



## HEAD OF COMPUTING RECRUITMENT PACK

# WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you for your interest in Rainhill High School and RH6.  
I hope you find this information pack helpful. If you would like to know more about us before you apply please see our website [rainhillhighschool.org.uk](http://rainhillhighschool.org.uk) or alternatively contact [jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk](mailto:jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk)

Our school has a long and strong record of academic success. The destinations that our students move onto are strong. Our continued focus is on raising the aspirations, achievements and confidence of all our students to ensure they have the best life chances; that all of our students leave us ready to take on the world with conviction and self-assurance. We make no apologies for having the highest expectations of all our students.

Our curriculum is ambitious. Students are expected to work hard, and this is complemented by our excellent pastoral care, support and guidance. You will find the staff here are determined to support academic achievement but also provide a wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular activities both within and beyond the classroom, ranging from trips to New York to football teams in school; all of which are important in building the confidence, resilience and experiences of every child.

Our school's mission is 'In Pursuit of Excellence' in everything that we do and our core values; Learn, Think, Contribute, Care, embody our determination to ensure that all our students receive a first-class education that enables them to take their place in society with confidence. We are a popular and high achieving school on the edge of Merseyside with a very strong reputation locally and significantly oversubscribed.

I am very proud of the continued success of Rainhill High School and RH6.



**Mrs J Thorogood**  
Principal



## ROLE OVERVIEW

**COMMENCING:**

1 September 2026

**CONTRACT:**

Full time, Permanent

**CLOSING DATE:**

9am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**INTERVIEW DATE:**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**SALARY:**

MPR/UPR plus TLR 2B £5,871 pa

**LOCATION:**

Rainhill High School, Merseyside  
(Stephenson Multi Academy Trust)

Prospective candidates are warmly encouraged to visit the school. To arrange a visit, please call

**01744 677205**

Please return application form to

**[jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk](mailto:jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk)**

Are you passionate about Computing digital platforms, media and IT and have the ability to provide strong leadership and strategic direction to a small Computing Faculty?

We are seeking to appoint a creative, ambitious, talented and dynamic Head of Faculty for September 2026 to lead a small team of specialists. You should have proven leadership experience with a strong track record of improvement as well as being a strong classroom practitioner.

The successful candidate will have expert subject knowledge and must be able to teach all Key Stages. You will be a forward thinking, inspirational practitioner who has the drive and is suitably motivated and ready to share their expertise and experience with our inspiring, curious and remarkable students delivering exceptional lessons and supporting in the development of our curriculum and exciting enrichment offer.

You will be joining a committed team of staff, who work with enthusiastic and positive students who are keen to learn.

As a member of Rainhill High School and RH6, we expect our staff to embody the following values and attitudes:

- Commitment to fostering a positive learning environment for students
- Dedication to continuous professional development
- Respect for diversity and inclusion within the school community

If you meet the above criteria and are passionate about leading a dynamic Computing Faculty at Rainhill High School, we encourage you to apply for this exciting opportunity.

If you believe you have the skills and dedication to meet our standards, and be part of our pursuit of excellence, then we are the school for you.

*Rainhill High School and Sixth Form is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people as well as promoting equality of opportunity and community cohesion; where the diversity of different backgrounds and circumstances is appreciated and positively valued and expects all staff, volunteers and other workers to share in this commitment. This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosing & Barring Certificate and online searches as part of our Safer Recruitment & Selection Procedures.*





“The culture of improvement is something I love about working for Stephenson Academy Trust. At Rainhill High School and RH6, we have a bespoke approach to CPD for all staff members from ECT to Senior leader. Each member of staff is supported to work on their teaching pedagogy through a collaborative approach that meets the needs of the teacher at all stages of their practice. I feel that this quality of education centred approach supports the wellbeing of the staff and allows teachers to make significant and measurable improvements to their teaching and learning pedagogy which in turn supports the students.”

**Rainhill Teacher**

“Helping my child to be the best they can be.”

**Parent**

“A dedicated teacher who encourages and guides my child in lessons. Makes the lessons enjoyable and provides positive feedback. An excellent teacher.”

**Parent**

“Be it from the caretaker to the headteacher, all the staff are amazing. Thank you.”

**Parent**

“Knowing that my child feels happy/safe whilst eager to learn around her.”

**Parent**

“Fantastic, great communication with parents and great educators, making learning fun and getting results.”

**Parent**

“I couldn’t have asked for a better form tutor for my son. It’s really reassuring to know that there is someone there to support him and check in with him daily. He has thrived since starting high school and I am very grateful for her kindness and reassurance.”

**Parent**



## JOB DESCRIPTION

### HEAD OF COMPUTING

**Trust:** Stephenson Multi Academy Trust  
**Grade:** STPCD MPR/UPR plus TLR 2B  
**Contract:** Full time, Permanent

**Start date:** September 2026  
**Responsible to:** Vice Principal

#### Leadership and Management

1. Ensure a smooth transition in Computing for all pupils from KS2 – KS3 so that students make good progress.
2. Ensure a high quality, well planned and sequenced curriculum is in place for all students.
3. Ensure that the curriculum is implemented highly effectively by all teachers.
4. Ensure that the impact of the curriculum and teaching leads to excellent progress by all students.
5. To ensure delivery of the schools approach to teaching and learning.
6. To ensure the curriculum is up to date and innovative from Key Stage 3 through to Key Stage 5.
7. To take a full and active part in the school's quality assurance process.
8. To line manage the Computing Faculty teachers, including their Appraisal.
9. Provide high quality subject specific CPD for the Computing Faculty teachers.
10. Ensure appropriate learning environments for all students.
11. Ensure the appropriate use of resources.
12. Ensure the consistent implementation of school policies.

#### Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge students

1. Establish a safe and stimulating environment for students, rooted in mutual respect.
2. Set goals that stretch and challenge students of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions.
3. Demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of students.

#### Promote good progress and outcomes by students

1. Be accountable for students' attainment, progress and outcomes.
2. Plan teaching to build on students' capabilities and prior knowledge guide students to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs.
3. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how students learn and how this impacts on teaching.
4. Encourage students to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study.

#### Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge

1. Have a secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas within the Computing Faculty, foster and maintain students' interest in the subject and address misconceptions.
2. Demonstrate a critical understanding of developments in the subject and curriculum areas and promote the value of scholarship.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of and take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and the correct use of standard English, whatever the teacher's specialist subject.

#### Plan and teach well-structured lessons

1. Impart knowledge and develop understanding through effective use of lesson time.
2. Promote a love of learning and children's intellectual curiosity.
3. Set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and extend the knowledge and understanding students have acquired.
4. Reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching.
5. Contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum within the relevant subject area(s).

**Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all students**

1. Know when and how to adapt teaching and learning strategies appropriately, using approaches which enable students to be taught effectively.
2. Have a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit students' ability to learn, and how best to overcome these demonstrate an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual development of children, and know how to adapt teaching to support students' education at different stages of development.
3. Have a clear understanding of the needs of all students, including those with special educational needs; those of high ability; those with English as an additional language; those with disabilities; and be able to use and evaluate distinctive teaching approaches to engage and support them.

**Make accurate and productive use of assessment**

1. Know and understand how to assess the relevant subject and curriculum areas, including statutory assessment requirements.
2. Make use of formative and summative assessment to secure students' progress.
3. Use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons.
4. Give students regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage students to respond to the feedback.

**Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment**

1. Have clear rules and routines for behaviour in classrooms, and take responsibility for promoting good and courteous behaviour both in classrooms and around the school, in accordance with the school's behaviour policy.
2. Have high expectations of behaviour, and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to students' needs in order to involve and motivate them.
3. Maintain good relationships with students, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary.

**Fulfil wider professional responsibilities**

1. Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school.
2. Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues, knowing how and when to draw on advice and specialist support.
3. Deploy support staff effectively.
4. Take responsibility for improving teaching through appropriate professional development, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues communicate effectively with parents with regard to students' achievements and well-being.

**PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

A teacher is expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct. The following statements define the behaviour and attitudes which set the required standard for conduct throughout a teacher's career.

1. Teachers uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school by;
2. Treating students with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher's professional position having regard for the need to safeguard students' well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions.
3. Showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others.
4. Not undermining fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
5. Ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit students' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.
6. Teachers must have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which they teach and maintain high standards in their own attendance and punctuality.
7. Teachers must have an understanding of, and always act within, the statutory frameworks which set out their professional duties and responsibilities.

# PERSON SPECIFICATION

Criteria	E/D	A/I
<b>Teaching and Qualifications</b>		
Qualified Teacher Status /QTLS	E	A
Degree in relevant subject	E	A
Recent participation in relevant In-Service training	D	A
<b>Leadership &amp; Management</b>		
Experience of a middle leadership role	D	A/I
Experience of carrying out quality assurance (QA)	D	A/I/T
Experience of leading CPD	D	A/I
The capacity for sustained hard work and resilience	E	I
The ability to motivate and inspire others	E	I
The ability to work with a range of stakeholders	E	I
<b>Professional knowledge and understanding</b>		
Subject National Curriculum – All Key Stages	E	A
Assessment	E	A
Teaching and Learning strategies	E	A
Ability to teach subjects to GCSE/BTEC/OCR	E	A
Ability to teach subjects to A-Level/BTEC/OCR	E	A
Willingness to assist in delivery of extracurricular activities	E	A
An awareness of safeguarding children issues	E	A
<b>Personal Skills and Attributes</b>		
Ability to understand and demonstrate commitment to equality and diversity	E	A/I
High level of communication and interpersonal skills	E	A
Personal motivation	E	I
Ability to motivate students	E	I
Excellent organisation and administration skills	E	I
Excellent ICT Skills	E	I
Work as part of a team	E	A/I

E = Essential requirement of the role   D = Desirable requirement of the role   A = Assessed via the application form

I = Assessed at interview



## STEPHENSON TRUST

Stephenson Trust is based in Rainhill, Merseyside and is currently a single school in a multi academy trust. We have several external partners, including Hope University, Ambition Institute, SSAT, Rainbow teaching school hub and the educational endowment fund.

We are now seeking to expand in the next couple of years with those who share our desire to provide an excellent education

In our trust, our vision is one of excellence for everyone, students and staff. We believe that by working together, we can make a positive difference to children's lives. We place emphasis on wellbeing, collaboration and professional development for our staff, underpinned by research. Our aim is to ensure our students finish their education with us as well-rounded, well-grounded individuals who will make a positive contribution to society, which is partly achieved by ensuring our workforce is supported and professionally challenged, underpinned by comprehensive CPD programmes and wellbeing initiatives. We offer the following benefits, designed to promote your wellbeing and make your role enjoyable and rewarding.

For the right candidate there will be additional opportunities based on potential, ability and capacity to make a difference across the team and the school.

## BENEFITS OF WORKING FOR STEPHENSON TRUST

- A culture that actively promotes a positive work-life balance
- Local Government Pension Scheme with a generous employer contribution
- Flexible and Family Friendly Policies
- Continued Professional Development
- Lifestyle benefits and discounts
- Competitive salaries
- Free on-site parking
- On-site catering facilities



# HOW TO APPLY

<https://rainhillhighschool.org.uk/about/rhs-vacancies>

## GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

Your application form should be submitted to the school by email to the school's job vacancies email address provided, or by hard copy to the school postal address. Your application consists of two parts; the application form and the optional Equal Opportunities form.

Your application form will be used to measure you against the essential criteria as identified on the person specification. This is your opportunity to sell your skills, abilities and experience. It is important that you read the job description and person specification carefully and ensure that your application is tailored to the role you are applying for. You may also wish to submit a covering letter outlining how your career to date has prepared you for the post.

Take time to check your application form to ensure that you have completed all sections. Also check for any spelling and grammatical mistakes.

The Equal Opportunities form will be used to assist in monitoring the effects of the school's equal opportunities policy in recruitment and selection and will help us to develop and improve.

If you are applying for a post that includes working with children or vulnerable adults please include the date that you left secondary education. We may contact any of your previous employers to confirm information provided in your application.

**Section 6:** This is your opportunity to demonstrate to the shortlisting panel how you meet the essential criteria of the person specification. Use specific examples and evidence of your skills, abilities and experience to demonstrate how you meet the criteria.

**Section 7:** Please provide details of two referees, one of whom must be your current or most recent employer. Referees cannot be relatives or people writing solely in the capacity of friends. If you are applying for a post which involves working with children or vulnerable adults and you are not currently working with children or vulnerable adults, but have done so in the past, please provide details of the most recent employer of this type of employment.

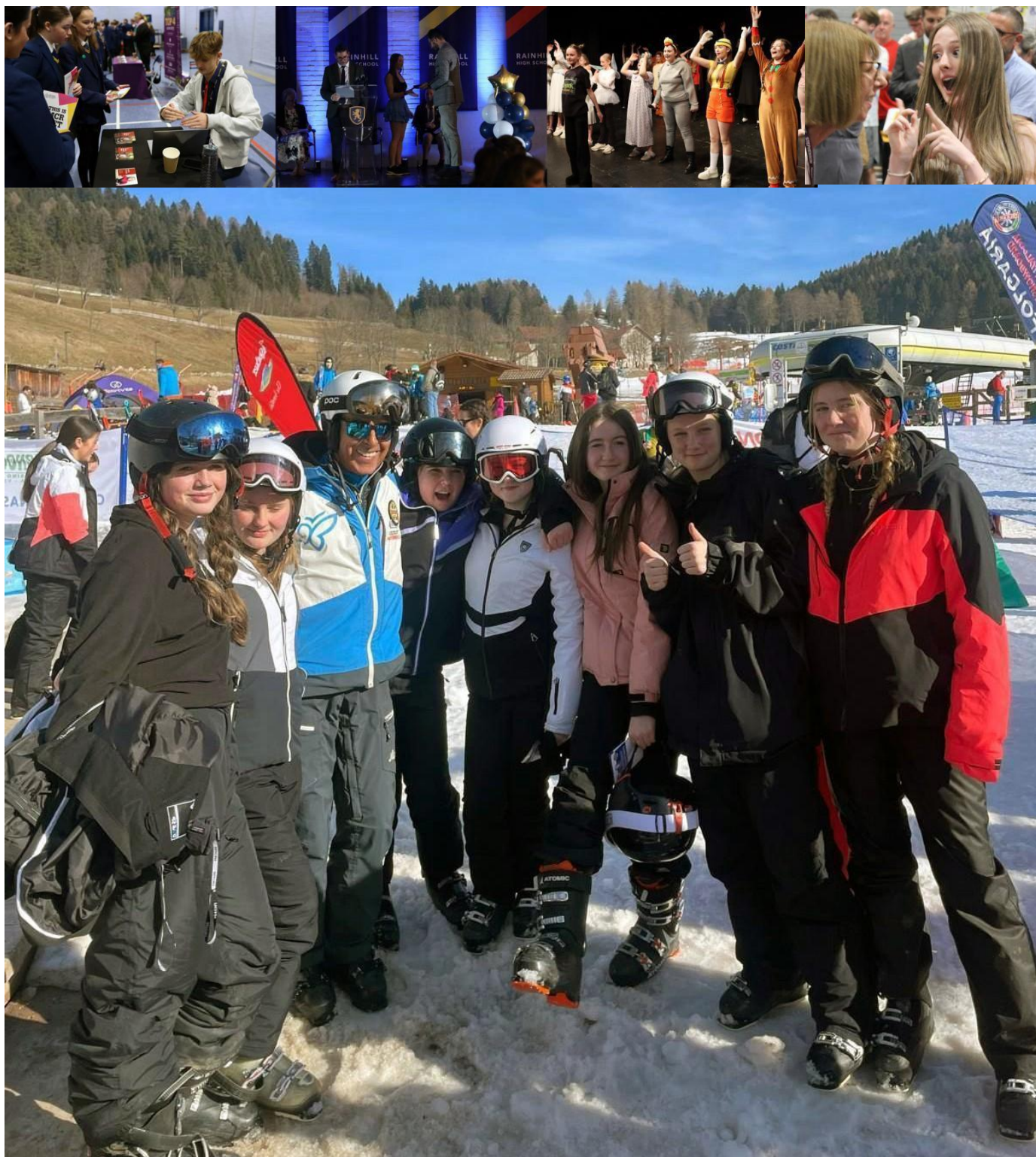
**Section 14:** In line with the statutory guidance document Keeping Children Safe in Education (2024) the trust will conduct online searches after the shortlisting process for any candidates who accept an invitation to interview.

You are required to sign the form to confirm that the information you have provided is accurate and true. Providing false or misleading information could result in your application being rejected, a conditional offer being withdrawn or lead to disciplinary proceedings which may result in dismissal. If you send your application by email, it will be deemed that you have signed the declaration. You will be required to sign a copy of your application form if you are invited for interview or if you are offered the post subject to further checks.

Application forms should be returned to [jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk](mailto:jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk)

Please note it is our policy to retain all application forms for unsuccessful applicants for a period of six months, after which time they are securely destroyed.

Click here for the Teacher [Application Form](#)





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