

HORIZON TRANSITION NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the academic year, we would like to thank you for your support throughout your child's transition to Horizon Community College. It has been a pleasure getting to know so many of our future Year 7 students, and we are thrilled to share with you how well the transition process has gone so far.

FANTASTIC TRANSITION DAYS

We had two fantastic transition days on Wednesday 8th July and Thursday 9th July, and were incredibly proud of how well our students conducted themselves. They made a brilliant start, showing maturity, enthusiasm, and a real eagerness to become part of the Horizon community.



NEXT STEP: FINAL TRANSITION DAY – WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2026

Our final transition day will take place on Wednesday 2nd September, and we are excited to welcome our new Year 7 students in **full Horizon uniform**.

Here is what to expect on the day:

- **Gates open:** 8:00am for an 8:25 start.
- **Breakfast:** Available in the dining hall
- **Throughout the day, students will:**
 - Meet their form tutor and tutor group
 - Receive their planner, timetable, and lanyard
 - Have a second tour of the college
 - Be shown how to log on to the computers
 - Take part in some lessons
 - Complete their New Group Reading Test (NGRT)
 - Enjoy a free lunch (on day 1)
 - Attend their first Year 7 assembly

The day will finish at 3:00pm, and all service buses will be running as normal.

INSET DAYS FOR 2026/2027

Please note the INSET (staff training) days when students will not be in school:

- Tues 1st September 2026
- Fri 23rd October 2026
- Mon 23rd November 2026
- Fri 18th December 2026
- Mon 4th January 2027
- Fri 12th February 2027
- Fri 25th June 2027

USEFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION

Enrichment Opportunities

This is an example of the enrichment timetable.

Y7 ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE					2025/26
   	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	STEM 3:00-4:00 - SC05	Girls Football 3:00-4:00 - Astro turf	Philosophy Club 3:00-4:00 - 7.03	Jam Session 3:20-4:20 - PA05	
	Home Learning Club 3:40-4:00 - IT11	Creative Stories 3:00-4:00 - Library	Basketball 3:00-4:00 - Sports Hall/Grey Muga	Home Learning Club 3:00-4:00 - ICT11	
	Netball 3:00-4:20 - Sports Hall/Red Muga	Streetkingz 3:00-4:15 - PA07	Art Project Club 3:00-4:00 - A01/A03	Yarn Craft 3:00-4:00 - Library	
	Mathletes 3:00-4:00 - 8.12	Streetkingz Elite 4:15-4:45 - PA07	Chess Club 3:00-4:00 - 8.10	Fusion 3:00-4:15 - PA07	
	Jam Session 3:20-4:20 - PA05	Premier League Kicks Football 5:00-6:00 - Astro turf	Home Learning Club 3:00-4:00 - ICT11	Jam Session 3:20-4:20 - PA05	
	Module Orchestra 3:20-4:20 - PA05		Dungeons & Dragons 3:00-4:00 - Library/11.01	Fitness Suite 3:00-4:00 - Fitness Suite	
	Boys Football 3:00-4:00 - Astro turf		Fitness Suite 3:00-4:00 - Fitness Suite	BYouth Wellbeing Club 3:00-4:00 - DT05	
	Eco club 3:20-4:10 - 10.09			Cricket/Golf 3:00-4:00 - Fields	
	Darts club 3:00-4:00 - Theatre			Rounders 3:00-4:00 - Fields	
	Spotlight Theatre Company 3:20-4:20 - PA08				
					 READING & STUDY EVERYDAY 3:00-4:00 - Library

Uniform Suppliers:

Vortex: <https://www.vortexschoolwear.co.uk>

Smarter uniforms: www.smartuniforms.co.uk

Uniform Policy:

<https://horizoncc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Uniform-Policy-3-pages-1July26.pdf>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

We would like to inform you of a significant change to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility in England from September 2026.

The Government have announced that from September, all children whose families receive Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals, regardless of household income. This change is expected to make many more families eligible for support.

Please see the poster from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC) advising how to apply for FSM and/or how to find out more information.



More families eligible for free school meals

From September 2026, there will be significant changes to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility in England.

All children in households on Universal Credit will be eligible — regardless of income.



Apply now by scanning the QR code or visiting barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals-form

Transitional protection is ending, which means some current eligibility may change. Families will receive an official notification by letter if they're affected.

These changes aim to give more families the support they need and ensure every child can access a healthy meal at school.

Find out more about free school meals
at barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Bus Timetables:

Smithies – Monk Bretton – Wilthorpe – Horizon ALC

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Monday to Friday School days only

	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4
Wakefield Road / Smithies Lane	0750	0810
Rotherham Road / Ledbury Road	0752	0812
Burton Road	0758	0818
Barnsley Town Centre Eldon Street	0800	0820
Huddersfield Road / Barnsley College	0804	0824
Wilthorpe Tesco Express	0809	0829
Barnsley Hospital	0812	0832
Horizon ALC	0820	0840

	Key Stage 3	Key Stage 4
Horizon ALC	1510	1530
Shambles Street	1513	1533
Barnsley Hospital	1517	1537
Wilthorpe Tesco Express	1520	1540
Burton Road	1529	1549
Rotherham Road / Ledbury Road	1535	1555
Wakefield Road / Smithies Lane	1540	1600

Route. From Smithies Lane via Wakefield Road, Rotherham Road, Burton Road, Old Mill Lane, Eldon Street North, Eldon Street, Market Hill, Shambles Street, St Marys Place, Church Lane, Huddersfield Road, Rowland Road, Gawber Road, Pogmoor Road and Dodworth Road to Horizon ALC

Returning from Horizon ALC via Dodworth Road, Shambles Street, St Marys Place, Church Lane, Victoria Road, Sackville Street, Gawber Road, Rowland Road, Huddersfield Road, Old Mill Lane, Old Tannery Road, Burton Road, Rotherham Road and Wakefield Road.

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Kendray ► Kingstone

See notes:	SD	SD
Kendray, Doncaster Rd/Portland St	0745	0815
Kendray, Birk Av/Neville Av	0749	0819
Worsbrough, Ardsley Rd/Allendale	0755	0825
Worsbrough Dale, High St/Oakdale	0759	0827
Worsbrough Bridge, Park Rd/John St	0801	0828
Worsbrough Bridge, Vernon Rd/Tenters Green	0802	0829
Worsbrough Common, Highstone Rd/Warren Quarry Ln	0806	0836
Worsbrough Common, Park Rd/Highstone Av	0807	0837
Kingstone, Shaw Ln/Horizon Advanced Learning Centre	0815	0845

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Kingstone, Shaw Ln/Horizon Advanced Learning Centre	1510	1540
Worsbrough Common, Park Rd/California Gdns	1515	1545
Worsbrough Common, Warren Quarry Ln/Surrey Cl	1520	1550
Ward Green, Vernon Rd/Kingwell Rd	1525	1555
Worsbrough Dale, Bank End Rd/High St	1530	1600
Kendray, Hunningley Ln/Burnsall Grove	1533	1603
Kendray, Birk Av/Birk Rd	1536	1606
Kendray, Doncaster Rd/Portland St	1540	1610

No Service Saturday or Sunday

Notes: SD - Schooldays Only



Transition Email Address – If you have any questions over the summer, please contact us at:
transition@horizoncc.co.uk

WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL SUMMER

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable summer. We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child in September and working closely with you throughout their journey at Horizon Community College.

Kindest regards,

Miss L Sheldon

**Assistant Principal: Head of Lower School
Horizon Community College**