



**RAINHILL
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FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026

PARENT & STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY
Easter





Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Students,

As we reach the end of another successful half term, it has been a real pleasure to celebrate the many achievements of our pupils across the school. One of this week's highlights was our Year 11 boys' football team being crowned St Helens Town Cup Champions – a fantastic accomplishment that truly reflects their hard work, commitment, and teamwork.

We have also been delighted to recognise the ongoing efforts of our pupils through our Numeracy Champion Awards, Lion Awards, Achiever Awards, and attendance celebrations. These moments remind us of the dedication and positivity our pupils bring to school each day. I would also like to extend a warm thank you to our new Year 6 parents and carers who joined us for the Information Evening on Wednesday – it was a pleasure to meet you all.

This week also marked the conclusion of a 10-week programme for our Year 10 pupils. Delivered by the LFC Foundation, the Pathway to Work Success Programme has supported our young people in developing confidence and essential employability skills. It was wonderful to see their progress celebrated in such an inspiring final session. Our Dance Show was a great success on Monday - read all about it on page 7.

There have been some lovely opportunities to promote reading and enrichment too, including our Scholastic Book Fair and the BASH celebration event. It has been great to see pupils engaging with an author and sharing their enthusiasm for reading.

Looking ahead to next term, we would like to remind families about important upcoming information, including Year 11 vocational mock examinations. We will also be sharing details of support and opportunities available over the Easter break, including wellbeing resources and local programmes.

Finally, thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all our families a safe, restful, and enjoyable Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.

Mrs Thorogood, Principal.



RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL

27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Change to School Day from September 2026

I am writing to inform you about an important change to the school day which will take effect from September 2026.

Thank you to those parents who responded to the consultation shared earlier this term.

Following feedback from the consultation and in line with the national expectation for schools to provide a 32.5 hour school week, we will be extending the school day by 30 minutes. **From September, the school day will finish at the new time of 3:25pm.** This adjustment will help ensure that our curriculum delivery meets national requirements while continuing to support high quality learning for all pupils.

Pupils should continue to arrive on site by 8:50am for the movement bell with the official start to the school day remaining at 8:55am.

School bus arrangements will remain unchanged and will run as normal.

We appreciate your continued support and understanding as we implement this change.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Thorogood
Principal

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WEEK COMMENCING 13.04.26 FOLLOWS THE WEEK A TIMETABLE

	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
13/04/26			World Art Day		



GOOD NEWS

YEAR 11 ST HELENS TOWN CUP CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Year 11 boys football team who won the St Helens Town Cup on Tuesday!

Our Year 11 boys football team took part in the St Helens Town Cup Final on Tuesday 24th March against Outwood Academy Haydock. We started brightly, creating a couple of early chances and enjoying strong spells of possession in OAH's half. However, Outwood scored with their very first attack to take an early lead.

The boys responded superbly. Their heads never dropped and they immediately pushed forward, with W. Frost coolly slotting the equaliser through the keeper's legs. Soon after, L. McGurty found space out wide, beat his defender, and delivered a pinpoint cross for W. Frost to flick home his second of the afternoon. His hat-trick followed shortly after - a powerful free kick that left the goalkeeper rooted to the spot.

Early in the second half, W. Frost broke through once again to claim his fourth goal, effectively sealing the trophy for Rainhill. From that point on, the team controlled the game confidently, creating several further chances. Two of these were converted by J. Barks and T. Williams, extending our lead.

Outwood managed a late consolation goal as the rain poured down, but this did nothing to dampen the spirits of our players. W. Frost was deservedly named Player of the Match - an accolade he has impressively earned in each of his last three Town Cup finals.

Overall, it was an outstanding afternoon of football, perfectly reflecting the determination, quality, and attitude this group of players has shown throughout their five years representing the school.

PE Team.





LFC FOUNDATION PATHWAY TO WORKS SUCCESS

Over the last 10 weeks, a select group of Year 10 pupils have taken part in the Pathway to Work Programme delivered by the LFC Foundation.

The programme aims to support young people across the Liverpool City Region in becoming work-ready and building confidence for future employment.

Throughout the programme, pupils developed key employability skills including teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and interview techniques, alongside building their confidence and resilience through a range of hands-on activities and skill-building workshops.

The experience culminated in a final session with former Liverpool and England goalkeeper Chris Kirkland, who inspired pupils by sharing stories from his career as well as his journey overcoming personal challenges.

Our pupils have represented the school brilliantly throughout and are now looking forward to their celebratory trip to Anfield Stadium next term. A huge thank you to the LFC Foundation for this valuable opportunity!

Mrs Thomas, RH6 Manager.



UNIVERSITY OFFER HOLDER SPOTLIGHT

Well done to Charlie for gaining an offer to study Astrophysics at Russell Group university, University of Liverpool!



**UNIVERSITY
OFFER HOLDER
SPOTLIGHT**





PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

DANCE TRIP TO LONDON

Our recent Dance trip to London was an unforgettable experience for our pupils, offering a rich blend of professional training, live performance, and insight into future pathways in the Performing Arts industry.

The trip began with an exciting workshop at the renowned Pineapple Dance Studios, where pupils had the opportunity to train in a professional environment used by industry performers. The energy and pace of the session challenged pupils to push their technique, pick up choreography quickly, and embrace the expectations of a working dancer. It was inspiring to see their confidence grow as they stepped outside their comfort zones.

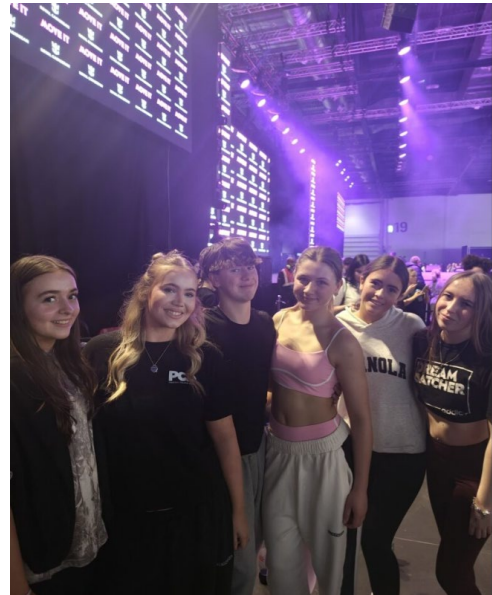
A definite highlight of the trip was attending a performance of *Kinky Boots the Musical*. Seeing Johannes Radebe, known to many from *Strictly Come Dancing*, perform live on stage was a thrilling experience. The production was vibrant, uplifting, and full of powerful messages about individuality and acceptance. Pupils were captivated by the high-quality singing, acting, and choreography, and it sparked great discussions afterwards about performance skills and stage presence.

We also spent time exploring Covent Garden, soaking up the atmosphere of one of London's most iconic cultural districts. Pupils visited the area surrounding the Royal Opera House, home to both The Royal Opera and The Royal Ballet, gaining a deeper appreciation for the history and prestige of the performing arts in the UK. Street performances and the buzz of the area added to the excitement and inspiration.

The final day took us to the Move It Dance Convention, one of the largest Dance events in the country. Pupils participated in a variety of classes led by industry professionals, experiencing different styles and teaching approaches. These sessions were not only physically demanding but also incredibly motivating, giving pupils a real taste of professional-level training.

In addition, pupils had the chance to speak with representatives from post-18 performing arts colleges. This provided valuable insight into future training opportunities and career pathways, helping them to start thinking seriously about their next steps beyond school.

Overall, the trip was an enriching and inspiring experience. Our pupils represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating enthusiasm, resilience, and a genuine passion for dance throughout. We are incredibly proud of their engagement and look forward to seeing how this experience influences their continued development.





DANCE SHOW

We are delighted to share the success of the Rainhill High and Sixth Form Dance Show, which took place on Monday evening. The event was a wonderful celebration of creativity, dedication, and the incredible talent of our pupils across all year groups.

The show featured performances from pupils in Years 7 through to 13, showcasing a diverse range of exam work alongside pieces developed in our extra-curricular dance clubs. It was fantastic to see the progression of skills across the year groups, with each performance reflecting the hard work and commitment pupils have shown throughout the year.

A particular highlight of the evening was the inclusion of pupil choreography. These original pieces demonstrated not only strong technical ability but also creativity and individuality, giving pupils the opportunity to express themselves and take ownership of their work. The confidence and professionalism displayed on stage were truly impressive.

We were also thrilled to welcome pupils from Longton Lane Primary School, one of our valued feeder schools, who performed a fantastic collaborative piece. This work was developed in partnership with our Rainhill Sixth Form pupils, who have been working closely with the younger dancers in recent weeks. The performance was a real testament to the power of collaboration and mentorship, and it was a joy to see pupils of different ages sharing the stage so successfully.

The evening was a true celebration of dance within our school community. We are incredibly proud of all pupils who took part, both on stage and behind the scenes, and we thank families for their continued support. We look forward to many more opportunities to showcase our pupils' talents in the future.

Mrs Haselden, Teacher of Performing Arts.

"We are contacting you to congratulate everyone involved in the dance show at St Helen's Theatre on Monday night.

The performances were, without exception, outstanding. The different themes and music choices were interesting, and the overall organisation seemed exceptionally efficient - a real team effort.

We thought it was a really professional performance and a great evening's entertainment.

The whole event reflected very well on the pupils and staff of the school."



NUMERACY CHAMPION AWARDS MARCH 2026

Congratulations to our March Numeracy Champions!

Aligned with our Rainhill Standards, these pupils have shown consistent commitment to their MathsWatch homework with record breaking scores, time spent on tasks and extra videos watched. We are so proud of you.

- Y7: Ewaoluwa O, Adith S & Alex B
- Y8: Chloe C & Lottie H
- Y9: Ameya A, Ethan D & Daniel S

Do you think your child deserves to be a Numeracy Champion? Please support them in completing their MathsWatch homework and you may see them featured in a future Newsletter.

Please contact Miss Yate (Numeracy Coordinator) for any support with MathsWatch.

Miss Yate, Teacher of Maths.



Online website:
www.yle.mathswatch.co.uk
 Username: GCSE year/initial/surname @rainhill
 e.g. for Year 7 John Wallis: 30jwallis@rainhill
 Password: rhsmaths

BASH CELEBRATION

Book Award St Helens held its annual Award Ceremony, with the participation of author, Matt Goodfellow.

The pupils enrolled in BASH had the fantastic opportunity to meet Matt, who is also the author of one of the shortlisted books we read.

His talk and poetry workshop was extremely inspiring, as well as extra special, as it was also the author of the book we voted for!

The 'emBASHadors', had the opportunity to take a picture with Matt and get their books signed.

Sophia H. was also the winner of Best Book Review of the Awards, congratulations!

Ms Griffa, School Librarian.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

This week, we held the second Scholastic Book Fair of the 25-26 academic year.

Joseph G (Y7), Dougie J (Y8), and Grace M (Y9) won a £5 prize voucher competition to spend at the fair for being the pupils with the highest levels of engagement in Reading Plus last week.

Pupils and staff spent over £400 in total at the Book Fair, which means we will receive 40% back in rewards to spend in the Scholastic Shop for books for our school library!

Thank you all for your support and well done to all the voucher winners.

Ms Griffa, School Librarian.





CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE

We would like to congratulate our Year 9 pupils for their **consistent, improved, and improving attendance**. Your commitment to being in school each day shows great determination and resilience. Regular attendance is a key part of your success, and it is wonderful to see so many of you making the effort to be present, engaged, and ready to learn.

(Pictured: Joseph T, Peggie C and Laia M).

Other pupils who have been recognised for their attendance this week are:

Year 8: Darcie U, Liv F and Rory C

Year 9: Maddie S, Lilly-Mae R and Orla B

Year 10: Adam S, Jessica F and Lilyjo H

Year 11: Lucy B, Layla L and Ruby H

Mrs Coxhill, Attendance Manager.



**LION AWARDS - OVER AND ABOVE RAINHILL
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

Congratulations to our Year Team Professional Standards winners of the week!

Your dedication, consistency, and commitment to excellence continue to set the standard for what it means to be a Rainhill Student. Thank you for upholding our values and inspiring those around you every single day.

Well done to this week's winners below - you should be incredibly proud.

Scarlett Mc, Nicola G, Grace J, Finley P, Emily O, Bailey A, Leon L and Scarlett M.

Mr Giles, Senior Progress Leader and Year 7 YPL.





CELEBRATING SUCCESS - YEAR 7 AND 8 REWARDS TRIP

A huge congratulations to 130 of our Year 7 and 8 pupils who marked the end of a fantastic term with a well-earned trip to Jump Inc Trampoline Park.

Their effort, attitude to learning, and achievement points were proudly recognised today — a brilliant reflection of their hard work this term.

Keep your eyes peeled... our Summer Reward Trips will be launching very soon!

Mr Giles, Senior Progress Leader.



RAINHILL DARTS ACADEMY

Congratulations to Year 8 pupil Ollie H who won our Rainhill Darts Academy Easter Speed Darts Competition this week.

Rainhill Darts Academy is launching for current Year 7 pupils after the Easter Break. If you are already an aspiring darts player or if you have never thrown a dart before - all are welcome to come along and get involved. We will share details of how to sign up, and when the sessions are running, in the Parents Newsletter after the break.

Mr Roberts, Assistant Principal.





YEAR 11

YEAR 11 LEVEL 2 VOCATIONAL MOCK TIMETABLE

Week commencing Monday 13th April 2026

Our Year 11 Vocational Mock Week takes place from Monday 13th April for those pupils who are studying a vocational course with an external exam.

The purpose of this week is so that our vocational courses and pupils have the same preparation as our GCSE pupils in sitting two past papers, and receiving feedback, to ensure that they are fully prepared for the exam papers they will sit in the summer term.

Unlike LP1 and LP2, the structure of the day will remain the same with all exams starting at 9:00am. This means that our pupils that require extra time will be able to have this before going to break and continuing with the rest of their day.

Please see the timetable below. All vocational pupils have also received a hard copy during Form time and have been notified by their subject teachers.

Monday 13 th April	Tuesday 14 th April	Wednesday 15 th April	Thursday 16 th April	Friday 17 th April
Construction 1hr 9:00am A204 and A206	Enterprise 2hrs 9:00am ATH	Creative iMedia 1hr 30mins 9:00am ATH	IT 1hr 30mins 9:00am ATH	Sport Studies 1hr 15mins 9:00am ATH
	Health & Social Care 2hrs 9:00am ATH	Travel and Tourism 2hrs 9:00am ATH	Animal Care 2hrs 9:00am ATH	Mop Up Session 9:00am ATH
Lessons as normal for the rest of the day	Lessons as normal for the rest of the day	Lessons as normal for the rest of the day	Lessons as normal for the rest of the day	Lessons as normal for the rest of the day

All exams take place in the Arts Theatre (ATH) other than Construction which is computer based and will take place in A204 and A206.

Year 11 Team.



GENERAL INFORMATION

WELL-BEING - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS

As International Day of Happiness fell on 20th March it feels like a wonderful moment to reflect on the powerful role we all play in shaping how young people experience joy, connection, and wellbeing.

There are some simple ways to keep that positive energy going over the Easter break:

- **Start a Happiness Jar** — keep a jar somewhere at home where the whole family can drop in notes about moments that made them smile that week. It's a lovely thing to look back on, and a great conversation starter.
- **Talk about the good stuff** — making a habit of sharing one positive thing from the day, whether over dinner or on a walk, can genuinely shift focus towards gratitude over time.
- **Try a little mindfulness together** — even five quiet minutes, a short walk, some time away from screens, or just sitting together can make a real difference to everyone's mood.

We have included some links below that you might find useful to explore together:

- **Action for Happiness** (actionforhappiness.org) — a research-backed resource with practical tips and monthly happiness challenges the whole family can try
- **Young Minds — Supporting Your Child's Wellbeing** (youngminds.org.uk) — practical guidance for parents on nurturing positive mental health and happiness in children and young people
- **NHS Every Mind Matters** (nhs.uk/every-mind-matters) — simple, evidence-based tips for boosting mood and wellbeing for the whole family

Wishing your family a restful and happy Easter break — we look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.

Miss Peers, Wellbeing Champion.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

We will be sending out the FSM vouchers by the end of this week via Synergy. Synergy will be active until 31st March.

If you have any queries regarding vouchers after this date, please email finance@rainhillhigh.org.uk or contact school on 01744 677205 ext 343.

CAREERS - GET INTO MEDICINE CONFERENCE

For aspiring Doctors: [FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get into Medicine Conference](#) dates:

Saturday 28th March, 9am - 1:30pm.

Sunday 19th April, 9am - 1:30pm.

For aspiring Dentists: [FREE LIVE VIRTUAL Get Into Dentistry Conference](#) dates:

Sunday 12th April, 9am - 1:30pm

All aspiring doctors and dentists in years 10-12 / S3-S5 / NI11-13 are invited to register.

These conferences offer tailored advice for medicine and dentistry, covering a range of crucial topics:

- Understanding Medical/Dental Career
- Skills Needed in Medicine/Dentistry
- Extra and Supracurricular Activities
- Accessing Work Experience
- Application Timelines



- Personal Statements
- Medical/Dental School Interviews
- UCAT Entrance Exam
- Accessing Scholarships

Attendees will not only gain valuable insights into a medical or dental career but will also receive a certificate to enhance their university applications. Additionally, this experience can be directly applied to questions 1 and 2 of the updated personal statement format.

Students and parents can register for free via the links above.

Medical & dental schools do not expect applicants to undertake this process alone. Asking for help is a key skill required in doctors/dentists. That's why this conference is designed for both students and their parents or carers. Please make sure to attend with a parent or guardian, so they can be fully informed and better support your student during their application journey.

Mrs Katie Thomas, 6th Form Manager.

Join us for our ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

Dive into the fascinating world of engineering with this four, half-day, virtual course. Open to students in yr 8/9 who want to engage in exciting and innovative hands-on activities.

- **Cyber Security:** experience the intriguing world of cyber defence. Learn to identify threats and develop coding skills using professional coding programmes.
- **Electrical Engineering:** explore automotive aerodynamics and energy storage whilst designing and building a high-performance supercharged rover.
- **Space:** Blast into space and tackle astronaut-style challenges, learning how communication and teamwork make missions possible.

Virtual Course
25-28 August 2026
Cost: £150 (or apply for a Fully Funded Place!)

How to apply
Scan here...

"3 words that sum up this course for me are inspiring, enlightening and creative. I've really enjoyed it!"
2025 student

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*Nb: if attended an Engineering Experience course before, some modules may already have been completed. If you are unsure, please contact info@smallpeicetrust.org.uk

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2026-27 YEAR PLANNER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to inform you of a small update to the published school calendar for the 2026–2027 academic year. An additional INSET (staff training) day has been added and will take place on Wednesday, 2 September 2026. This means that pupils will now return to school on Thursday, 3 September 2026.

We appreciate your understanding and kindly ask that you update any plans accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support.



Year Planner – 2026-27

	Week Beg.	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1	A AUG 31 st		INSET DAY 1	INSET DAY 2		
2	B SEPT 7 th					
3	A SEPT 14 th					
4	B SEPT 21 st					
5	A SEPT 28 th					
6	B OCT 5 th					
7	A OCT 12 th					
8	B OCT 19 th					
	OCT 26 th	Half Term	26 th October to 30 th October 2026			
9	A NOV 2 nd					
10	B NOV 9 th					
11	A NOV 16 th					
12	B NOV 23 rd					INSET DAY 3
13	A NOV 30 th					
14	B DEC 7 th					
15	A DEC 14 th					
	Dec 21 st	Christmas	21 st December – 1 st January 2027			
16	B JAN 4 th					
17	A JAN 11 th					
18	B JAN 18 th					
19	A JAN 25 th					
20	B FEB 1 st					
21	A FEB 8 th					
	FEB 15 th	Half Term	15 th February to 19 th February 2027			
22	B FEB 22 nd					
23	A MARCH 1 st					
24	B MARCH 8 th					
25	A MARCH 15 th					
26	B MARCH 22 nd					Good Friday
	MARCH 29 th	Spring Break 26 th March – 9 th April 2027				
	April 6 th	Good Friday 26 th March / Easter Monday 29 th March				
27	A APRIL 12 th					
28	B APRIL 19 th					
29	A APRIL 26 th					
30	B MAY 3 rd	Bank Holiday				
31	A MAY 10 th					
32	B MAY 17 th					
33	A MAY 24 th					
	MAY 31 st	Half Term	31 st May – 4 th June 2027			
34	B JUNE 7 th					
35	A JUNE 14 th					
36	B JUNE 21 st					INSET DAY 4
37	A JUNE 28 th					
38	B JULY 5 th					
39	A JULY 12 th					
40	B JULY 19 th			INSET DAY 5		



PE EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

Please see our PE Extra Curricular Timetable below.

Term 3: April - July		
15:00 -16:00	LUNCH	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	Y9 and Y10 Football : Astro Y7 Football and Basketball : Courts	Handball : All Years
TUESDAY	Y8 and Y11 Football : Astro Y7 Football and Basketball : Courts	Rugby : All Years
WEDNESDAY	Y9 and Y10 Football : Astro Y7 Football and Basketball : Courts	Rounders : All Years Cricket : All Years
THURSDAY	Y9 and Y10 Football : Astro Y7 Football and Basketball : Courts	Athletics : All Years A range of events to practice (throws, track, jumps)
FRIDAY	Cricket Nets : All Years Until exam desks go up	

Please note, all clubs are for girls and boys, unless specified. They are subject to **fixture/facility clashes**, **appropriate and safe weather**, and **appropriate pupil participation**. Follow us on X - @RainhillPE

PE EXPECTATIONS

Sport and physical activity are essential for maintaining a healthy lifestyle, with research showing that exercise improves mental health, enhances cognitive function, and builds resilience in young people. At Rainhill, we offer a wide range of sports, from team games like handball, netball, and rugby to gymnastics and athletics.

Your child will have the opportunity to learn about healthy lifestyles and the importance of staying active. As part of our pursuit of excellence, all pupils are expected to participate in lessons. If your child is injured or unwell, they should still bring their kit. They can take on ‘non-active’ roles, such as officiating, analysing performance, or coaching, to continue engaging with learning. Bringing their PE kit also ensures pupils have a dry uniform to change into if lessons are outdoors. In extreme cases, we will provide alternatives to make your child’s PE experience as enjoyable as possible.

If there are any issues with kit, please message your PE teacher. We will always help in any way we can. Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Wood, Head of PE.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

Please see below list of current spaces still available for peripatetic music lessons:

- 1 space available for drum lessons
- 1 space available for piano lessons
- 1 space available for brass lessons
- Multiple slots available for singing lessons

If you would like more information, please contact Mr Kennett.

Mr Kennett, Teacher of Music.





PARKING REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

A number of safety concerns have been raised regarding vehicles stopping or parking on the yellow lines outside the school. These restrictions are in place to protect pupils, families, and staff by keeping sightlines clear and reducing congestion at busy times.

We ask all parents and carers to support a safe environment by avoiding yellow lines and by parking considerably at all times. Your cooperation helps ensure that drop-off and pick-up run smoothly and safely for everyone.

BIKES - REMINDER

Pupils Cycling to School

Over the past few weeks, the school has been contacted several times regarding the conduct of pupils cycling to school. The main issues raised involve pupils weaving through traffic, riding on and off the kerb, and following vehicles too closely. If your child cycles to school, please take a moment to discuss with them the potential dangers of these behaviours and encourage them to ride safely and responsibly.

Secure Bike Shed

If your child cycles to school, please ensure they lock their bike in the internal bike shed on the school site and not outside the Reception area. If your child arrives late to school, please ask them to inform Reception who will ensure the side gates are reopened to gain access to the internal bike shed.

NETBALL FAMILY FUN DAY





HAF EASTER PROGRAMME 2026

FREE HOLIDAY FUN & FOOD!

Fun activities and free meals for kids!
across St Helens Borough!

30 March - 11 April 2026
sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun

ST HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL
#LoveStHelens

Families and children 4-18 years in receipt of free school meals
Programme funded by the Department for Education (DfE)

ST HELENS YOUTH BRASS BAND

OPEN DAY! **ST. HELENS YOUTH BRASS BAND** **18th April**

Your Free Music Introduction

Everyone Welcome
No Experience Needed!
Instruments Provided

Brass and Percussion
Zero-pressure
Ages 4-19

Whats on

New to music?

10:30, 11:00, 11:30 and 12:00: 'pBuzz' sessions drop in sessions For those new to music and under 10

10:30-12:30: Drop in 'Brass Zoo' For anyone to come and try our instruments

11:00: Experience our junior rehearsal For those who have tried brass before

Played before?

09:30: Join in with our Training Band For those Grade 2 or above

10:30: Join in with our Youth Band rehearsal For those Grade 4 or above

Sign up and find out more here

Where
Ormskirk Street
United Reform Church
St Helens
WA10 2JZ

or email: info@shybb.uk

Registered Charity no. 1009301

READING PLUS

Please [click here](#) to read more information



Dear parent/guardian,

We have invested in the online reading development programme DreamBox Reading Plus and would like to share with you more information about it.

What is DreamBox Reading Plus?

Reading Plus is designed to improve children's reading. It does this by developing silent reading fluency (reading speed), and then introducing more complex stories (for comprehension) and advanced vocabulary (for knowledge). Children have access to 1,300+ high-quality online texts that are both engaging and inspirational, and match students reading levels. Teachers can monitor precisely what and how children read, meaning they can offer the proper support when needed.

What will my child gain from using the programme?

The stories are short and engaging to keep motivation levels high, and your child will be exposed to many cultural and inspirational texts - anything from 'What can one child do to save the world?' to 'The future of AI'. Your child will challenge themselves to become a stronger reader, developing healthier reading habits and a deeper understanding of what they read, making them more prepared for assessments.

How does Reading Plus work?

Children choose a story (typically 6-7 minutes long) from a level appropriate to their reading ability. Once finished, they answer ten questions to test their understanding.

Reading Plus is not meant to replace physical reading books. It's also not just an eLibrary - the programme is designed to teach your child to become a more efficient reader, which will add to their enjoyment of reading independently - developing a lifelong love for reading. We hope that students will get much pleasure from using Reading Plus and progress in their reading.

The programme can be accessed from home, so we encourage you to get your child to use Reading Plus on evenings and weekends.

For more information about Reading Plus, please visit www.daisyeducationuk.com or contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

daisyeducationuk.com

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ST HELENS

Give your child a head start in the digital world with our **Easter Tech Club**

Providing fun, educational activities including Game Design, Coding, Robotics, Digital Animation, Minecraft and more!

FREE PLACES

*Funded places available to those eligible for and receiving benefits-related free school meals (FSM), and their families. Children who are in receipt of a support plan via Early Help, Child in Need or Children We Look After, EHCP, or if your child receives additional hours at school.

Rainford High School

30th Mar - 2nd April & 7th-10th April

10am-2pm

NEW Childcare Voucher payments now available.

BOOK! Visit the link or scan the code - computerexplorers.co.uk/bolton-wigan/holidays

GOT QUESTIONS?
Email us bolton@computerexplorers.co.uk
Preparing children for the future

regarding Reading Plus.



HELP AND SUPPORT

CURRICULUM QUERIES

Heads of Department

English	Ms Dickman	Business Studies	Mr Farrell
Mathematics	Mr Rimmer	Social Sciences	Mrs R Evans
Science	Mr Flynn	Computer Science	Mr Cowley
Biology	Miss Harper	Art Design Technology	Mr Bennett
Chemistry	Mrs Bancroft	Languages	Miss D'Anna
Physics	Mr Hurst	Food Studies	Mrs King
History & Politics	Mr Swan	Performing Arts	Mrs McCann
Geography	Mr Iddon	PE	Mr Wood
Philosophy & Ethics	Mr Taylor	Life Skills	Miss Burgess
		(PSHE/Citizenship)	

PASTORAL QUERIES

Stage 1	Form Tutor	
Stage 2	Year Student Manager/Progress Coach	
Stage 3	Year Progress Leader/Director RH6	
Stage 4	Assistant Principal - Behaviour & Culture	Mr East
Stage 5	Vice Principals	Mrs Munro, Mrs Aylward
Stage 6	Principal	Mrs Thorogood

Pastoral Structure

Y7 Student Manager	Miss Gordon	Y7 Progress Leader	Mr Giles
Y8 Student Manager	Miss Hill	Y8 Progress Leader	Mr Barry
Y9 Student Manager	Mr Lambert	Y9 Progress Leader	Mr Brown
Y10 Student Manager	Miss Humphreys	Y10 Progress Leader	Mr Webster
Y11 Student Manager	Dr Rotheram	Y11 Progress Leader	Mrs Haselden
RH6 Progress Coaches	Mrs Thomas/Mrs Garton	Director RH6	Mr Cunningham
Young Carer Champion	Miss Wordsworth		

COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Please [click here](#) to view our Communications policy.



Young Carers

A young carer is someone who provides regular and ongoing care and support to a family member who has a physical or mental health condition, or misuses drugs or alcohol and they cannot cope without their support. They can often take on responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.

Being a young carer can have a big impact on the things that are important to growing up; like your education, your physical/mental health, your social life and your self-confidence.

If you find that you don't have much time to spend with your friends, you feel stressed and worried, it's getting harder to keep on top of schoolwork – there are people in school who are here to support you... and Young Carers Support Services.

A young carers assessment can help to find out if there is any extra support for you or the person you care for. This could help to take away some of the worries or stress you may be feeling, help you keep on top of your schoolwork and be able to spend time doing things you enjoy.



Do you think that you may be a young carer?

Young Carer Champion
Miss Wordsworth

Speak to the YC Champion or another adult you trust.



Young Carer Drop-in

Monday lunchtime
A1.03

Week A	Y7, Y8, Y9
Week B	Y10, Y11, RH6

Parents and Carers can contact the YC Champion via School Synergy.

SHARP

Use the SHARP system to ask for help and we will come and speak to you.

St Helens Catering Service - School Lunch Special Dietary Request



SCHOOL MENU

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ACCESSING FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As we move into a new school year, it may be pertinent for parents and carers to check the free school meal status of their children. If you have been in receipt of free school meals previously and believe this should still be the case, you will need to apply to St Helens Council. Please [click here](#).



CURRENT VACANCIES

TEACHER OF MATHEMATICS 0.6 FTE

One-year fixed term maternity cover

MPR/UPR

11-18 Mixed Comprehensive 1534 on roll

Are you passionate about Maths and numbers and can deliver high-quality lessons and excellent outcomes for pupils?

Rainhill High School is looking for an enthusiastic Part time Teacher of Mathematics to join our high-performing team from April 2026. You will teach KS3 and KS4 Maths, in a forward-thinking school that values innovation, collaboration, and professional growth.

This is a one-year fixed term contract to cover a maternity leave, and we welcome applications from both experienced & early career teachers.

Key Dates:

Apply by: 9am on Friday 10th April 2026

Interviews: Thursday 16th April 2026

CLASSROOM SUPPORT ASSISTANT - APPRENTICESHIP

Classroom Support Assistant (with opportunity to gain a Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship)

Location: Rainhill High School

Contract: Term Time Only + 5 INSET Days, 28 hours per week Monday-Friday

Salary: Apprentice National Minimum Wage £8 per hour (wef 1.4.26) Year 1

Type: Fixed Term (18 month Apprenticeship Pathway)

Your First Step into a Meaningful Career in Education Starts Here

Are you ready to begin an exciting journey in the classroom? At Rainhill High School, we're offering a unique opportunity to join us as a Classroom Support Assistant while working towards a Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship, fully supported and funded.

This role is perfect for someone who's passionate about helping young people thrive and wants to develop the skills and confidence to work in education long-term. Whether you're looking to retrain, return to work, or just getting started, we'll support you every step of the way.

Responsibilities

You'll be right at the heart of the classroom, supporting pupils across all abilities and backgrounds, especially those with additional needs such as SEND or English as an Additional Language.

Working under the guidance of experienced teachers and mentors, you'll:

Support for Pupils

- Work 1:1 or with small groups to help pupils stay on track
- Support personal, emotional, and social development
- Encourage independence, resilience, and confidence
- Contribute to setting and reviewing learning targets
- Promote inclusive learning for all pupils, especially those with SEND
- Offer positive feedback and encouragement in line with lesson goals
- Maintain a safe, supportive environment in line with safeguarding policies

Support for the Teacher

- Assist with delivering creative, engaging lessons



- Help deliver specific interventions for targeted learners
- Keep track of pupil progress and classroom behaviour
- Prepare resources, set up activities, and help keep the learning space organised
- Support behaviour strategies and classroom routines

Support for the Curriculum

- Assist in delivering core subjects like literacy and numeracy
- Support pupils in using technology and digital tools
- Help adapt lessons for different learning styles and abilities
- Maintain and organise learning materials and equipment

Support for the School

- Contribute to a calm and purposeful learning environment
- Support school values of inclusion, respect, and ambition
- Build positive relationships with staff, parents, and external partners
- Supervise pupils during non-lesson times (break, lunch, trips)
- Uphold confidentiality and follow all school policies and procedures

Who We are Looking For

We're not expecting you to have it all — this is a role where you'll learn on the job. But we are looking for someone who is:

- Passionate about working with young people
- Friendly, proactive, and eager to learn
- A great communicator and team player
- Organised, dependable, and ready to get involved
- Committed to making education inclusive and meaningful for all

Key Dates:

Apply by: Friday 10th April 2026 – 9.00AM

Interviews: Friday 17th April 2026

Why Join Us?

This is more than a job, it's your chance to build a career with purpose.

- Gain hands-on classroom experience from day one
- Work towards a Level 3 Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship (nationally recognised)
- Be part of a supportive, welcoming, and inspiring team
- Get real opportunities for development and progression

If you are passionate about making a difference and ready to grow, we want to hear from you.

Email your completed application to jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk