



Horsforth School

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LOOKING AHEAD EVENING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Horsforth School. I am delighted that you have selected Horsforth School for your son/daughter and that they have now been offered a place to start September 2026.

This is an opportunity to give you further information about some of the events that will be taking place over the coming months which will hopefully ease the transition process for your child.

Your child will attend a **'Getting To Know Us'** session here at Horsforth School along with their Year 6 class teacher and peers. The session will be 1 day between Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May. It is up to the individual primary schools to arrange transport for their students, and the Year 6 teacher will stay with them. Students will meet myself and Mr Jacques Y7 Co-Ordinator, when we give them information about the lessons they will study, how to find their way around the school and our behaviour and classroom expectations. They will also be given the opportunity to ask some of our current Year 7s about life at Horsforth School in a Q and A session. Following this, students will have a short tour of the school and enjoy a free lunch in our diner. Further details, including specific dates and times will come through the Primary Schools nearer the time.

Our **'New Intake Evening'** is on Thursday 25 June. Your attendance at this evening is essential as day-to-day procedures and policies will be outlined. This evening will give you the information you need to best support your child's transition to Horsforth, including information about safeguarding, pastoral, SEND support and our curriculum model. You will be able to meet key staff, sample our food, meet our uniform suppliers and consult with Horsforth Children's Services about the support they can offer. We will also be offering additional information about how to support your child with the changing world we live in. There will be the opportunity for you to ask questions. This evening is for parents and carers only due to space limitations.

Students will then be invited to a **'Taster Day'** on Friday 3 July where they will meet and spend time with their new form group and tutor. They will also sample some typical lessons on this day and have a full tour of the school. Students may purchase lunch from the diner or bring their own. It is up to you to make arrangements for their travel to and from school

on this day. Students must come in their primary school uniform. Students will be given a **'Getting to know us'** booklet to complete in class and then at home. They will also be given a **summer project** to be completed before they start with us in September.

Horsforth Children's Services work with us and the primary schools to offer a **'Summer Transition Camp'** Wednesday 22nd July to Friday 24th July, where students complete activities with Horsforth School staff for 3 days. This gives students the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school in order to reassure them for their impending start. Further details will be given on the *New Intake Evening* or can be obtained from *Horsforth Children's Services*.

Lots more is planned for the Autumn term, but we will tell you about that nearer the time, for now our aim is to answer some of your initial questions about the coming months. We hope we have managed to do this. Please remember that you will receive more information on our New Intake Evening; this is only an introduction.

Also attached is a newsletter for your son/daughter. This outlines for them, the events that will be happening over the coming months. We will obviously explain these further at the 'Getting to know us' sessions but for now it will give them some idea of what to expect.

We look forward to working with you.

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Mr C Jacques

Y7 Year co-ordinator