



RAINHILL
HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2026

PARENT & STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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SUMMER

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YOURSELF



LOOK AFTER
EACH OTHER



MAKE IT A
SUMMER TO
REMEMBER



MAKE GOOD
CHOICES

WE'LL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!





Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Students,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's newsletter, our final newsletter of this academic year.

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.

This newsletter focuses on many of the highlights of the school year from trips to Spanish Tapas Restaurants to our annual Rainhill Awards Evening.

Next week, we will send an electronic summer pack full of information to parent/carers via Arbor. Please ensure you read this carefully.

The new school year starts on Thursday 3rd September 2026 for Year 7-11 and our Sixth Form. 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.

Mrs Thorogood, Principal.

EXAM RESULTS DAYS 2026

Year 13 Final Exams - 13th August 2026

Year 13 students will be able to collect their final exam results for A-level and Applied General qualifications from the Sixth Form from 8:30am on Thursday 13th August 2026. There will be key members of staff on hand to give practical advice and guidance and to assist pupils in their progression.

GCSE Resit Exams - 20th August 2026

Sixth Form students will be able to collect their GCSE resit exam results in Maths and English Language from the Sixth Form Study Area from 10:00am on Thursday 20th August 2026. There will be key members of staff available should pupils/parents wish to discuss the results.

GCSE Exam Results - 20th August 2026

Results Day will take place on Thursday 20th August 2026. Pupils will be able to collect their results from the RH6 Building from 9:00am, entering via the side gate and go through the RH6 bistro door.



VICE PRINCIPAL WEEKLY SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Congratulations to our Vice Principal's Weekly Special Recognition Award winners, who have all been chosen as the highest positive points scorers for each year groups 7-10. What a fantastic achievement.

Congratulations to Gabriel T, Amy C, Max B, Rya L, Ashna A, Summer S, Minni I and Alfred N.

Mrs Munro, Vice Principal - Behaviour, Culture, Attendance & Safeguarding.



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.

Joshua D, Katie A, Kai McG, Zara B, Filip M, Hannah M, Thomas E, Noah S, Nina S and Megan H.

Mr Giles, Senior Progress Leader and Year 7 YPL.





SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING 2026

Thank you to everyone who attended our Sports Presentation Evening on Wednesday 15th July. It was so lovely to share our sporting achievements with you all and to celebrate a great 2025/26. Well done to all nominees below and winners (highlighted).

Sports Performer Award			
Y7 Girls	Hannah Melling	Poppy Constantinou	Olivia Croxton
Y7 Boys	Frazer Thompson	Matty McIlroy	Oliver Langan
Y8 Girls	Caitlin Littler	Sophie Barr	Ava McGee
Y8 Boys	Jack Abbott	Theo Bartley	Dylan Condell
Y9 Girls	Poppy Ashton	Chloe Guy	Charlotte Steen
Y9 Boys	Lucas Vine	Sam Lutas	Liam Gavin
Y10 Girls	Daisy Hatton	Niamh Fair	Charlotte Ainsworth
Y10 Boys	Sam Callaghan	Billy Hagan	Jack Mills

Sports Boy/Girl			
Y7 Girls	Florence Allen	Sara Hosty	Sophie Lutas
Y7 Boys	Theo	Max Heaton	Pasha Krykus
Y8 Girls	Camilla Tyrer	Amy Pullen	Ruby Murphy
Y8 Boys	Michael Valentine	Charlie Woods	Henry
Y9 Girls	Ava Reynolds	Hannah Moane	Robyn Jackson
Y9 Boys	Nathan Thain	Mason Ball	Ben Shaw
Y10 Girls	Lillie Rothwell	Taigan Hunter	Lexie Rothwell
Y10 Boys	Finn Platt	Jamie Hughes	Noah Hammill

Team of the Year			
KS3 Boys	Junior Boys Athletics	Y8 Football	Y8 Rugby
KS3 Girls	Junior Girls Athletics	Y8 Netball	Y7 Football
KS4 Boys	Y11 Football	U15 Golf	TS Senior Boys
KS4 Girls	Y10/11 Football	Inter Girls Athletics	Y11 Netball



RAINHILL AWARDS EVENING

On Tuesday 14th July our Sports Hall was transformed for our annual Rainhill Awards Evening.

The evening culminates years of hard work for our Year 11 and 13 students as they are nominated for academic awards in all subject areas whilst also recognising the rest of our school community with a series of pastoral and house awards.

It was great to see the venue so full of pupils, staff and parents/carers who came to the evening to celebrate the great and the good of Rainhill High. It was also fitting to remember staff and pupils from Rainhill's past where awards are given out in memory of some of our school community, who are sadly no longer with us.



SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

On Wednesday 1st July, our After School Performing Arts Club proudly presented its annual KS3 and KS4 Performance Showcase, celebrating the incredible talent, creativity and dedication of our pupils.

The evening featured a fantastic variety of performances, including musical theatre, acting and singing, with pupils confidently entertaining an audience of family and friends.

As part of the showcase, pupils selected, rehearsed and performed their own chosen pieces, demonstrating independence, commitment and creativity throughout the process. Their confidence and passion shone through in every performance, making it a memorable evening and a wonderful celebration of the hard work and achievements of our young performers.

Mrs McCann, Head of Performing Arts.



SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT

On Monday 13th July, we hosted our annual Summer Concert in the school Arts Theatre.

There was a wonderful energy in the air and an inviting atmosphere as our talented pupils demonstrated their abilities on a wide array of instruments and genres. We had some excellent brass playing from our Year 8 pupils, guitar performances both soothing and ground-shaking, a plethora of solo singers from pupils in Year 7 all the way through to Year 11.

The choir were a standout performance for many of the audience, owing to an emotional rendition of *Yellow* by Coldplay, followed by a more spirited performance of Natasha Bedingfield's *Unwritten*. The finale of the concert was originally intended to be a duet between two Year 8 pupils, one on drums, one on keys. However, as a last-minute injection of excitement, other musicians who performed elsewhere during the evening, agreed to support the Year 8 pupils providing lead vocals, bass guitar, rhythm guitar, and lead guitar. This culminated in a spectacular performance of *Don't Look Back in Anger* to close out the evening.

My thanks go out to the support of the performing arts team, the stage management, and the instrumental/singing teachers of the pupils - without them, we would have no concert to host. I am incredibly proud of all the performers involved in the concert, and I wish them all a restful summer break. Anticipation of the Winter concert in a few months' time is bigger than ever.

Mr Kennett, Teacher of Music.





YEAR 8 TRIP SPANISH TRIP TO LUNYA IN LIVERPOOL

Tapas are the famous small dishes found in every bar in Spain.

On Wednesday 8th July, we took 43 of our Spanish students to Lunya, a Spanish restaurant in Liverpool.

Our visit to Lunya was an enriching experience which has not only engendered an appreciation of dining out but also allowed pupils to sample a wide range of traditional Spanish Tapas style dishes.

They tasted albondigas (meatballs), croquetas, pan tumaca (bread with tomato and garlic), patatas bravas and lágrimas de pollo (breaded chicken with pink sauce).

Finally, they were really pleased to eat the churros with chocolate (plates were very much empty at the end).

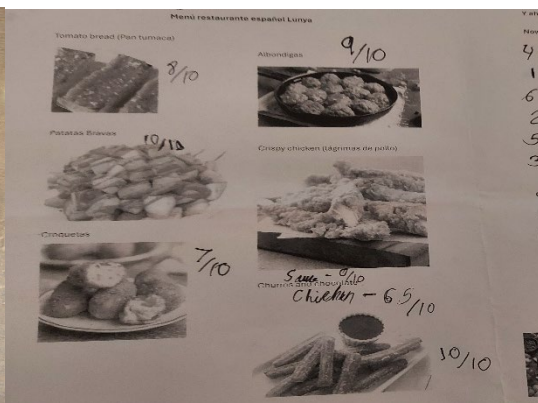
We asked them to write their opinion about the tapas in Spanish, and they chose their favourites (patatas bravas and churros).

They were beautifully behaved and we even received praise from a retired teacher that came to our table to say how impressed she was.

It was wonderful to see them all enjoying the food and using Spanish.

¡Buen provecho!

Miss Lowrie, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages.





YEAR 8 GERMAN TRIP TO SCHILLER'S HALL ON 14TH JULY 2026

On Tuesday 14th July, 26 Year 8 German pupils visited Schiller's Hall in Liverpool to enjoy a taste of German culture through its cuisine.

Pupils had the chance to try traditional German dishes, including *Bratwurst*, *Currywurst* and *Schweinshaxe*. It was fantastic to see every pupil embrace the experience and be willing to try something new.

The group were a real credit to the school. Their behaviour was impeccable throughout the visit, and they showed excellent manners and enthusiasm from start to finish. We are incredibly proud of how they represented the school and look forward to offering more cultural experiences that bring language learning to life beyond the classroom.

Miss Lowrie, Teacher of Modern Foreign Languages.



WELL-BEING - SUMMER TOOLKIT

As the summer holidays begin, many families look forward to a well-deserved opportunity to slow down, spend time together, and take a break from the routines of the school year. Whilst the holidays can provide valuable time to rest and recharge, they can also bring changes to routines, friendships, and family life that may affect a young person's wellbeing.

The summer break offers a wonderful opportunity to check in with your child, encourage open conversations about how they are feeling, and support healthy habits that promote both physical and emotional wellbeing. Whether it's maintaining a regular sleep routine, staying active, managing time online, or simply making time to talk, small actions can have a positive impact.

To support these conversations at home, we have gathered a selection of resources offering practical advice on supporting your child's mental health and wellbeing throughout the summer holidays. We hope you find them useful as you enjoy the break together.

- [Self-care resources](#) – Anna Freud
- [Wellbeing activities: being kind to yourself](#) – British Red Cross
- [Nature and mental health guide](#) – Mind
- [Mindfulness relaxation exercise](#) – Meditation in Schools

As always, if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or require any additional support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school.

Mrs Blagbrough, Wellbeing Champion.



THE GREAT RAINHILL BAKE OFF

What a fantastic day we had on Thursday during the Great Rainhill Bake Off.

I was so proud to see our pupils demonstrate such resilience, determination, creativity and independence throughout the competition. They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and produced an incredible range of cakes, making the judging process very difficult.

By the end of the day, Mr Hampton and I were bursting with pride. It was wonderful to see so many pupils showcasing not only their baking skills, but also their confidence, perseverance and passion for our subject.

Congratulations to our award winners:

- Star Baker: Amelia Bond (Year 8)
- Teacher's Choice Award: Ben Shaw (Year 9)
- Best Decoration: Claudia Murphy (Year 9)
- Most Creative Design: Siena Stokoe (Year 8)

A huge well done to everyone who took part, you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves.

Mrs King, Head of Food Studies.





CELEBRATING 100% ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to all our pupils who achieved 100% attendance during the 2025–2026 academic year.

This is an outstanding achievement that demonstrates commitment, resilience and a positive attitude towards learning. We would also like to thank our parents and carers for their continued support in helping make this possible.

Well done to everyone who achieved this fantastic milestone.

Sophia Haddock	Daisy Lin	Connor Souness	Sofia Cain	Dylan Birchall
Elsie Thain	Ashna Ajeesh	Nancy Shepherd	Lucy Gibson	Sophie Gillett
Harry Langton	Max Davies	Declan Lee	Joshua Oldfield	Matthew Muriranyama
Callum Donovan	Evelyn Lunt	Joshua Mackenzie	Izzy Gleave	Adam Shaw
Conor Bryan	Jack Mills	Michaela Jose	Ryan Duncan	Sophie Gillett
Eva Duxbury	Hannah Ditchfield-Allen	Gabriella Thomas	Rinad Ba Zuhair	Callum Smith
Millie Cannon	Oscar Langton	Huw Hilton-Smith	Sophie Webb	Kitty Flint
Sophia Ingram	Oliver Parr	Leon Moore	Joseph Thornton	Amber Swaisland
Kai Crooks	Ellie Thorp	Benjamin Rossetto	Jessica Lao	Gracie Fryer
Scarlett Casey	Darcie Paterson	Ava Reynolds	Ethan Devaney	Megan Handley
Darcie Urmston	Oliver Fisher	Oscar Donnelly	Gabrielle Inwood	Alfie Croxton
Temweni Mbuzi	Maddie Siadankay	Ethan Quigley	Mason McLoughlin	Daisy Fisher
Tasheni Mbuzi	Eva Ward	Robbie Ablewhite	Charlotte Parsons	Agnes Jijo
Robyn Martin	Harry Lunt	Oliver Rooney	Tejaswi Ganjam	Oliver Rossetto
Charlie Embleton	Ryan Yang	Jason Kuang	Charlie Haddock	Tom Pilkington
Ella Gannon	Albie Ambage	Isaac Jones	Matthew Lees	Summer Siadankay
Katie Almond	Oliver Kinsey	Jensen	Zhania Massie	Isla Brewster
Rian Ba Zuhair	Melissa Farrell	Jonas Rynn	Erin Jackson	Evan Plant
Lucas Garcia	Sophie Barr	Ben Monti	Kanish Sharma	Amber Swaisland
Emily Ashcroft	Ethan Keenan	Josh Gerrard	Shelley Yang	Isaac Travies



WORK EXPERIENCE SUCCESS FOR YEAR 12

We have been catching up with employers this week to see how our Year 12 students are getting on during their work experience placements, and we are delighted to share that the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Employers have praised our students for their:

- ✓ Excellent punctuality and attendance
- ✓ Professional attitudes and positive work ethic
- ✓ Enthusiasm to learn and take on new challenges
- ✓ Confidence in communicating and working as part of a team
- ✓ Initiative, independence and willingness to ask thoughtful questions

It is fantastic to hear that many students have settled into their workplaces quickly, are making valuable contributions to their teams, and are already developing new skills and confidence. Several employers have commented on how mature, engaged and proactive our students have been throughout their placements.

We are incredibly proud of how our students are representing Rainhill Sixth and would like to thank all our employer partners for providing such valuable opportunities and ongoing support. Your guidance is helping our students gain real-world experience that will benefit them in their future careers, apprenticeships and university applications.

Well done Year 12.

Mrs Thomas, 6th Form Manager.



SUMMER HAF PROGRAMME

Funded by the Department for Education, the FREE holiday activities and food (HAF) programme provides healthy food and enriching activities for primary and secondary school-aged children eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Please [click here](#) for more information.



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PLACE

Sixth Form
Study Area



DATE

Friday 25th
September
2026



TIME

10:35 –
13:25



CONTACT

Katie
Thomas



We are asking for
baked goods to sell on the day.

Home made or shop bought
is fine! 

Donations to be handed in
to 6th Form Office.





Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the summer holidays, the Merseyside Antisocial Behaviour Partnership would like to share some important advice to help keep our communities safe, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone.

During the school break, children and young people naturally spend more time outdoors and socialising with friends. While this is important for wellbeing, it can sometimes lead to an increase in antisocial behaviour. By working together, we can help prevent issues before they arise.

Top tips for a positive summer:

- Know where your child is: encourage regular communication and agree boundaries around where they can go and what time they should be home
- Encourage positive activities: take advantage of local clubs, sports, youth groups and community events that provide safe, supervised activities
- Respect for others: remind young people to be considerate of neighbours and residents, particularly around noise, littering and the use of public spaces
- Online awareness: talk about what's going on online, as online disagreements can sometimes spill into real-world situations
- Be mindful of risk-taking behaviour: discourage activities such as trespassing, vandalism, misuse of bikes or scooters, or gathering in large unsupervised groups where behaviour can escalate

The summer is an opportunity for young people to enjoy their time off safely and responsibly. Your support as parents and carers plays a vital role in helping us reduce antisocial behaviour and maintain strong, respectful communities across Merseyside.

Yours faithfully,

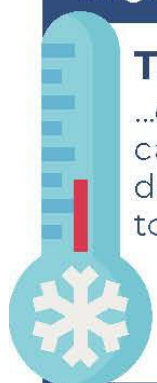
Merseyside Antisocial Behaviour Partnership Chair,
Chief Superintendent Karl Baldwin



OPEN WATER: DON'T TAKE THE RISK



Swimming in or playing near rivers and canals may seem like a great idea, particularly on a warm day, but it could all end in tragedy. **DON'T take the risk.**



THE WATER IS COLD...

...even on very warm days, rivers and canals contain water barely above 10 degrees. Sudden immersion can lead to **cold water shock**, which can cause gasping and intake of water.

This can be deadly in a matter of seconds.

DID YOU KNOW?

Even the narrowest of rivers can be considerably deep. Rivers are subject to strong flow and **hidden currents** which can trouble even the strongest of swimmers.

WHAT LIES BENEATH?



The water is untreated and can make you ill.

Canals and rivers contain pollutants, sewage and often unseen underwater obstructions and snag hazards.



Debris under the water such as shopping trolleys, broken glass and cans can cause **injury** or **trap** you.

Remember, there are no lifeguards to help you at your local river, lake, canal or dam.



Rivers can be very difficult to climb out of, especially with steep or slimy banks. **Stay clear of rivers with steep or unguarded banks.**



IN AN EMERGENCY...NEVER enter the water to try and help a person or animal. You could get into difficulty yourself. Instead, dial 999 and use any water rescue equipment that is available.

If you fall into the water unexpectedly, fight your instinct to thrash around. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs & float.



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BEACH SAFETY: KNOW THE DANGERS



MUD AND QUICKSAND

Large areas of the coast can have mud and quicksand which can cause you to get trapped and risk drowning.

REDUCE THE RISK

Check tide times

Follow warning sign advice

Avoid crossing estuaries and mud where there can be hidden channels or fast water

If trapped, **sit back and spread your weight evenly across the surface**

Stop others from trying to help you as they may get stuck

Call **999** immediately and ask for the **Coastguard**



Strong currents can sweep inflatables and people out to sea

FOLLOW THE FLAGS



There are lifeguards in the area. Swim between the two flags.



Do not enter the water. There could be unseen dangers such as currents.



No swimming in this area. There may be non-powered watercraft such as surfboards, kayaks, etc. in this area.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE STRUGGLING:



PHONE 999

Tell them to **FLOAT** on their back

THROW them something to help them float

TOP TIP
ALWAYS GO TO A BEACH WITH A LIFEGUARD





SCHOOL DAY CHANGES SEPTEMBER 2026

A reminder to all pupils and parents that the timings of the school day are changing from September 2026. The school day will now run from 08:55-15:25 each day. School bus times remain unchanged.

8:50	Movement bell
08:55-09:35	Registration and Character Curriculum
09:35-10:35	Lesson 1
10:35-10:50	Break
10:50-11:50	Lesson 2
11:50-12:50	Lesson 3
12:50-13:25	Lunch
13:25-14:25	Lesson 4
14:25-15:25	Lesson 5

ADVANCE NOTICE - CHANGES TO VEHICLE ACCESS AT THE START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY

From September 2026, parents and carers will no longer be permitted to drive onto the school site to drop off or collect pupils at the start or end of the school day. During the summer holidays, the vehicle barrier will be relocated to the top entrance of the site to support this change.

The safety of our pupils is our highest priority. With approximately 1,500 pupils leaving the site each afternoon and school buses arriving from 3.30pm, reducing the number of vehicles on site at these busy times is an important step in creating a safer environment for everyone.

The school day finishes at **3.25pm**, and pupils should be collected from outside the school site.

We recognise that a very small number of pupils with disabilities require vehicle access to the school grounds. A member of staff will contact you before the end of the summer term to discuss arrangements and ensure appropriate access is in place from September.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we work together to keep our school community safe.

PARENT INFORMATION - NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

On Friday 17th July, all parents and carers will receive a letter and accompanying booklet via Arbor containing important information to help prepare for the new academic year.

The letter and booklet will include:

- Start of Term Arrangements – including details of pupils' return to school on **Thursday 3rd September**.
- Key Dates – important events and dates.
- Essential Information – everything you need to ensure your child is fully prepared for a successful start to learning in September, including uniform, equipment, attendance expectations and other key school information.



MOBILE PHONES AND SMARTWATCHES - UPDATE

The Department for Education's guidance on mobile phones in schools became statutory on 29th June 2026 and must be followed by all schools from 1 September 2026.

Since introducing our mobile phone pouch system in March 2026, Rainhill High School has already been fully compliant with this guidance. We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in making the implementation of this system so successful.

The updated guidance now makes clear that smart devices with similar functionality to mobile phones, **including all smartwatches (such as Apple Watches and equivalent devices), are also not permitted for use during the school day.**

As a result, from September 2026, **pupils must not wear smartwatches in school.** Smartwatches should either:

- Be left at home, or
- Be placed securely inside their mobile phone pouch at the start of the school day.

We recognise that some pupils may also carry wireless earbuds, such as AirPods, and space within the pouch may therefore be limited. For this reason, we strongly encourage families to leave smart devices at home wherever possible.

Our Mobile Phone Policy will be updated to reflect this change.

Further information will be included in our return to School Information Pack, which will be sent to all families before the end of term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain a calm, focused and distraction-free learning environment for all pupils.

Mrs Munro, Vice Principal.