

Sept

Personal Development NEWSLETTER



School ready: Work ready: Life ready



Dear Parent/Carers & Students

Welcome to our September newsletter!

What a brilliant start our students have made to the 2025/26 academic year. Our new Year 7 students have impressed us with their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm as they settle into secondary school life. Year 8 and Year 9 are throwing themselves into the enrichment offer after school, and Year 10 and Year 11 students have made a strong beginning to their GCSE courses; their maturity, focus, and engagement in lessons has been inspiring to see.

It was a real pleasure to welcome so many families to our annual Parent Information Evenings, where we shared

key details about the year ahead. For anyone who couldn't attend, the information booklet with important dates and guidance has been emailed to you.

We're very excited for the year ahead, which is already shaping up to be a successful one for all year groups! !



Swanage

Dance students attended the annual Swanage Folk Festival at the end of their very first week back at school.

Dancers drew huge crowds at the sold out festival and performed around the town at a number of outdoor venues. The combination of traditional folk styles such as Morris Dance and Rapper sword dance along with streetdance and contemporary styles were described as "Inspirational" by audiences throughout the weekend.

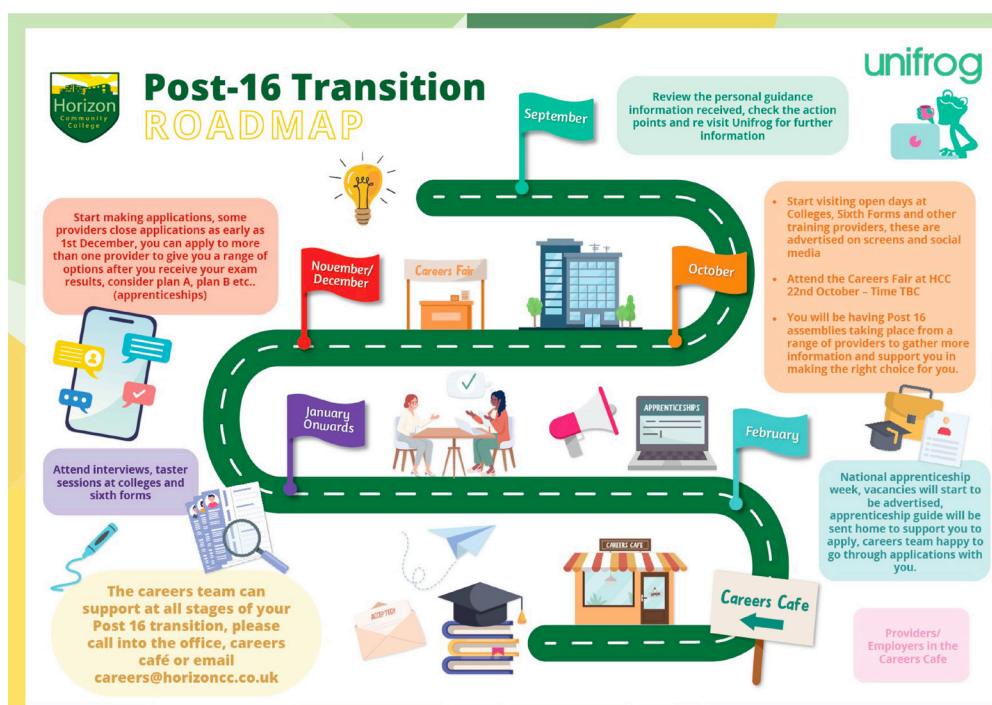


Since returning to college we have received over 50 emails from the general public praising the talents of students with their behaviour and manners mentioned as much as their incredible dance skills. Aside from the dancing we enjoyed splashing around in the sea, playing in the amusements and fun fair areas, sitting in the sunshine and roasting smores around a campfire. Students were a pleasure to supervise and were positive role models for the college throughout the weekend.



Y11 Post-16 preparation

To support our Y11's making their Post 16 applications, we have so far welcomed Barnsley College and Dearne Valley College into our assemblies to present their offer. We have also hosted an information breakfast session for Greenhead College as well as A Level Modern Language taster sessions for students to gain an insight into subject areas. There is still so much more support to come in assemblies this half term!



We are excited to host our annual Careers Fair on Wednesday 22nd October from 4.30pm - 6.30pm, open to all students and families in Y9, 10 and 11. You are invited to come along to speak to a vast range of providers of A-Levels, T-Levels, apprenticeships and much more to support you and your child in their further education decision making.

The Careers Team are here to support the application process, and any other career support your child may need, simply contact us at

careers@horizoncc.co.uk



Enrichment

We are really excited to have started our enrichment offer for this academic year. We have over 35 clubs available for every year group, with a wide range of activities on offer!

Every department in college is represented, from football practice to Dungeon & Dragons club, StreetKingz dance troop to Yarn craft club.

We hope every student in college takes up our enrichment offer, giving them the opportunity to develop their talents and passion beyond the academic curriculum.

You can find all the up-to-date enrichment timetables on our website.



<https://horizoncc.co.uk/parents/#phenrichment>

Durham Cathedral and Castle

Students from every Year 11 History class visited Durham Cathedral over 3 days during the second week in September. Students were able to visit the Cathedral, and see the original Norman designs and decorations, all of which is directly relevant to the Norman England section of their GCSE. Students were then able to visit Durham Castle, which was also begun by the Normans in the 11th Century, alongside the Cathedral, to demonstrate the combination of military and religious power.

This is an extra special privilege, since the castle is owned by the University of Durham and is used for

student accommodation, but we have been able to visit before the start of the university term as we know what a difference this hands on experience can have on their understanding.

The staff at the Cathedral said our students were some of the best behaved school groups that have visited, and we look forward to continuing studying the topic back in the classroom.



Sporting News

We are thrilled to present to you our Sports Ambassadors for the year, who will now be working alongside our local primary schools supporting a variety of events from colour runs to athletics to benchball!

Our competitive fixtures and extra-curricular programme have proved to be very busy with pleasing results from the opening weeks. Year 7 pupils have already had their first

opportunity to represent the college with a football fixture against Minsthorpe. They showed true team spirit and successfully won the day!

Finally, we were delighted to present some of our students with the prestigious Barnsley Schools Tie. This is awarded to any student that represents Barnsley Schools Football Association. Well done everybody, we look forward to seeing your successes throughout the year!



Key dates in October

Black History Month

Y7 PGL Trips throughout the month

w/c 6th October
-Student Council Elections

w/c 13th October
-Student Council Voting

3rd October
-National Poetry Day

7th October
-Y11 Parents Evening

9th October
-Y11 Paris trip

16th October
-Y8 Restart a Heart

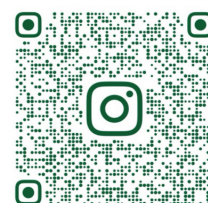
22nd October
-Careers Fair (Y9, 10, 11)

23rd October
-Iceland trip departs

24th October
- INSET day and half term commences

College re-opens to all students on Monday 3rd November

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CORE VALUE
of the month is
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We take responsibility for our success.
We take control of our future.