

Friday 15th July

PARENT & STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE



CHAMPIONS

RAINHILL SWEEPS THE BOARD AT TOWN SPORTS 2022

35 **GOLD**

20 **SILVER**

16 **BRONZE**



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Dear Parents and Students,

Good afternoon.

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well.

We have reached the end of another academic year. A huge thank you to the students, parents and staff for all their support over the course of the year.

Rightly, this newsletter focuses on many of the highlights of the school year from Duke of Edinburgh to Diversity and Sports Day. Next week we are looking forward to celebrating the academic, attendance and enrichment achievements of Y7-Y10 students in our Achievers Assemblies.

I would like to highlight the huge achievement at Town Sports this week, where Rainhill students won in every category and were crowned overall winners; a unique and fantastic achievement by all involved.

We are expecting very hot weather on Monday and Tuesday. In line with the heath advice, students will not need to wear their blazers or tie but must still wear the rest of their uniform as normal. We will deliver sporting activities indoors and expect children to bring a water bottle that can be refilled at break and lunch time. Students are also advised to stay in the shade at break and lunch time.

During the course of the holiday, we will send an electronic summer pack full of information to parent/carers via Synergy. To avoid any confusion and a smooth start to the year, I will write with uniform expectations next week to guide any purchases.

The new school year starts on the 5th September 2022 for Year 7-11, students are to be on site for 8:50am.

We look forward to seeing many of you on GCSE and A Level results day before then.

I wish you all a lovely, safe summer break.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Thorogood, Headteacher.



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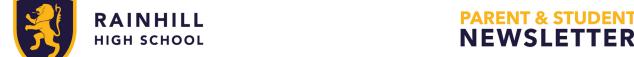
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NEXT WEEK FOLLOWS THE WEEK B TIMETABLE

Start of the Summer Holidays

FRIDAY



NEWS THIS WEEK

LAST DAY OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

School will close for the summer holidays on Wednesday 20th July at 2.55pm

Lessons will run as normal with the exception of a celebration/rewards assembly for each year group and R in the park on the final afternoon.

We are aware that some primary schools and other secondaries in bordering local authorities may have different holiday dates.

Students are expected to attend school up to and including the last day of term.

We thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends until the end of the academic year.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS NEXT WEEK

Given the unprecedented temperatures forecast for Monday (18th) and Tuesday (19th) of next week, we have taken the decision that students will not be required to wear blazers or ties (top button of shirt may be undone) but the remainder of the uniform must still be worn smartly.

We would advise parents consider the use of sun cream for their child/children on the affected days and ensure they bring a bottle of water to school (which can be re-filled, for free, throughout the day at one of our water machines).

We will continue to observe the forecast and provide any updates, if applicable, via School Synergy.

R IN THE PARK

We will be hosting our annual R in the Park Event on Wednesday 20th July. All students will participate for the duration of the afternoon. Students will need to bring cash to use the rides (cost will be approximately £2.40 - £4 per ride). We advise students to bring change as there will be no facility in school to exchange notes.

ENROLMENT INTO THE SIXTH FORM AUGUST 2022

Year 11 into Year 12

Year 11 students will be able to enrol into the Sixth Form from 10am on Thursday 25th August 2022 after they have collected their GCSE results. Results can be collected from the Sports Hall. There will be key members of staff from school, the sixth form and SLT all on hand to give practical advice and guidance and to assist in enrolling students.

Enrolment continues until 4pm on Thursday 25th August and from 9:30am to 2:00pm on Friday 26th August 2022. Should these dates prove problematic for any reason then students can still enrol from Tuesday 30th August until Friday 2nd September (inclusive) from 9:30am – 12:30pm and from 1:30pm to 3:00pm on each day. Students must call to make appointments on these days.

However, given the high volume of applicants for Rainhill Sixth Form next year from both internal and external applicants it is advisable for Rainhill students to secure a place at the Sixth Form on GCSE results day. If you know you are going to be away on this date but are certain that your son/daughter would like to come to Rainhill Sixth Form please make contact via Synergy with Mr Cunningham before the end of the summer term for guidance about what to do on GCSE results day.

Mr Cunningham, Director of Rainhill Sixth.





RACE FOR LIFE

Around 50 students took part in 'Race for Life' last Friday. The event was a great success and it was lovely to see staff and students running together and, in many cases, discussing each other's reasons for taking part.

Rainhill students have been fundraising for Cancer Research UK throughout the academic year and have raised in excess of £4000 for this worthy cause.

Thank you to Mrs Foster for organising this event. Watch this space for further events planned for the next year!

Mr McKeegan, Deputy Headteacher.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH ADVENTURES

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a leading youth charity which gives all young people the chance to develop skills for work and life, fulfil their potential and have a brighter future.

The scheme embraces many life skills and promotes positive citizenship skills that students will need in the future as well as giving them the opportunity to achieve success in a non-academic environment. Students are also encouraged to volunteer their time and skills to a particular cause or activity, e.g. working to develop skills with younger children or older people; as a volunteer with a local charity etc. Students are encouraged to become involved in the school; running and organising of a variety of enrichment activities; playing to their own range of skill sets and interests, thus contributing to gaining their own award and involving others within in the school and local community.

This year, our Bronze participants completed their practice expedition around Rainford/Billinge and their assessment at Burwardsley in Cheshire. The assessment involved a 2-day, 1-night expedition. Our Bronze pupils did exceptionally well whilst away on expedition and got lucky with the weather conditions – some would say it was even pleasant! They did a fantastic job of representing Rainhill High School. Some stand out navigational skills came from Emily Ashton, William Hanley and Thomas Chisholm, as well as some outstanding camp craft skills from Alfie Morris and Marco Montemurro.

Our Silver participants opted to take upon canoeing and save their feet this year. Their practice expedition took place on the River Trent near Nottingham with their assessment expedition taking place this weekend on the River Severn in Wroxeter. Whilst during the practice, our Silver pupils developed their navigational skills as well as learning the new skill of canoeing. Despite a few capsizing through the training, mainly Alex Thomas and Niamh McNamara, all of our Silver pupils really enjoyed themselves and are really looking forward to this weekend. We wish them good luck with their Silver award.

Miss Gordon, Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator.







TOWN SPORTS 2022 - CHAMPIONS OF ST HELENS!

Rainhill High finish top as they achieve a clean sweep at St Helens Town Sports!

Tuesday 12th July saw us return to Town Sports after a two year break due to COVID. This year marked a change of venue to the Victoria Park track in Warrington, however we hoped that a new venue wouldn't mean a change in fortune as we went into the event having won the last three 'Overall Team Titles'. It turns out that we had nothing to be worried about... the hard work that the pupils had put in over the summer term, in lessons and at after school practices, well and truly paid off!

Split into three age categories, St. Helens Town Sports involves boys' and girls' competitions that fall into Juniors (Y7), Inters (Y8/9) and Seniors (Y10/11) with individual performances feeding into team totals. This is then totalled together to bring about Overall Boys Champion, Overall Girls Champion and an Overall Team Champion.

Taking a squad of 95 athletes, we had put together our biggest squad to date and every one of the athletes contributed on the day, winning points for the school with many also winning medals and, in some cases, breaking school records. We even had the accolade of breaking two long held St. Helens Town records!

The level of success seen on the day was record breaking, the likes of which we have never seen in the School's history! Our awards included:

- Junior Boys Champions
- Inter Boys Champions
- Senior Boys Champions
- Juniors Girls Champions
- Inter Girls Champions
- Senior Girls Champions
- Overall Boys Champions
- Overall Girls Champions
- Overall Team Champions

Individual accolades and medals will be presented to the athletes who took part at our annual Sports Presentation Evening on Monday 18th July; the total medal haul makes for impressive reading:

- 35 Gold
- 20 Silver
- 16 Bronze

On the day, there were numerous outstanding performances and achievements but a special mention must go to our returning Yr11 pupils who came back to compete; Owen Dagnall leaves Rainhill with a string of sporting accolades to his name but he may have left his greatest contribution for the end, running a jaw dropping 52.35 in the Senior Boys 400m - he broke a 25-year-old record, knocking off more than a second.

Millie O'Hanlon wasn't content on being a one-time St Helen's Town record holder in the high jump and made it two records in her last competition for the school - in the Senior Girls High Jump, a lifetime best of 1.70m saw her go higher than any jumper since 2011, adding another 15cm to the record in the process!

We are unbelievably proud of the pupils who competed at Town Sports, not only for the results on the day but for the manner in which they represented the school; in all aspects they honoured our school vision 'in pursuit of excellence'. A huge well done and sincere congratulations to all students and the staff who supported them in attaining their achievements.

Mr Rachi, Head of PE.





SPORTS DAY 2022

It was very pleasing to see Sports Day return in all its glory post Covid this year and it turns out it was worth the wait. We are extremely proud of the fact that our Sports Day is a fully inclusive event which see's all pupils in Y7-10 compete and gain points from their house. Since return to school after Easter, pupils have been gaining points by hitting our Sports Day standard marks in their athletics lessons. All of these points are totalled up and added to the field finals that take place over a two-week period; culminating in the sprint finals which took place on Thursday 7th July.

It was a great occasion on sprint finals day which saw a record number of athletes competing and even more medals given out to the winners. So many great performances over the two weeks but special mention must go to Y7 Phoebus Harrison who broke the Y7 Long Jump record and Y7 300m record. When this is added to 100m and Triple Jump records she broke at Town Sports it's quite the impressive start to her athletics career at Rainhill.

All the points gained from finals day and lessons feed towards our Year and Overall winning totals. Here are the results...

- Year 7 Winners Rocket House
- Year 8 Winners Rocket House
- Year 9 Winners Stephenson House
- Year 10 Winners Sans Pareil House

Overall Winners - Rocket House

Well done to all athletes that took their places on finals day and contributed by hitting the Sports Day Standards mark in lessons. It's been a great season of athletics in school.

Mr Rachi, Head of PE.



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RAINHILL STUDENT PARLIAMENT

This week saw the first sitting of the new Rainhill Student Parliament!

This exciting new initiative is an evolution of our former student council model and sees our head students chairing a forum of form reps to discuss and vote on key issues which affect young people.

The first debate was about which charities to support as a school in the Autumn term. There were some high-quality speeches prepared and delivered by form reps and they represented the student body excellently.

I look forward to continuing this project next year and putting pupil voice at the heart of decision making in the school.

Mr Roberts, Assistant Headteacher.





DIVERSITY CONFERENCE VISIT

This week, students from our Diversity Leadership Committee visited Rainford High School for a Diversity Conference. The conference included four key note speakers all covering a different aspect of diversity:

John Barnes (former England and LFC footballer), Christian Owens (Genderspace UK), Wale Adeyemi MBE (Fashion Designer) and Paula Barker MP (member of Parliament for Liverpool Wavertree).

Our pupils also attended a number of workshops on further diversity themes such as developing a whole school approach to derogatory language and how to tackle racism.

It was great to collaborate with other schools from across the region at this event and we are looking forward to disseminating what we have learnt in our own school moving forward.

Mr Roberts, Assistant Headteacher.







PARLIAMENT VISIT - SERIOUS STUFF

Last week, researchers from Parliament Dylan Topham and David Broster came to visit Rainhill.

Year 7 Citizenship classes wrote to Parliament to ask about law and policy on issues around plastic pollution.

Students completed research on problems with plastic waste and wanted to know how the Government were addressing this issue. Marie Rimmer sent a Geography advisor to deliver an interesting speech to our students. Also, during this week, we heard first-hand about the resignation of Boris Johnson! Dylan and David were able to give us their predictions. Thank you, Dylan and David, for your political input.

Miss Bryant, Head of Citizenship.

RAINHILL REAL SELFIE

Year 7 PSHE students have been challenging the 'selfie' in PSHE to avoid trying to constantly pursue the perfect image - which is impossible! Year 7 students were involved in a 'Real' photoshoot last week. They were not allowed to pout or pose and had to behave naturally and show their personalities.

We had loads of fun, students were dressing up, telling jokes and being themselves.

Miss Bryant, Head of Citizenship.





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GOOD SUMMER READS

KS3

- His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- Green Rising by Lauren James
- Artichoke Hearts by Sita Brahmachari
- The Hate U Give, Angle Thomas
- Coraline, Neil Gaiman
- The Book Thief by Markus Zusack
- I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World by Malala Yousafzai
- Shadow and Bone, Leigh Bardugo

<u>KS4</u>

- Ready Player One, Ernest Cline
- The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo, Taylor Jenkins Reid
- I Capture the Castle, Dodie Smith
- A Good Girl's Guide to Murder, Holly Jackson
- The Inheritance Games, Jennifer Lynn Barnes
- 1984, George Orwell
- To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee
- The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood
- Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover
- This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. The Climate by Naomi Klein

EXCELLENCE IN PUPIL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The Excellence in Pupil Development Award offers a structured framework to evaluate and enrich our pastoral curriculum. It supports us in developing pupil's personal attributes and attitudes, such as self-confidence, resilience and self-discipline. With a focus on involving local and national organisations, this award will support our ethos of preparing our pupils for life in modern Britain.

We are delighted to announce that we have received The Excellence in Pupil Development Award this week from Optimus Education following a year-long project. The verification officer for the award was blown away by our Pupil Personal Development offer and commented to our students that they were "very lucky to go to a school with such rich and varied opportunities".

Strengths of the schools that were highlighted in the award verification process included the clear strategic direction and importance that was placed on personal development, the coherence of the personal development coverage across all subject areas and the skill and expertise of staff in the pastoral system.

Congratulations to all staff and pupils who were involved in achieving this award.

Mr Roberts, Assistant Headteacher.





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GERMAN TRIP TO THE ALBERT SCHENKE RESTAURANT IN LIVERPOOL

Named after Prince Albert, the Anglo-Bavarian prince and husband of Queen Victoria, *Albert's Schenke* is a Cook Haus in Liverpool. Our visit there was an enriching experience which has not only engendered an appreciation of dining out but also allowed pupils to sample traditional German dishes in an alpine chic interior.

"It was a great experience to see a big part of German culture and food. We started with delicious pretzels with sharp mustard, pickles and alpine cheese. Then we had a choice of currywurst, mushroom spätzle or vegan bratwurst. I had the latter and it tasted amazing! I was brave enough to try the sauerkraut, which was much better than I expected it to be and is really beneficial for the immune system!" - Nevaeh Lawrenson.

"On Wednesday 13th July we went on a trip to Liverpool to eat in a German restaurant called Albert Schenke. We travelled there by minibus and the journey didn't take long at all. When we arrived, we were seated and ordered drinks that were soon followed by tasty pretzels. For my main course I ordered currywurst. Currywurst ist lecker! I really enjoyed my time there, laughing with my friends and trying new food. Es war wunderbar!" - Emily Pickles.











FRENCH TRIP TO BOUCHON RESTAURANT IN LIVERPOOL TO COMMERATE BASTILLE DAY

A trip to Bouchon – un bistro de luxe was an amazing culinary experience for pupils to celebrate the storming of the Bastille! Tarte au citron, crème brûlée and French onion soup with gruyère cheese were just some of the delicacies on offer.

"Yesterday I went on a school trip to Bouchon, Liverpool and it was amazing! We arrived at the restaurant which was cosy and warm and we could already smell the food. The food presentation was lovely and the staff were very friendly, as well as that the taste was immaculate! I would definitely go again!" Daisy Beesley







"I found that a visit to the Bouchon Bistro was a very enjoyable experience. The ambience throughout was incredibly welcoming and friendly and so were the people who took our order. For my starter I had the toasted mackerel. It came with a pleasantly bitter green sauce that complimented the flavour of the fish. The surface of the mackerel was nice and crispy whereas the interior was warm and soft. For my main course I had a cheeseburger royal with French fries. I would give this meal 10/10 because it was cooked perfectly. For dessert I had the crème brûlée which was my first time ever trying it but certainly not my last. C'était délicieux! Overall my time at the Bouchon was an amazing experience. We were able to eat splendid food, and converse with my peers in a beautiful setting with lots of open space for sunlight and fresh air. I will never forget this experience!" - Daniella Faafa.

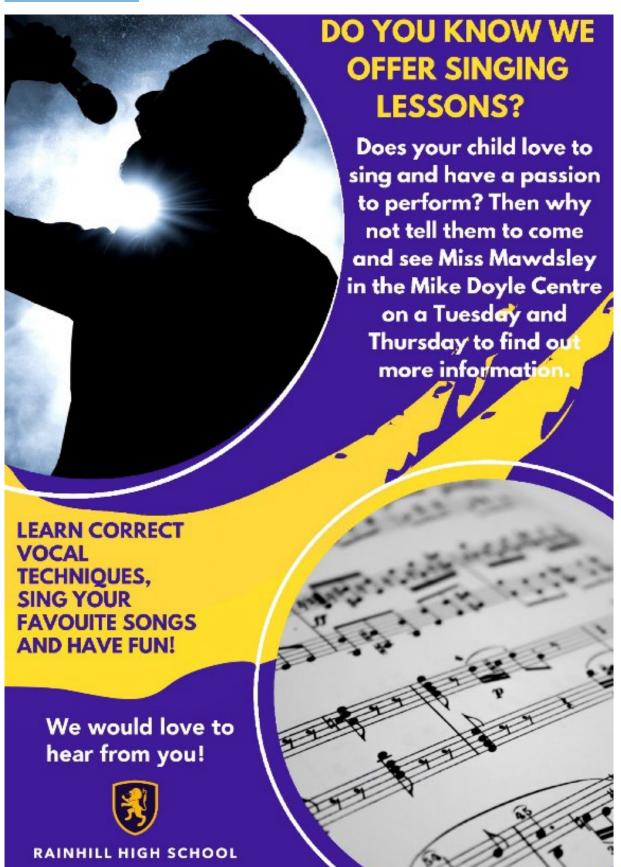


PRE-LOVED UNIFORM





SINGING LESSONS





UPCOMING EVENTS

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CONTACT PREFERENCES:					
EMAIL TEXT					
PARENT OR GUARDIAN:					
(SIBLINGS ONLY, PLEASE USE A SEPERATE FORM FOR FRIENDS OR OTHER RELATIVES) NAME OF CHILD/CHILDREN:					
CALENDAR:					
MON 1 MON 8 MON 15 MON 22					
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PLEASE TICK TO GIVE PERMISSION FOR PHOTOS AND FILMING BY IMAGINARIUM:					
PLEASE LEAVE IN YOUR SCHOOL RECEPTION.					
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WE WILL CONTACT YOU BY TEXT OR EMAIL TO LET YOU KNOW IF YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL.					



HOLIDAY TECH CLUBS







Summer '22

Our ComputerXplorers Holiday Tech Clubs

ComputerXplorers leads the way in providing technology-based activities that are both inspirational and educational. Our unique brand of hands-on programmes are always full of fun and interaction. We encourage children to find out what's behind the technology, building in collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and confidence along the way!

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We'll be are providing fun, exciting and educational activities as part of the HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Scheme. This includes a healthy meal and fun, enriching activities for kids across the summer holidays!

"Available to eligible St Helen's residents in reciept of benefit related free school meals. If you are unsure of eligibility, please speak to your childs school.

26th July-5th August

Including: Stop Motion Animation App Developer Video Game Building

MINITERNATION The Mighty Micro: Bit Robotics Scratch Coding

And more!

Scan the QR or follow the link for full information & bookings: linktr.ee/compxbolton











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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CATERING W/C 18/07/22

Please see below the list of practical lessons planned in Catering/Food Preparation and Nutrition - week commencing Monday 18^{th} July.



10A/Cg1	No ingredients	required.
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10D/Cg1 No ingredients required.



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 Performing Arts** Mrs McCann Mr Hurst **History & Politics** Mr Procter PE Mr Rachi **Life Skills** Geography Mrs Parkinson 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	Mr Moran	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/Mrs Martin	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.