

HORIZON TRANSITION NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first Transition Newsletter 2025 from Horizon Community College. We do hope your child is excited and looking forward to the the next step in their learning journey by moving to secondary school.

We hope you found our **'Welcome Booklet'** a useful source of information and you have visited our transition area and parent hub section on the **College website** (<https://horizoncc.co.uk/transition/>) where you will find up to date information about Horizon Community College.

A huge thank you for your swift response to completing the Horizon admission form, through **APPLICAA**, we have had over **97%** submitted! For those who haven't yet completed the data form, we kindly remind you to do so at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, or require support please reach out to us.

We appreciate that the move to secondary school can either cause excitement or nerves, or maybe even both! This is completely natural, and we are here to help settle any nerves. When discussing the move to Horizon with your child, try and look for all the positive experiences that your child will encounter such as new subjects, new friends and enrichment activities. Using our website is a great tool to help with this.

If you, or your child do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us using the email transition@horizoncc.co.uk.

EXCITING TRANSITION EVENTS

Transition Evening: On Thursday 5th June 2025 we would like to invite you and your child to visit the Horizon Theatre. We will share with you, key information about starting your journey at Horizon. Mrs Huddart (Principal), Miss Sheldon (Assistant Principal and Head of Lower School), will share with you information about the school day, uniform expectations, catering facilities, enrichment activities and much more. This presentation will be no more than 45 minutes and will be offered in two sessions to accomodate families. The first session will begin at 4:30pm (arrival from 4:15pm), followed by a second session at 6:00pm (arrival from 5:45pm). We understand that family schedules can vary, so please attend the session that best fits your availability.

For those unable to attend in person, we will be video recording the presentation and making it available on the transition section of the college website for later viewing.

We will also have available our pre-loved uniform – a selection of pre-loved uniform which has been kindly donated to college by our families. All we ask is a £1 cash donation per item which we then donate to the charity LimbBo Foundation.

Please click the link below to reserve your seats at this event, where possible we ask that this is limited to two seats per family.

(<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Horizon-Community-College/e-pvgebb>)

TRANSITION DAY 1

We are very much looking forward to meeting your child on their transition day. Your child will either attend on Friday 4th July 2025 **or** Wednesday 9th July 2025.

Students should arrive at **9:00am** at the front of the college, in their **primary PE uniform**, where a member of Horizon staff will help them to find their way into the college building. Students will spend the day with their peers, be provided with a packed lunch (or they may prefer to bring their own) and the day will conclude at 2:45pm. Students will be dismissed from the front of college, and it is your choice how your child travels home.

The day your child should attend is dependent on their primary school and is shown below:

Friday 4th July 2025

- Athersley South Primary School
- Barugh Green Primary School
- Birkwood Primary School
- Carlton Primary Academy
- Cudworth Churchfield Primary School
- Dodworth St John the Baptist CofE Primary Academy
- Gawber Primary School
- Holy Trinity Catholic and Church of England School
- Hoyland Common Primary School
- Hunningley Primary School
- Laithes Primary School
- Mapplewell Primary School
- Meadstead Primary Academy
- Our Lady and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Rotherham)
- Parkside Primary Academy
- Shawlands Primary School
- Silkstone Primary School
- St Marys Church of England Primary School, Barnsley
- Summer Lane Primary School
- The Forest Academy
- Wilthorpe Primary School
- Worsbrough Common Primary School

Wednesday 9th July 2025

- Birdwell Primary School
- Burton Road Primary School
- Darton Primary School
- Golcar Junior Infant and Nursery School
- High View Primary Learning Centre
- Holy Rood Catholic Primary School
- Joseph Locke Primary School
- Keresforth Primary School
- Lound Junior School (Sheffield)
- Oakhill Primary Academy
- Oakwell Rise Primary Academy
- Outwood Primary Academy Littleworth Grange
- Queens Road Academy
- The Mill Academy
- Thurgoland Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School
- Upperwood Academy
- Ward Green Primary School

TRANSITION DAY 2

Year 7 students will commence their Horizon journey on **Tuesday 2nd September 2025**, their first official day on roll at Horizon Community College. They will be the only students in college on this day. They will be guided and supported to allow them to adapt to their new surroundings, meet members of staff and settle into life at Horizon. The Year 7 school day commences at **8:30am and concludes at 3:00pm**.

The buses which serve the college will run on this day, you can find bus timetables here (<https://horizoncc.co.uk/parents/#bustimetables>). We very much look forward to welcoming them on this day, wearing their Horizon uniform with pride and look forward to celebrating 100% attendance.

A MESSAGE TO OUR FUTURE STUDENTS - INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THE YEAR 7 TEAM

The Year 7 team would love to know a little bit about you before you join the Horizon community. Why not send us an email to transition@horizoncc.co.uk telling us about your hobbies, interests, hopes, ambitions, and worries (if you have any) for starting at Horizon.

Or if you prefer to write a letter, take a photo of it and email it to the address above.

Please include your full name and primary school in the email or letter.

Rest assured that we will read each email/letter and reply in due course.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Look out for the Horizon Transition Newsletter 2 in June, where we will introduce key staff and all things rewards and trips!

Miss L Sheldon
Assistant Principal: Head of Lower School