



RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS
2026 - 2027

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

LEARN • THINK • CONTRIBUTE • CARE



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**THE PRINCIPAL AND SENIOR LEADERS HAVE A
STRONG VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE SCHOOL
THAT IS INCLUSIVE AND ASPIRATIONAL**

OFSTED

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A WARM WELCOME TO RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL



It is with great pride that I welcome you to Rainhill High School & Sixth Form – a school of choice where every student belongs, thrives, and succeeds.

Rainhill is more than a place of learning. It is a community of aspiration, care and ambition where pupils, parents and staff work together to achieve the very best outcomes. From Year 7 through to Sixth Form, we nurture individual journeys, supporting every young person to find their passion, raise their aspirations and develop the confidence to take their next steps.

Our Character Curriculum and Professional Standards are embedded at every stage, helping pupils develop the knowledge, skills and resilience they need to excel in school and beyond.

Alongside strong academic results, pupils enjoy rich experiences that prepare them for life – from outdoor education

and international trips, to creative arts showcases, sporting excellence and leadership opportunities.

Our pupils leave us ready to thrive in any environment, confident in who they are, proud of their achievements and equipped with the values of Learn, Think, Contribute, Care.

I warmly invite you to visit our school and experience the pride of Rainhill in action

Josie Thorogood
Headteacher





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STUDENT AND PARENT VOICES

“The Hub has given me the confidence to learn in my own way. I feel supported and proud to be part of Rainhill.”

Year 8 Student

“Drama and Music have opened doors for me I never imagined. I performed at the Liverpool Playhouse and it made me believe anything is possible.”

Year 10 Student

“Teachers care so much about every child. The communication through Synergy makes me feel part of my daughter’s journey every day.”

Parent

“Rainhill Sixth Form gave me the skills and belief to secure my place at Cambridge. The support has been outstanding.”

Year 13 Leaver

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OUR AIMS

We aim to ensure every student achieves highly and leaves Rainhill as a confident, compassionate individual with the skills, qualifications and character to succeed.

We commit to:

- Embedding the Character Curriculum and Professional Standards so pupils develop respect, resilience and ambition.
- Delivering excellence in academic outcomes, ensuring every student achieves strong qualifications that open doors to further study, apprenticeships and employment.
- Celebrating the achievements of every child – in sport, drama, art, science, leadership and beyond.
- Offering a broad, balanced curriculum and personalised pathways, from GCSEs and A Levels to vocational routes.
- Building strong partnerships with parents, carers and primary schools to ensure smooth transition and lasting confidence.
- Prioritising staff development and well-being, ensuring our culture of excellence is sustainable and inspiring.



LEARNING AT RAINHILL



Learning is at the heart of everything we do. Our carefully designed curriculum builds powerful knowledge, literacy, vocabulary and cultural capital.

- **Expert teaching** and regular assessment ensure high standards.
- **STEM, business and medical pathways** prepare pupils for future study and careers.
- **Arts and creativity** flourish – with award-winning performances in drama, music and photography.
- **PE and Sport** remain strong, with Town Sports champions, national teams, and elite athletes.
- **Outdoor Education and Alternative Provision** provide inclusive opportunities, building resilience, confidence and life skills.

TRANSITION FROM PRIMARY TO RAINHILL



Joining secondary school should feel like a proud, prestigious step. At Rainhill, we work closely with primary schools to make sure every child's journey into Year 7 is inspiring, supportive and exciting.

Our transition programme includes:

- Engagement from Year 5 onwards through events, workshops and visits.
- Dedicated transition days, summer school and parent sessions.
- Clear communication of our Professional Standards and expectations.
- Peer mentors and ambassadors to welcome and guide new pupils.
- From the very beginning, children and families feel part of Rainhill's pursuit of excellence.

EMPOWERED PUPILS

Rainhill pupils are leaders, ambassadors and active citizens. We provide:

- Pastoral support including attendance, safeguarding, counselling a SEND base and The ARC inclusion centre.
- Daily parent communication via Synergy.
- Recognition of success through house points, assemblies, postcards home, awards evenings and specific celebratory events for creative arts, sports, academic excellence and our Anthony Walker Foundation celebration, which honours diversity, respect and inclusion at the heart of our school.
- A vibrant Student Parliament, where elected representatives shape school life and champion causes from mental health to charity.





THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

We set ambitious expectations for behaviour, learning and conduct. Staff and pupils are role models, inside and outside the classroom. Our Professional Standards define what it means to belong at Rainhill – respect, responsibility, pride and excellence.



"Students in the sixth form can study a wide range of academic and vocational courses."

OFSTED 2023

Rainhill Sixth Form offers an ambitious, inclusive and personalised pathway to the future. With small classes, excellent teaching and strong support, pupils thrive academically and personally.

- A choice of **A-Levels, Applied General and Vocational qualifications.**
- **Super-Curriculum:** work experience, enterprise, university preparation, visiting speakers and enrichment.
- **Leadership opportunities:** Duke of Edinburgh, national campaigns, charity work.
- Outstanding destinations: Oxford, Cambridge, Russell Group universities, Italia Conti, **RAF** apprenticeships, healthcare careers.

Rainhill Sixth Form is the natural next step in our pursuit of excellence.





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LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB



In partnership with Liverpool, Rainhill Sixth offers a unique blend of academic study and elite football training. Based at the Melwood site, pupils benefit from world-class facilities while pursuing A-Levels, BTECs and GCSEs. Talented players are able to balance their elite sporting commitments with their academic progress.



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