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persevere and recognise it is alright to make a mistake.</li> <li>Respond well to constructive criticism.</li> </ul>



# What Will You Wear?

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

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)

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



## 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, and we are happy to loan items while you purchase the correct ones if you are having trouble.
- 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 and nail polish should be a neutral colour.

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

# How will you get to Horizon?

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 2 buses which visit Horizon or you may decide to come on your bike.

## Bus

There are two bus routes that serve Horizon – the 478 from Smithies 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 store your bike 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.



# Whats in your School Bag?

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:

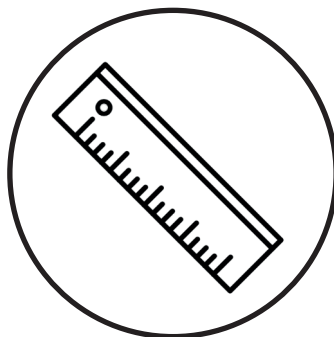
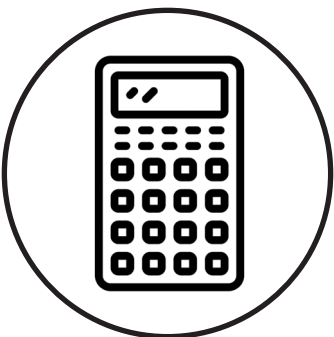
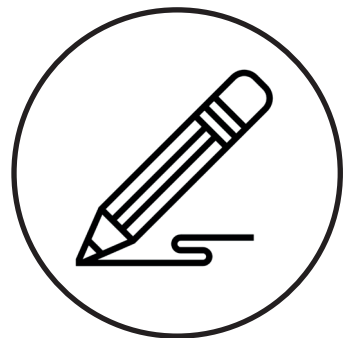
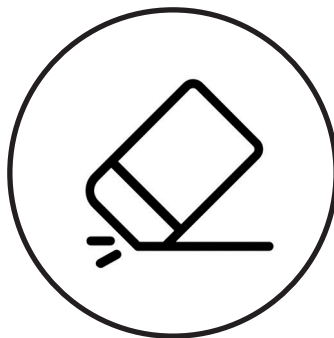
**Equipment** – pen (black and purple), pencil, ruler, eraser, scientific calculator

**Horizon Planner** – given to you in September

**Reading book** – your choice

**Exercise Books for the day** (A4 size)

**PE kit** for lesson or enrichment activities





# Mobile phones at Horizon

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 you 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.



# What will your day look like?

All students enter the building through the side gate at the front of college from 8:25am. 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 plan below:

8:25 am - 8:40am	Canteen is open for breakfast from 8:25 to 8:40am for Y7
8:40am	Year 7 day commences
8:45am - 9am	Tutor Time - each day will have a different activity and is an important start to your day
9am - 10am	Lesson one - 1 hour
10am - 11am	Lesson two - 1 hour
11am - 11:15am	BREAK - 15 minutes
11:15am - 12:15pm	Lesson three - 1 hour
12:15pm - 12:45pm	Lesson four - 30 minutes
12:45pm - 1:15pm	LUNCH
1:15pm - 1:45pm	Lesson four - 30 minutes
1:45pm - 2:45pm	Lesson five - 1 hour
2:45pm - 3:45pm	Enrichment Activities - optional (but definitely recommended!)

# Form Period Time

Form Period time is the start of every day, and a great way to form new friendships. Your tutor will take your register and then lead on various activities such as Votes For Schools, literacy and Numeracy Ninjas. 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.





# What subjects will you study?

At Horizon we believe it is so important that you get to experience as many subjects as possible from Y7 through to Y9. Once in Y9 you will then make choices as to which subjects you want to continue studying as GCSE courses.

**In Y7 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)



# Character In The Classroom

Here at Horizon we focus on 4 key areas of self development. 'Character in the classroom' was created to encourage our students to have high expectations of themselves and help them to develop the skills necessary to be successful learners, not only during their time at Horizon but throughout life. We believe these building blocks allow our students to be school ready, work ready, life ready.

## 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?

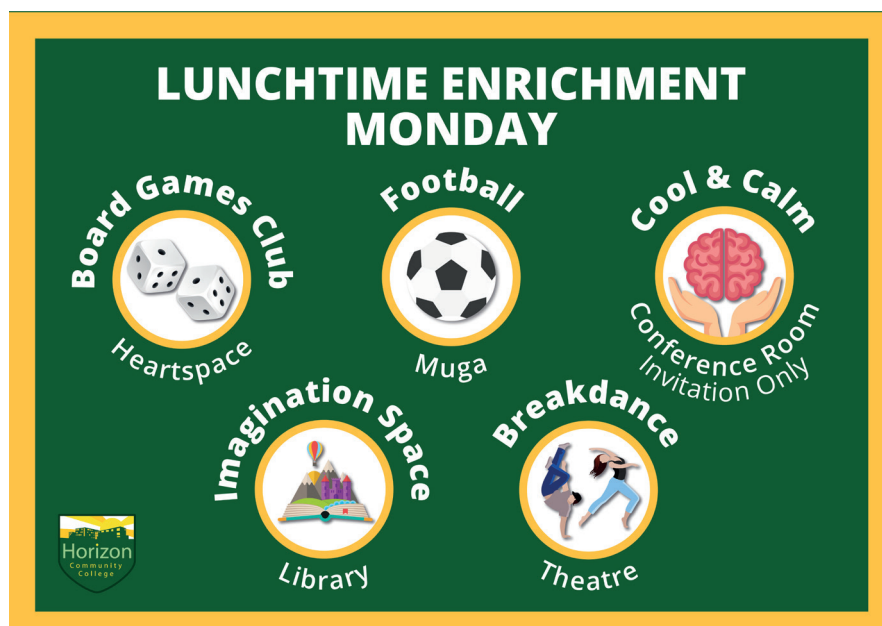
At the end of every day we encourage all student to participate in enrichment activities. There is such a wide variety to choose from, there really should be something for everyone!

These sessions take place 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!



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.





# How will you be praised?

**At Horizon we believe in rewarding effort, achievement and much 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 other, 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.





# What can you buy to eat?

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.

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!

## Horizon Food Hall

### HOT MEALS

- ✓ Lamb Kofta Flat Bread with Mint Yoghurt  
✓ Broccoli, Tomato & Potato Bake  
Monday
- ✓ Katsu Chicken with Rice  
✓ Macaroni Cheese  
Tuesday
- ✓ Meat & Potato Pie  
✓ Quorn Chilli with Rice  
Wednesday
- ✓ Roast Turkey with Seasoning & Yorkshire Pudding  
✓ Thai Green Vegetable Curry with Rice  
Thursday
- ✓ Cottage Pie  
✓ Freshly Battered Haddock  
Friday

### VEGETABLES

- ✓ Mixed Salad, Slaw & Sweetcorn, Garlic & Herb Potatoes  
Monday
- ✓ Mixed Salad & Coleslaw, Potato Wedges  
Tuesday
- ✓ Broccoli & Carrots, Creamed Potatoes  
Wednesday
- ✓ Savoy Cabbage & Cauliflower, Roast Potatoes  
Thursday
- ✓ Chips, Mushy Peas or Peas  
Friday

## Menu

Horizon Food Hall  
Week Commencing - 3/1 31/1 7/3 4/4



### Pasta Bar

- ✓ Pomodoro  
Monday
- ✓ Beef Chilli  
Tuesday
- ✓ Chicken Balti  
Wednesday
- ✓ Arrabiata  
Thursday
- ✓ Zingiatea  
Friday

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WITH  
A DRINK  
£2.15

GRAB  
BAGS ARE  
£2.15

### HOT DELI

- ✓ Crispy Chicken Sub Roll  
✓ Vegetable Nugget Sub Roll  
Monday
- ✓ Cheese Burger  
✓ Vegetable Burger  
Tuesday
- ✓ Chicken Fillet with Mixed Leaves  
✓ Quinoa, Beet & Edamame Bake with Mixed Leaves  
Wednesday
- ✓ Chicken & Bacon Baguette  
✓ Roasted Vegetable & Cheese Baguette  
Thursday
- ✓ Selection of Hot Snacks  
Friday

### DESSERTS

- ✓ Treacle Sponge with Custard  
Monday
- ✓ Eve's Pudding with Custard  
Tuesday
- ✓ Chocolate Marble Sponge with Chocolate Sauce  
Wednesday
- ✓ Creamy Rice Pudding  
Thursday
- ✓ Bakewell Tart with Custard  
Friday

# Who will be in your form?

There will be 400 students in Year 7 and I will split you into 13 forms.

Forms are a mix of students from different primary schools, and I 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 in this together, sharing new experiences in a new school.





# Your first day at Horizon

On Friday 2nd September all Year 7 will commence their journey at Horizon, wearing their Horizon uniform with pride. Your day will start at **8:40am**, and finish at **2:45pm**.

You will be the only year group in college, and this will give you time to become familiar with the college building.

There will be Horizon staff waiting for you at the front of college to guide you to the student entrance, so there is no need to be worrying about where to go!

On this day you will:

- Meet your form and your form tutor
- Receive your timetable and Horizon planner
- Experience some of your lessons around the college. There will be lots of teachers to guide you in the right direction throughout the day.
- Receive a free lunch so no-one needs to worry about their parentmail account and how to use this.

**I will send you more details about this day closer to the date so you know exactly what will be happening.**



# How to keep in touch and find out more

Our website is a great place to find out everything about Horizon  
[www.horizoncc.co.uk](http://www.horizoncc.co.uk)



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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