Horizon Community College

Year 10 Information Evening

22nd September 2026









The Year 10 School Team



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Miss Sheldon



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Year 10
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Year 10
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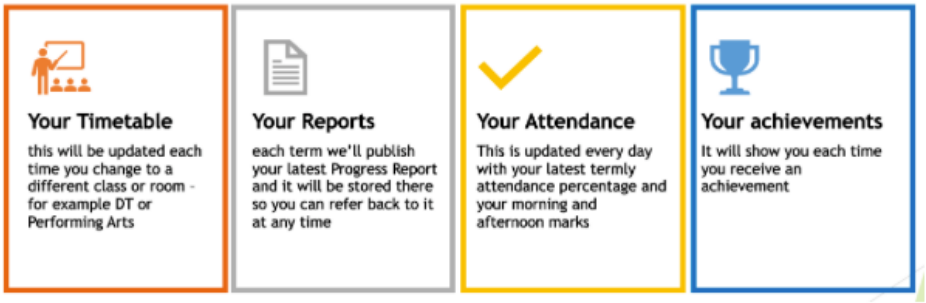
Thank you for joining us this evening. Please find below a summary of the information shared in the Theatre. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's form tutor or *info@horizoncc.co.uk*.

Key Dates

- **Monday 14th September –** School Photo Day
- **w/c 25th January –** Assessment Week 1
- **w/c 1st March –** Reports home
- **Tuesday 4th May –** Parents Evening
- **w/c 14th June –** Assessment Week 2
- **w/c 12th July –** Reports home
- **w/c 5th July –** Work Experience

Parent App

The Arbor Parent Portal App allows you to track and support your child whilst in school. You will be able to see their:



How do I get the App?

Check your email for an invitation

Download the App from the App Store or Google Play

Follow the instructions provided in the registration email

Should you require support please contact: *info@horizoncc.co.uk*

Home Learning 2026/27

Home Learning will be set weekly in lessons by the classroom teacher. Students will then have 1 week to complete their home learning.

When home learning is set:

- It will be explained to students exactly what is expected of them.
- Students will be given time to write their home learning down in their planner – please check their planners weekly.

Home Learning Club

To support students with their home learning, the College will be running a 'Home Learning Club' three times a week which students are encouraged to attend. The sessions will run as follows:

Mondays, IT11: 3:20pm-4pm

Wednesdays, IT11: 3:20pm-4pm

Thursdays, IT11: 3:20pm-4pm

Each week parents/carers will be informed via email of any home learning which was not completed the previous week.

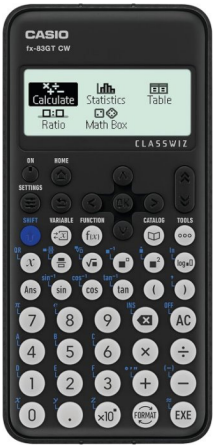
First home learning set Friday 11th September.

Mathematics:

Home learning will consist of 20 minutes compulsory work set on the SPARX online platform. The tasks set on SPARX will be set according to what your child is currently studying in Mathematics. It will adapt the home learning according to your child's attainment level within that topic, providing appropriate support for all students to be successful.

Students are also encouraged to use SPARX to prepare themselves for the upcoming assessment weeks. This can be found under the 'Personal Practice' and 'Independent Learning' tabs on SPARX. This will generate resources from all tasks previously set for compulsory home learning.

To support in your child's learning,it would be great if you could purchase a calculator: Casio FX-83GT-CW



English:

English home learning is set using booklets, with weekly tasks being set by the class teacher. The tasks set by teachers are the minimum that students should complete that week; the booklets contain questions and extra tasks that students can complete in their own time.

Attendance

Please get in touch if you are concerned that an illness or injury affecting your child may result in non-attendance; we want to support students remaining in school. Please contact our specialist attendance team via:

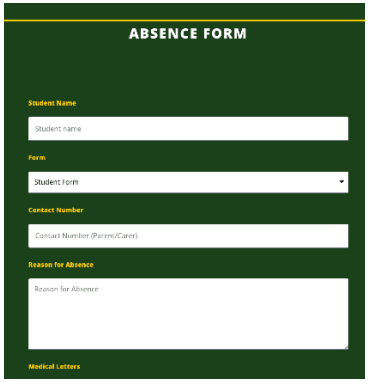
attendance@horizoncc.co.uk

Year 10 students will be working hard on the new content required for their Key Stage 4 courses in every single lesson this year: one missed day means five hours of lost learning. Independent 'catch-up' will never match being in front of specialist teachers.

Should you need to contact the College's Attendance Team, please email **Attendance@horizoncc.co.uk**.

If your child is absent from College, you can report their absence using any of the following methods:

- Via the **Arbor app**
- By completing the **absence form on the College website**, located under the **Attendance** section (see image below)
- Via the **College telephone system**



Term Dates

AUTUMN HALF TERM 1
TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER (INSET DAY)
WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER (YEAR 7 ONLY)
THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER (ALL YEARS RETURN)
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER

AUTUMN HALF TERM 2
TERM STARTS: MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: SATURDAY 19TH DECEMBER

SPRING HALF TERM 1
TERM STARTS: MONDAY 4TH JANUARY
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: SATURDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

SPRING HALF TERM 2
TERM STARTS: MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
EASTER HOLIDAY: FRIDAY 26TH MARCH

SUMMER HALF TERM 1
TERM STARTS: MONDAY 12TH APRIL
HALF TERM HOLIDAY: SATURDAY 29TH MAY

SUMMER HALF TERM 2
TERM STARTS: MONDAY 7TH JUNE
TERM ENDS: WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY

INSET DAYS
Tuesday 1st September 2026, Friday 23rd October 2026,
Monday 23rd November 2026, Friday 18th December 2026,
Monday 4th January 2027, Friday 12th February 2027,
Friday 25th June 2027

Year 10 Careers Information

Personal Careers Guidance Appointments -

During Year 10 all students will have a careers guidance interview with one of our qualified Careers Advisors to support their Post 16 transition. We are also encouraging our students to make full use of Unifrog to explore career ideas - https:// unifrog.org

Ambitions Fair -

Horizon Community College will be hosting a Ambitions Fair on the 20th of October from 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm. This provides an invaluable opportunity to speak to a range of post 16 Colleges and Sixth Forms and apprenticeship providers.

Open Days & Taster Sessions -

We encourage Year 10 students to start to explore post 16 providers by attending their Open Days. We will also advertise Barnsley College / Barnsley Sixth Form taster sessions which allows students the opportunity to try out subjects of interest.

Work Experience Week –

Week Commencing 6th – 10th July 2026. This provides Year 10 students with an invaluable insight into the world of work. It's never too early to start to explore contacts and opportunities. Students are expected to source their own placements, but the Careers Team will be on hand to offer support and advice.

POST 16 OPTIONS MADE SIMPLE



Use the information below to help you understand the options available to you after Year 11.

IF I ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING GCSEs ...	I CAN MOVE ONTO LEVEL ...	AND CONSIDER THESE OPTIONS ...	AND APPLY FOR ...
5+ 5+ 5+ 5+ 5+ inc English Language and Maths at a Grade 4. Exact requirements vary according to the subject	3	A LEVELS	3 or 4 SUBJECTS
4+ 4+ 4+ 4+ 4+ inc English and Maths at a Grade 4 and above	3	T LEVELS	1 SUBJECT
4+ 4+ 4+ 4+ 4+ inc English and Maths at a Grade 3. Exact requirements vary according to the course	3	VOCATIONAL COURSES	1 to 3 SUBJECT COURSES
3+ 3+ 3+ 3+ inc English at a Grade 3 and Maths at a Grade 2 2+ 2+ 2+ inc English at a Grade 2 and Maths at a Grade 1	2 / 1	VOCATIONAL COURSES	1 SUBJECT COURSE
4+ 4+ / 3+ 3+ Exact requirements vary according to the employer.	3 / 2	APPRENTICESHIPS	APPLY FOR VACANCIES
What if I get grades below 2 ?	ENTRY 3 / PRE-ENTRY (ENTRY 1 & 2)	VOCATIONAL COURSES / FUNCTIONAL SKILLS COURSES	1 SUBJECT COURSE

Speak to your Careers Adviser to help you explore the options in more detail.

Careers Guidance Interview

A Guide



You will get an appointment a week in advance which you should put in your planner. Come to the room next to 7.03 (E216) on your date and time.

A careers guidance interview, or one to one interview, is a 30-45 minute meeting with one of our qualified careers team.

In it, you will be asked about the decisions and choices you are going to take after you leave Horizon.

It will help you to make those decisions with confidence and signpost you to further sources of information so that you can make the best decision for you.

What will be Discussed?

- What ideas you already have, if any.
- Your options and Post-16 choices.
- Career ideas and paths

How should I prepare?

Think about what you may want to do for your career if you have any ideas. Research those options – come and see the Careers Team in the room next to 7.03 (E216)
What are my options after Horizon? Post 16 – look in your planner (pg. 24).
Think about what subjects you enjoy, and what you are good at? Ask questions and look at the Student Hub - Student Careers Hub Email:

careers@horizoncc.co.uk

https://horizonccco.sharepoint.com/sites/CareersEnterpriseStudents

What will you get from us?

Summary of your interview with other information that you can follow up

Accurate and up to date information about your Post 16 options

A chance to ask for advice, guidance, and support about your career path

POST 16 PROVIDER OPEN DAYS 26 27

Askham Bryan College

Saturday 17th October – open morning from 9.30 am
Saturday November – open morning from 9.30 am
Advance Booking required

Barnsley College/Sixth Form

Wednesday 7th October	4pm – 7pm
Thursday 26th November	4pm – 7pm
Saturday 23rd January	10am – 1pm

Wednesday 23rd September 26 (Parent /carer only Info session)

Chapeltown Academy

Saturday 17th October	10am – 2pm
Wednesday 18th November	4pm – 7pm

Dearne Valley College

Saturday 21st November	9.30am – 1pm
Saturday 30th January	9.30am – 1pm
Saturday 20th March	9.30am – 12pm
Wednesday 16th June	3pm – 6pm
Thursday 8th October	***5pm - 7.30pm***
	(Parent/carer only Info session)

Greenhead College

Saturday 3rd October	10.30am – 2.30pm
Thursday 15th October	5.30pm – 8.30pm
	(last entry 7.45pm)

Leeds College of Building

Wednesday 14th October 4.30pm ***(book via their website)***

New College Pontefract

Saturday 17th October	9am – 1pm
Tuesday 17th November	4.30pm – 7.30pm

Penistone 6th Form

Thursday 5th November 6pm – 8pm

Rotherham College

Saturday 14th November	9.30am – 1pm
Saturday 23rd January	9.30am – 1pm
Saturday 13th March	9.30am – 12pm
Wednesday 9th June	3pm – 6pm

Wednesday 7th October (Parent/carer Only Info session)

Sheffield College

Thursday 22nd October	4pm – 7pm
Wednesday 11th November	4pm – 7pm

Shelley College

Thursday 12th November 5pm – 7:30pm

UTC Sheffield

Wednesday 4th November 5pm – 7pm

Wakefield College

Wednesday 21st October 5pm – 7pm

Wath Sixth Form

To be Confirmed. Please check their website



TIPS

LOOK AT PROVIDER WEBSITES

To research the provider, courses offered and entry requirements.

VISIT EARLY

Get a head start.

CHECK THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Each provider is different – some have early closing dates for applications. For example:

Greenhead College – 30th November 2026

Penistone Grammar School - 29th January 2027

New College Pontefract – February 2027

EXTRA HELP IS AVAILABLE

careers@horizoncc.co.uk

Revision Guides

We have compiled a list of recommended revision guides.

The QR code below will direct you to the Revision Guide List and has a link to the website where each separate guide can be purchased.

Alternatively, these revision guides can be found in the Horizon Library.

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PRAISE

Praise and Rewards at Horizon CC

- Data Collections Effort
- 5 Positive Conduct Points
- Enrichment
- Outstanding Work
- Star of the Lesson
- Core Value
- Postcards Home
- 100% Attendance (Weekly)
- Home Learning
- Getting It Right
- Yellow Dot Badges
- Proud Thursday

How to earn achievement points

At Horizon students are encouraged to collect achievement points as our praise currency. Students receive achievement points in a variety of ways, as these accumulate students' efforts are recognised.

Reward Type		How many achievement points?
Data Collection effort awards	Following a data collection, we calculate students' **average effort 'score'** and add achievement points according to this average. Points added range from 30 points for receiving an outstanding **effort** grade in every subject down to 5 points for receiving a good **effort** grade in every subject.	30, 20, 10 or 5 points awarded dependent on average **effort** grade
5 Positive Conduct points	Positive conduct points are awarded during lessons, lunch and break time. For every five points achieved, students receive 5 achievement points and are entered into a prize draw at the upcoming half term achievement assembly.	5
Postcard Home	Teachers can send praise postcards each week to celebrate the achievements and efforts of students.	5
Star of the Lesson	Every lesson, teachers can award one student to be recognised as the Star of the Lesson. This may be for effort throughout the lesson, verbal contributions, pride in the presentation of work etc.	5
Yellow Dot badge	During the year, yellow dot badges are awarded to students during unstructured times for being a positive role model within college. Form tutors will award students with 5 achievement points for each dot badge a student receives.	5
Core Value	Each month we focus on one of our core values and teachers can award an achievement point when they see a student demonstrating the core value in their lesson.	1
Outstanding work, effort and contributions	Teachers award achievement points in lessons to recognise outstanding work, effort and contributions.	1
Proud Thursday	As part of Proud Thursday, staff visit lessons across departments to recognise and celebrate the pride shown in students' work. Students receive an achievement point as well as a positive conduct point in their planner.	1

Home Learning	Home learning completion receives verbal recognition from the classroom teacher but also through an achievement point when a student goes above and beyond.	1
100% weekly attendance	Students receive an achievement point each week, if they have 100% attendance.	1
Getting it right	Each week, if a student achieves 0 behaviour points, 100% attendance and 0 home learning concerns, they are automatically rewarded with an achievement point for 'Getting it Right'.	1
Enrichment	We take great pride in our enrichment programme and encourage all students to attend at least one activity per week. Attendance to any activity at the end of the college day is rewarded with an achievement point.	1

How else is positive behaviour recognised at Horizon CC?

Principal's Award	One student from each year group is selected every term by the Head of Year to be celebrated for their commitment to learning, high attendance and contribution to wider school community. As recognition for their success they are presented with a voucher and a certificate, presented to them by the Principal. These students are also celebrated through twitter/X and a personal letter sent home.
Praise Assemblies	During the last week of every half term all students will attend an achievement assembly hosted by their Head of Year, where the hard work, positive attitude and achievements of students will be celebrated and rewarded with vouchers.
Attendance Assemblies	All students will attend an attendance celebration assembly each half term. 100% attendance is celebrated but there is also a focus on improved attendance and punctuality to college.
Attendance Initiatives	High attendance is rewarded with certificates, letters, home, rewards for 100% attendance and a prize for the highest attending tutor group in each school.
Gold Star Pin Badges	Following a data collection, the top 10% of students based on their effort scores, are rewarded by being presented a gold pin star badge at a celebration assembly. These students wear these gold star pin badges on their blazers with pride.

Star Student Breakfast	Students who achieve an average 1 for effort after a data collection are invited to a celebration breakfast with members of college leadership in a VIP area of the canteen. Again, these students are celebrated through twitter/X and the college website.
Reward Trips	We celebrate students' success with reward events during and at the end of the academic year. Students net achievement points are used to select invitees for these events.

How do achievement points add up?



Bronze Award	When students receive 100 net points, they are awarded their Bronze Award. They are presented with their Bronze certificate in form period and a text message is sent home.
Silver Award	When students receive 200 net points, they are awarded their Silver Award. The Silver Award certificate is presented in assembly and a postcard is sent home.
Gold Award	When students receive 300 net points, they are awarded their Gold Award. The Gold Award certificate is presented in the Principal's office and a congratulations letter is sent home. Once students receive their Gold Award they are also invited on the whole school rewards trip at the end of the academic year.
Platinum Award	When students receive 450 net points, they are awarded their Platinum Award. The Platinum Award certificate is presented in the Principal's office and a congratulations letter is sent home. Students will be invited to join the Principal and their Head of Year for an afternoon tea in the summer term to recognise their fantastic efforts.

What support is available to my family?

Great Childhoods Ambition

Barnsley's Great Childhoods Ambition is a commitment to improving the lives and futures of our children and young people, providing a range of experiences and learning opportunities to help give them the best start in life and adulthood.

If you're a young person or family, you can find out about activities and support as part of our Great Childhoods Ambition by visiting the website: Great Childhoods Ambition *https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/great-childhoods-ambition/*

Virtual Family Hubs

If you would like to find out more about fun things to do, friendly faces or gain advice or a little extra support, Best Start Family Hubs can be extremely useful.

The closest Family Hub can be found in Barnsley Market (Unit 14-18 – behind Market Kitchen). Family Hubs are open Monday – Thursday from 9am to 5pm, Fridays from 9am to 4.30pm and Saturdays 9am to 4pm.

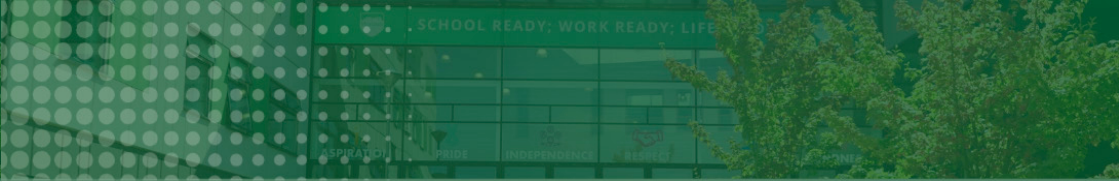
If you are unable to attend in person, you can also contact via telephone 0800 0345 340 or email *infofid@barnsley.gov.uk*.

Alternatively, scan the QR code to access the Virtual Family Hub: Synergy - Enquiry *https://barnsley.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/FindoutaboutBestStartinLifeFamilyHubs.aspx*

Barnsley Local Offer

The Local Offer is a website that makes it easier to find out about what support is available for students with identified special education needs in the local area – this includes courses available and ways you can get involved.

Local Offer Link *https://barnsley.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Local_Offer/*



Parent Support Programmes

Sleep Success: Practical tips and guidance to help your child – and you – get better sleep.

Talking Teens: Support for parents of teenagers, focusing on communication, confidence, and understanding.
Scan here to book your place: Barnsley Family Hubs
https://www.eventbrite.com/o/barnsley-family-hubs-7922835327

A range of online programmes can be also be accessed by using the code TOWNSPIRIT: Synergy - Enquiry
https://barnsley.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/ParentSupport.aspx

Barnsley Foodbank

Any one can reach crisis point – Barnsley food banks are available if this happens.
Get Help | Barnsley Foodbank
https://barnsley.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/

Barnsley Support Services

At times, our students and families require more specialist support. Scan this link to find out about what services are available. The Family Hub and our Wellbeing team can also guide you towards the most appropriate services for your family.

https://chilypep.org.uk/home-barnsley/open-up-directory-2/

We are currently constructing a new page of the school website, highlighting how families can access support when needed. If you require support throughout the year, visit the website for more information or contact us via email at: *info@horizoncc.co.uk*

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