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YEAR 7 ANTI-BULLYING DAY

WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER



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Dear Parents and Students,

Good afternoon.

Thank you to all Year 10 parents who attended the Year 10 Expectations Evening. For those unable to attend, a recording of the speeches will be forwarded shortly via Synergy. This contains some important and useful information to parents that outlines GCSE Expectations and useful tips to support your child's studies. Inside this newsletter is an outline to homework expectations. Independent study is crucial to reinforce the learning completed in the school day. There are tips for parents about how to support this and a link to the homework timetable, so everyone knows what to expect. I was delighted to see a large number of Year 7 students trialling for sports teams this week. Friday's Freshers Fest will offer a fantastic range of other activities.

Thank you also to those parents who attending the Year 12 Expectations Evening. A copy of the presentation and attached materials has been sent via Synergy.

Next week we have our Year 13 Expectations Evening, we look forward to seeing you there. On Wednesday, we will be focussed on 'Anti-Bullying'. The school encourages children to be kind and considerate so that everyone can be happy and safe and know where and what to do if this is ever not the case.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Thorogood, Headteacher.



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NEXT WEEK FOLLOWS THE WEEK A TIMETABLE					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
18/09/23		Year 13 Expectations Evening	Year 7 Anti- Bullying Day		
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NEWS THIS WEEK

YEAR 7 ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Wednesday 20th September will be Year 7 pupils first drop-down day: Anti-Bullying Day.

Year 7 pupils will have an assembly during period 2 and spend the rest of their lessons studying Anti-Bullying:

Period 1 - What is Bullying?

Period 2 - Assembly & Bullying Facts

Period 3 - Celebrity trolls

Period 4 - Cyber Bullying

Period 5 - Kindness



YEAR 13 INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday 19th September 2023

I am delighted that we are able to hold our Information Evening 'live' this year and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 19th September 2023.

Building on the essential partnership between parent, sixth form and student, we will outline how we are supporting your son/daughter to achieve during Year 13, the role that your son/daughter has in this and, essentially, how you can best support them at home.

We will also share valuable information about how exams are intended to be run this year and how your son/daughter will be supported in preparation for them. Further, we will also share how our wider pastoral support network will help to equip your son/daughter with the resilience, drive and ambition to confidently take their next steps successfully whether that is to further study at university, undertaking an apprenticeship or entering the world of work.

The evening starts at 7 pm and we look forward to seeing you in the Sixth Form.

Mr Cunningham, Director of RH6.

BEHAVIOUR AND CULTURE UPDATE

The students have made a really positive start to the new academic year and the vast majority are consistently meeting the Rainhill Standards. One area for improvement is the standard of uniform, particularly jewellery. Please can you support us in ensuring your child arrives to school without any jewellery.

Thanks again in your continued support in helping improve the behaviour culture at Rainhill High School.

Mr McKeegan, Deputy Headteacher.

HOMEWORK TIMETABLE

The homework timetable can be found <u>here</u> and will be in place from next Monday 18th September.

There are a few things to be aware of:

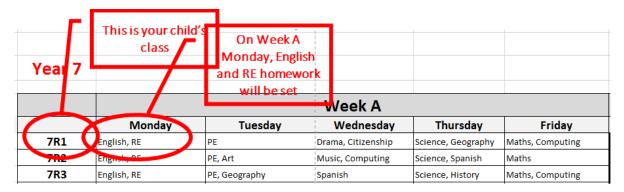
- Teachers will set homework on Synergy. This may be a link to an online package but it will always appear on Synergy.
- Homework can be research based, written, flipped learning or reading.
- Your child will receive feedback on homework. Feedback takes a range of forms this could be verbal feedback, peer marking, live marking or computer-based marking (for online homework).
- If your child is struggling with homework, they should see their class teacher either before school, at lunchtime, after school or via Teams.
- If your child is not set homework in accordance with the homework policy, the first contact should be made with the class subject teacher.

For Year 10 and Year 11 students:

- In addition to the standard homework slots, there are 'independent learning' slots allocated for all subjects. This is to support your child to get into good studying habits. Formal homework will not be set during these slots but your child's teacher could direct what to revise or revisit.
- Your child should be recapping lesson content, self-quizzing or revising using some of the strategies covered in form time and alluded to during Parent Information Evenings.

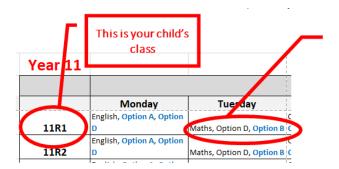
To understand the Timetable:

KS3



KS4

This follows a similar format to the KS3 timetable. Option subjects are detailed below the grid.



On Week A Tuesday, Maths and Option D
homework will be set. Independent learning
should also be done for Option B.
Subjects in that Option block are below the
timetable

Mrs Segal, Deputy Headteacher.





YEAR 11 LP1 PREPARATION

LP1 for Year 11 starts on **Monday 16th October**. Students will sit formal mock examinations in the hall during the LP period. Please can I ask that:

- You support your child by ensuring that they are in school on time, every day
- Your child has the correct equipment for the exams (calculator / highlighter pens / pens and pencils etc)

A timetable will be published to you next Friday.

In preparation for these exams, revision has started this week and intervention starts next week. Students have also been focusing on revision techniques in form time.

Intervention sessions:

- These are 45 minutes long and take place after school.
- Identified students will be required to attend these sessions letters have gone to parents of students involved.
- Attendance is based on distance from target in Year 10 LP3.
- Groups are small and put together based on specific areas of underperformance. Sessions will tackle one topic, exam question type or skill.
- Students will not be asked to stay behind by other subjects on the night they are down to be in, for example, English for intervention.

Revision sessions:

- These have already started.
- Revision sessions are less formal, open to all students and dependent on teacher availability.
- Revision sessions, although recommended, are not formal.
- Detail of when these are went to parents at the Parent Information Evening however the nature of revision sessions means that these can change.

Independent Learning (Revision):

- Students have been learning how to 'reduce' information this week as a method to revise and consolidate. Details can be viewed here. Please support with this at home
- The homework timetable has dedicated 'Independent Study' slots indicated on it. Please encourage your son or daughter to use this to structure and support with their revision schedule for the examinations.
- Please also refer to the information from the Parent Information Evening for further details on revision techniques.

I am so pleased that Year 11 have made such a great start to the year. It has been a pleasure to see them in assemblies, in form time and around the school site. Thank you for your part in making this happen.

Mrs Segal, Deputy Headteacher.



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RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS

Come along to our exciting Year 6 Open Evening at Rainhill High.

Wednesday 27th September and Thursday 28th September 2023 is a fantastic opportunity for you and your child to experience life at Rainhill High School.

As we are a popular school, to help you plan, here's a guide: If your surname falls between A-M, consider attending on Wednesday; if it's N-Z, consider attending on Thursday. But remember, these are just recommendations to help the event run effectively.

The car park opens at 5:45pm and the event starts at 6:15pm.

Don't miss this chance to explore our school's dynamic learning environment and discover the incredible opportunities we can offer your child.

We look forward to seeing you there!



BAKE OFF 2023







European Day of Languages Bake off 2023!

We want to (and taste) your baking skills!
Bring your cake (labelled) to E block before school/during form,
on Wednesday 27th September.

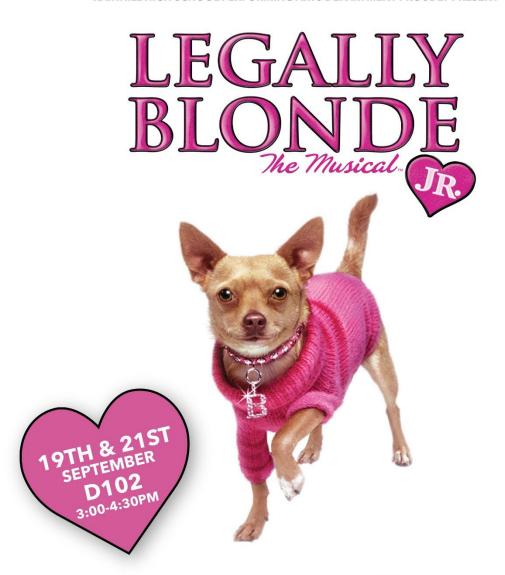
We'll choose a winner and then all the cakes will be sold at break/lunch to raise money for Macmillan Cancer care.





AUDITIONS FOR LEGALLY BLONDE

RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENT



AUDITIONS

FOR OUR NEXT SCHOOL PRODUCTION

 $\textbf{Music and Lyrics by} \ \mathsf{Laurence} \ \mathsf{O'Keefe} \ \mathsf{and} \ \mathsf{Nell} \ \mathsf{Benjamin}$

Book by Heather Hach

 $\textbf{Based on the novel by} \ \mathsf{Amanda} \ \mathsf{Brown} \ \mathsf{and the} \ \mathsf{Metro\text{-}Goldwyn\text{-}Mayer} \ \mathsf{motion} \ \mathsf{picture}$

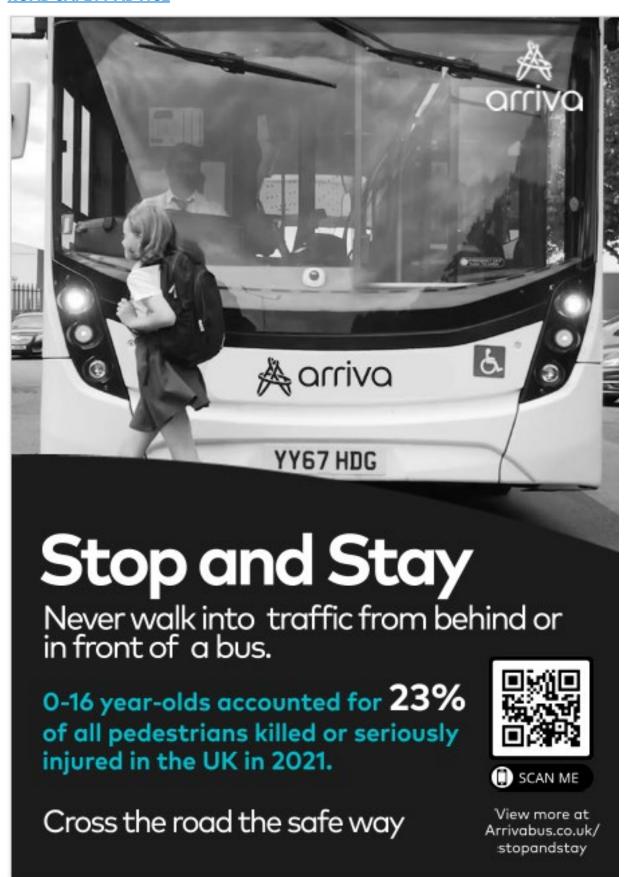
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All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

www.mtishows.co.uk



ROAD SAFETY ADVICE





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SANITARY PRODUCTS FOR STUDENTS

We currently have a grant from the Government which enables us as a school to provide free sanitary products to our students for school or home use. If any student would like to take advantage of this incentive, please contact your Year Student Manager who will be able to help you further.

REPORTING ABSENCES/LATE TO SCHOOL/FORTHCOMING APPOINTMENTS/UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES VIA ABSENCE TAB ON SYNERGY

Synergy is the primary source of communication from school to all parents in relation to your child.

Synergy also enables daily attendance alerts to be sent to parents and allows you to:

- report your child's absence from school
- query if your child has an unexplained absence mark
- inform the school if your child is going to be late
- let us know of any forthcoming medical appointments for your child
- reply to the Attendance Team if you have received an attendance alert

<u>Please use Synergy to report absences in the first instance</u>. This can be actioned by accessing the contact school option from the home screen, followed by the absence option.

ANNUAL FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME 2023

<u>Important Information from St Helens Immunisation Team - Annual Flu Vaccination</u> Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu.

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year. The immunisation team will be coming into school to deliver on Tuesday, 5th December 2023.

Please visit the below link to access further information and complete your child's consent form even if you don't want them to receive their flu spray as this will avoid further communications from our service.

https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/

If you are unable to complete the online form, please contact our team who will be happy to help. If after completing your child's form you attend the GP and your child receives the flu nasal spray or wish to amend their form you must contact the immunisation team directly and not your child's school.

Yours faithfully,

St Helens School Immunisation Services 01744 415 645



HELP AND SUPPORT

CURRICULUM QUERIES

Heads of Department

English Philosophy & Ethics Ms Dickman Mr Ernest **Mathematics** Mrs Hughes **Social Sciences** Mr Bunby Mr Rimmer **Computer Science** Miss Johnson Science Miss Robinson Art Design Technology Mr Bennett Dr Gordon **Biology** Languages Miss D'Anna Miss Hesketh **Food Studies** Mrs Bolland Chemistry **Physics** Mr Hurst **Performing Arts** Mrs McCann **History & Politics** PE Mr Rachi Geography Mrs Parkinson **Life Skills** Mr East

(PSHE/Citizenship)

PASTORAL QUERIES

Stage 1 Form Tutor
Stage 2 Year Student Manager/Progress Coach
Stage 3 Year Progress Leader/Director RH6
Stage 4 Deputy Headteachers Mrs Munro/Mrs Segal/Mr McKeegan
Stage 5 Headteacher Mrs Thorogood

Pastoral Structure

Y7 Student Manager Mr Heron **Y7 Progress Leader** Mr Shoebridge **Y8 Student Manager** Mr Webster Miss Hill **Y8 Progress Leader** Mrs Haselden **Y9 Progress Leader Y9 Student Manager** Mr Moran Y10 Student Manager Mrs Jackson Y10 Progress Leader Mr Giles **Y11 Progress Leader Y11 Student Manager** Miss Gordon Mr Barry **RH6 Progress Coaches** Mrs Duffy/Mrs Nugent **Director RH6** Mr Cunningham

Communications Policy

Please <u>click here</u> to view our new communications policy.