

FRIDAY 14TH JANUARY 2022

# PARENT & STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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OUR NEW LIBRARY
IS NOW OPEN!
BREAK, LUNCH
& AFTER SCHOOL



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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Students,

Good afternoon.

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well.

This week has seen the official opening of our brand new, purpose build school library. This is supported by Miss Dugdale, our full-time librarian. The facility is open from 8:00am each morning, during break, lunch and after school until 3:55pm for reading, book club and private study. Watch out for competitions and reading challenges and please encourage your child to get involved.

Next week is an important week for Year 11 students as they will receive their LP1 exam results and we launch Passport to the Prom. We are clear that all students need to regain the momentum of their studies and will be supported where needed. However, this is no substitute for a consistent, regular revision programme over time. This will be a key part of our PSHE programme for all students as we get ready for exams.

Please note the change in Covid advice (Page 13 & 14) i.e. self-isolation for 5 days not 7 from Monday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Thorogood, Headteacher.



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	<u>FRIDAY</u>
17/01/22		Dance Show		Year 11 Parents Evening and Mock Results Day (Virtually)	





# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING**

The Year 11 Parents Evening will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Due to the current Covid-related restrictions, it will be a virtual event, via SchoolCloud. Information about how to log on and make appointments with subject teachers has been sent out to parents via Synergy.

#### **CAREERS FAIR - WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2022**

#### Would you like to share your work experience with our students?

We are hoping to run our annual careers fair on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February but due to Covid restrictions, this may not be possible in person.

We would like to ask all parents if they are able to contribute to our **virtual careers event by recording a short clip** explaining their job role.

We are looking for employers, business owners and anyone within who is prepared to talk about their world of work and the following:

- Skills and qualifications
- Pathways to different job roles
- Highs, lows and benefits of their job
- Salary bracket (optional however students are keen to know this!)

We are also planning to run live Q&A sessions for students and employers which we can arrange through Microsoft Teams during week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> January.

If you are interested, please email Miss Bryant to discuss further - cherry.bryant@rainhillhigh.org.uk





#### **WINTER DANCE SHOWCASE**





#### **CATERING PRACTICAL EXAM DATES**

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
11D/Cg1	11A/Cg1	11D/Cg1	11A/Cg1
C105 - Opens 8:30am	C105 - Opens 8:30am	C107 - Opens 8:30am	C105 - Opens 8:30am
Exam Time	Exam Time	Exam Time	Exam Time
8:45am - 11:45am	8:45am - 11:45am	8:45am - 11:45am	8:45am - 11:45am

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
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## MARGINAL GAINS



HOW THE PROFESSIONALS MAKE SMALL CHANGES TO IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE



#### Clinic YEAR 11 PRACTICAL CLINICS FOR ASSIGNMENT 2'S PRACTICAL EXAMS

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January after school revision on bread/naan bread/how to make churros.
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January after school revision on pastry making rough puff/shortcrust/choux pastry.
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January after school how to make a batter to coat/make pancakes.
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January after school how to make pasta lasagne, tagliatelle and spaghetti.
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January after school how to joint a chicken.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January after school how to make mayonnaise/salad dressing.
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January after school how to pipe Viennese biscuits/how to pipe Duchesse potatoes.
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January after school how to use gelatine to set a mousse, cheesecake/how to make a caramel.
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January after school how to make jam/tomato chutney.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January after school revision on making a roux sauce/how to make a traditional custard.
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February after school making samosa.





# **NEWS THIS WEEK**

SIXTH FORM DEADLINE APPLICATIONS







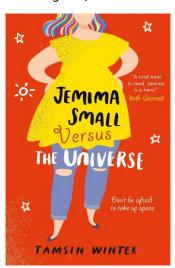
#### MISS DUGDALE'S BOOK OF THE WEEK

My book of the week this week is Tamsin Winter's Jemima Small Versus the Universe.

I loved this book so much that I read it in one sitting. Tamsin Winter has created a character who is funny and smart but doesn't always know it. Jemima learns how to ignore her bullies as well as her own negative thoughts as she struggles to accept, and ultimately celebrate, her whole self.

*Jemima Small Versus the Universe* can teach us all how to love ourselves and our talents, and overcome adversity to become the best we can be!

Miss Dugdale, School Librarian.





#### **OUR NEW LIBRARY OPENING TIMES**





**Before School** 8:05 - 8:55





#### After School

Between 2:55 and 4:05 Silent reading, study and extra-curricular:





**Thursday** Library Ambassador meetings









#### **JOIN OUR PTFA!**

#### SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.

#### IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

#### MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

## BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

# PTFA

#### BECAUSE IT'S FUN!

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh.

Cry. Be there for each other.

#### CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER

Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them.

Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

## REASONS TO JOIN RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL'S

PTFA

#### LEARN NEW SKILLS

Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

#### 8 IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them

#### 9 IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS

Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.

## CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.

"We are always looking for new members to come and join our friendly PTFA.

Any ideas that you may have that would benefit the school would be warmly welcomed.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th Jan at 6.30pm in the 6th Form Centre. Please come along if you can. You can contact us at PTFA@rainhillhigh.org.uk to register interest."



#### **PTFA LOTTERY**



In our first term, the cash prizes amounted to £167.50!!

30th March.

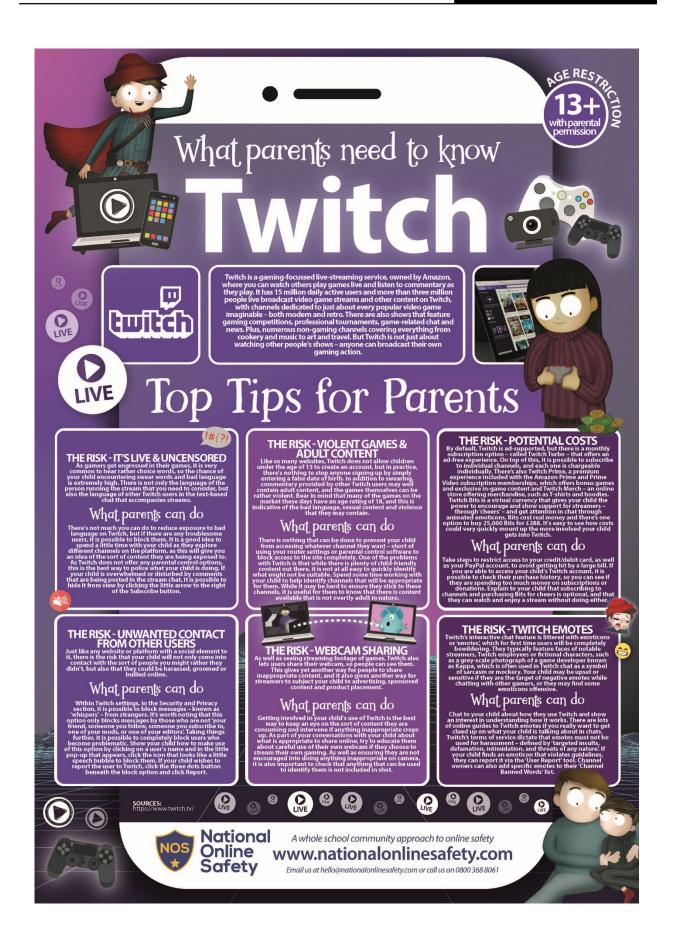
Please help support your school & buy your share. Just click on the School Lottery link in "Pay For Other Items" on your ParentPay page.

### You have to be in to win it!

Winners will be announced in the school newsletter & contacted by the PTFA.

SMALL SOCIETY LOTTERIES NUMBER: SL1324









#### **ACADEMIC MENTORS - MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, HUMANITIES**

#### National Tutoring Programme - £24,000 pa pro rata

Are you an aspiring Maths, Science or Humanities teacher who is looking to gain some essential classroom experience and would like to consider a role as an Academic Mentor as the next progression for you at this stage of your career?

We are a fantastic secondary school looking to appoint recent graduates to work as Academic Mentors within our vibrant Faculties. If you have recently graduated with a Mathematics, Science or Humanities related degree and are now looking to make further progress towards your career goals... then we would love to hear from you.

As an Academic Mentor you will play a key role in supporting pupils that may have encountered barriers to learning by delivering quality tuition sessions to small groups.

We are looking for passionate, driven and caring people to support those whose education has been most disrupted by the pandemic. You will play a key role in enabling students in the most disadvantaged areas to build their confidence and access targeted support whilst developing skills and experience in school for your future career.

You will be employed by the school on a full-time fixed term contract until July 2022., and you are required to successfully complete a training programme with the National Tutoring Programme prior to the start date. You will additionally benefit from a custom program of online training via Liverpool Hope University. This will be one week of training for qualified teachers and two weeks for Graduates.

The post may be subject to renewal for a suitable candidate.

If you think this is the job for you, please submit your application form or CV to jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk

Closing date for applications: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 9.00AM

Interviews: TBC

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 a Disclosing & Barring Service Enhanced Disclosure Certificate



# CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

#### **CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION**

#### **Self-Isolation**

Please note that self-isolation guidance has now changed to reflect 5 x day isolation instead of 7.

Information regarding self-isolation (for those testing positive and 'contacts') can be found here - <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/</a>

#### **On-Site Testing**

The on site test centre is open, until further notice, every morning from 8:20am to 9:10am for anybody who would prefer to undertake an on-site test rather than a home test.

The school is working closely with Public Health officials and, given the high prevalence of COVID currently in the Borough, in addition to the twice weekly COVID lateral flow home testing that is recommended by the Government, we are also offering all students an on-site lateral flow test once per week until the end of January. Please note this is optional and you should inform your child not to undertake the test if you would prefer them not to.

#### **Face Coverings**

Where pupils in year 7 (which would be children who were aged 11 on 31 August 2021) and above are educated, the Government recommends that face coverings should be worn by pupils, staff and adult visitors when moving around the premises, outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas. This is a temporary measure.

From January 4th, the Government also recommends that those in schools where pupils in year 7 and above are educated, face coverings should be worn in classrooms. This does not apply in situations where wearing a face covering would impact on the ability to take part in exercise or strenuous activity, for example in PE lessons. This will also be a temporary measure.

Pupils must also wear a face covering when travelling on public transport and should wear it on dedicated transport to and from school.

#### PCR test as part of QA of COVID testing

The aim of COVID testing is to make our education community safer and limit the transmission of Covid-19. Up to 30-50% of people who have Covid-19 virus may have no or very mild symptoms, but they could still spread the disease to others. Regular twice weekly testing and reporting, along with other preventive measures, helps limit the transmission of Covid-19. This helps keep our schools open and our community safe.

Rainhill High School is working in partnership with the Department for Health and Social Care and has agreed, as part of a wider analysis across a number of schools throughout the UK, to undertake a Quality Assurance exercise to support NHS Test & Trace and I am writing to you to let you know what this involves.





We will invite a large proportion of staff and pupils who already perform LFD tests at home to pick up a single use PCR kit from school, during January, so that they can perform a PCR test alongside their usual home LFD test during January. If invited to take part, please ensure that you undertake and register the PCR test in accordance with the instructions given.

Please note that taking part in the exercise is optional.

#### **Vaccinations for those aged 12-15**

Young people aged 12 to 15 in England will be offered a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine at a minimum of 12 weeks from the first dose, following advice from the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

NHS England have now confirmed that, as with first doses, healthy school-aged children aged 12 to 15 will be able to receive their second COVID-19 vaccination in their school next term, as well as having the option to receive the vaccine out of school, such as through vaccination centres. These offers will run in parallel.

Parents can book first and second vaccinations for their child, if aged 12 or over, through the <u>NHS booking</u> system.

Further information on vaccination for 12 to 15 year olds is available on the NHS website.

For those wanting to wait to receive the second COVID-19 vaccination in school – The St Helens Schools Immunisations Team as confirmed they will be delivering vaccinations at the school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2022. A link to register for a vaccination will be sent out, via the School Synergy system, next week.

#### **COVID Update for Parents/Carers from the Government**

The Government have now produced a document for parents regarding 'what they need to know about COVID and education settings', the document can be accessed via <u>clicking here</u>.





# REMOTE LEARNING



How does my child access learning if they have tested positive for COVID and have to self-isolate?

For pupils that are self-isolating, their remote learning will differ from their previous remote learning experience when whole cohorts or bubbles were self-isolating. As your child's teachers will now be delivering to pupils in school, they will not receive a full timetable of live lessons as they did during the previous lockdown. Having said this, live content will still be part of their remote learning experience, and at appropriate times they may access live lessons but will be required to have their camera off and microphone on when this occurs.

What will happen on the day that I notify the school that my child is self-isolating?



By the end of day 1 of self-isolation, your child will be added to their relevant self-isolation Team on our Microsoft Teams platform. This is the same platform that we have previously used for remote learning so it will be familiar to your child. The Team will be listed as your child's year group followed by Remote Learning – Self Isolation. For example, if your child is in Year 8 they would look on Microsoft Teams for "Year 8 Remote Learning – Self Isolation". Click on the Files tab at the top of the page, then click on Class Materials followed by the the subject they have on their timetable that day. Then select the relevant week and lesson to access the work. Work will be issued in line with your child's timetable. Your child will have a copy of their timetable in their Key to Success file or alternatively you can access their timetable via Synergy. If your child has a live lesson on their calendar they only need to join the lesson if it matches their timetable. If you have any issues please contact the school.



## What will the work look like and how can my child get help if they need it?

Within the independent work set via Microsoft Teams, there will be clear instructions of what your child needs to submit along with when and how they can submit the work. They will receive feedback on their work in line with the school's policy. Your child can contact the teacher with any questions by using the Microsoft Teams chat facility. Their teacher will respond to any appropriate questions based upon work set within 24 hours. Your child's engagement will be monitored during self-isolation by the pastoral team, subject teacher and Head of Faculty. If your child is not engaging with the work we will contact you to discuss this and establish how we can support them moving forwards.



## My child is too ill to work - how will they catch up?

If your child is not well enough to complete the work please inform the school so we can support them with any missed learning on their return.

What if I don't have stationery, internet access or a device to access Teams?



We recognise that some pupils may not have suitable stationery or online access at home during self-isolation. If you have any concerns regarding this, please contact your child's Year Student Manager at the school immediately and we can support your child in accessing online learning during self-isolation.



## What if my child is eligible for Free School Meals?

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you will receive a Supermarket voucher from the school to cover the period of self-isolation. Please inform the school when you report your child's self-isolation confirming if you would like a voucher for Tesco, Asda or Morrisons.

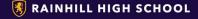


## What if I have problems with my username and password on Teams?

Your child's username for Teams will be their RO number and the password they have selected. If your child cannot access Teams please contact their Year Student Manager who will be able to support.

#### **Parent Checklist**

- Inform school of your child's COVID self-isolation and let us know if they are well enough to access remote learning.
- If you are entitled to Free School Meals let us know if you would like a voucher for TESCO, ASDA or Morisons.
- If you need support to access remote learning on Teams contact us.







## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **CATERING W/C 17/01/22**

Please see below the list of practical lessons planned in Catering/Food Preparation and Nutrition - week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January.





10A/Cg1	lesson on Monday period 1 and then on Tuesday period 2 the dough will be assembled into
	Chelsea buns, proved and baked.
10D/Cg1	No ingredients required.
11A/Cg1	Tuesday period 5 – Students are making the second dish they have chosen for their GCSE
	practical exam.
110/0-1	Wednesday period 1 – Students are making the second dish they have chosen for their GCSE
11D/Cg1	practical exam.

Students are making a sweet yeast mixture – Chelsea Buns. The dough will be made in

#### **REPORT PUPILS ATTENDANCE**

If you are contacting school for any of the below reasons, could you please choose Option 2 on the telephone system. This will direct you to the Attendance line where you will be able to leave a message. Alternatively, you can leave a message under the Absence/Appointment tab on School Synergy.

- Reporting pupil absence
- Reporting pupil late for school
- Reporting Hospital/GP/Dental Appointments

Thank you.

#### **SPORTING ABSENCES**

If your son/daughter is competing at County/ Regional/National/International level, a Leave of Absence Form is to be completed and returned to school.



## **HELP AND SUPPORT**

#### **CURRICULUM QUERIES**

#### **Heads of Department**

English Y11	Ms Dickman	Philosophy & Ethics	Mr Ernest
Mathematics Y7, Y8 & Y9	Mrs Hughes	Social Sciences	Mr Jarvis
Mathematics Y10 & Y11	Mr Rimmer	Computer Science	Miss Johnson
Science	Miss Robinson	Art Design Technology	Mr Bennett
Biology	Dr Gordon	Languages	Miss D'Anna
Chemistry	Miss Hesketh	Food Studies	Mrs Bolland
Physics	Mr Hurst	Performing Arts	Mrs McCann
History & Politics	Mr Procter	PE	Mr Rachi
Geography	Mrs Parkinson	Life Skills	Miss Bryant
		(PSHE/Citizenship)	

#### **Pastoral Queries**

Stage 1	Form Tutor	
Stage 2	Year Student Manager	
Stage 3	Year Progress Leader	
Stage 4	Deputy Headteacher's	Mrs Munro/Mrs Segal/Mr McKeegan
Stage 5	Headteacher	Mrs Thorogood

#### **Pastoral Structure**

Y7 Student Manager	Mrs Martin	Y7 Progress Leader	Mr Shoebridge
Y8 Student Manager	Mrs Foster	Y8 Progress Leader	Miss Rangel
Y9 Student Manager	Miss Seddon	Y9 Progress Leader	Mr Giles
Y10 Student Manager	Mr Whitfield	Y10 Progress Leader	Mrs Haselden
Y11 Student Manager	Miss Gordon	Y11 Progress Leader	Mr Giles

#### **Formal Complaints**

If you wish to formally complain, please click here to find our complaints procedure.