



## Horizon Community College

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Sample Student (Year 1, Samples)

## Cost of Living Support

Dear Parent/Carer,

We know that many families are going through a tough time this winter and we want to do everything we can to support you and your child. With that in mind, we've put together some suggestions that may help you over the next few months ahead.

### In college

#### **Free breakfast**

Every student at Horizon is entitled to get a free breakfast of a bagel or toast from our canteen or cafe area. This is available from 8am onwards, no sign up is required.

#### **Pre-loved uniform**

We have a range of uniform items that are in excellent condition, for sale for £1 each. All income from sales is donated to charity. If you would like to purchase any of our pre-loved items, contact us via [info@horizoncc.co.uk](mailto:info@horizoncc.co.uk) and we'll be in touch to make arrangements.

#### **Enrichment**

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night we have a range of free enrichment clubs open to all. You can find out more about these clubs, and how your child can get involved, by following this link: <https://horizoncc.co.uk/parents/#enrichment>

#### **Free School Meals**

Your child may be entitled to Free School Meals during their time at Horizon Community College. In addition to supporting families with the cost of living, if a student is eligible for Free School Meals then Horizon receives additional funding to support all children to succeed during their secondary education. To apply, please follow the link: [https://barnsley-online.victoriaforms.com/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20\(1.1\).wdf](https://barnsley-online.victoriaforms.com/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=Free%20School%20Meals%20(1.1).wdf)

If you have applied before, you are welcome to apply again as criteria for eligibility may have changed since your previous application. If you require any support with your application, please contact college via e-mail [info@horizoncc.co.uk](mailto:info@horizoncc.co.uk) or call 01226 704230.

#### **Device Loans**

We have a stock of laptops available to loan to students who don't have access to a desktop, laptop or tablet at home. Loans are considered on a needs basis. If you feel your child may be eligible to loan a device, contact us via [info@horizoncc.co.uk](mailto:info@horizoncc.co.uk) and we'll be in touch.

#### **Other support**

#### **Family Centres**

Barnsley Council have a number of Family Centres across the borough, who are available to offer a wealth of support or direct you to other agencies depending on your needs. You can find out more by following this

link: <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/childcare-nurseries-and-family-support/family-centres/>

### **More Money In Your Pocket**

Barnsley Council's 'More Money In Your Pocket' programme is designed to help local residents with the cost of living. They can check your eligibility for grants, wellbeing support, skills and training development or even free days out and things to do. Find out more via <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/advice-benefits-and-council-tax/help-with-the-rising-cost-of-living/>

### **Warm Homes**

Barnsley Council's Warm Homes team are available to advise you on making your home warmer but also cheaper to run. They have a range of information, funding and resources to support everyone keep warm over the winter period – go to <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/housing/energy-at-home/make-your-home-warmer-and-cheaper-to-run/>

### **Age UK**

If anyone in your child's household is over the age of 50, Age UK are supporting local families by providing slow cookers and vouchers for ingredients to make stews, soups, etc. More can be found out by contacting Age UK on 01226 776820.

### **Cheaper Broadband**

Several broadband providers are offering social options for their services, with a range of offers depending on your circumstances. You can find out more at: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/compare-broadband-deals/broadband-social-tariffs/>

As a college, we will continue to look at ways families can access support with the cost of living, and keep you informed of how you can make use of these opportunities.

Kind regards

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