



**RAINHILL
HIGH SCHOOL**

PROSPECTUS

2024 - 2025

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**

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A WARM WELCOME TO RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL



It is with great pride that I welcome you to Rainhill High School. At Rainhill we embrace a strong child-teacher-parent approach to providing the very best for all of our students, from Year 7 through to our excellent Sixth Form. It is an individual journey for each and every young person who passes through our gates.

It is my passion that our young people are able to choose where they want to go in their lives - to have the vision, options and confidence to get there. We help them do that through rich and varied extra-curricular experiences that run in addition to their daily lessons. I want them to be able to sit at any table and hold their heads up high, having knowledge of the world and in the areas that they are interested in and care about. We can do this together, fostering a sense of pride, motivation and ambition from an early age.

Beyond the classroom we are determined to provide a world view so you can expect international school trips; visiting high-profile sporting role models; well-represented media and the arts; interesting political debate for developing minds; and many clubs including music, zoology and photography. We also value public events such as Prize Giving and other acknowledgements of involvement, success and positivity in all its forms.

Rainhill's students have a strong record of academic success with excellent prospects after they leave us.

Our continued focus is on raising the aspirations, achievements and confidence of all our students to ensure they have the best life chances; that they leave us ready to take on the world with conviction and self-assurance.

We recognise that choosing the right school for your child is an important decision and we work closely with our wonderful primary schools to build on their success. Our curriculum is ambitious. Students are expected to work hard and this is complemented by our excellent pastoral care, support and guidance.

Our recent Ofsted inspection (Feb 2023) grades the school as good which we uphold as a beacon of continuing hard work and real progress.

The success of Rainhill High School matters to us all here - and we encourage you, as members of our community, to visit our school to see Rainhill's aspirations and determination in action. Please do contact us and arrange a tour through Loraine Potter, you would be made very welcome: Loraine.Potter@rainhillhigh.org.uk

Josie Thorogood
Principal





EXCEPTIONAL ENRICHMENT

I go to Zoology club to learn about animals and how to look after them.

The school has many opportunities for you to get involved in

Year 8 pupil

My teachers are all really helpful; if you get stuck they help you to understand

Year 9 pupil



AIMING HIGH

OUR AIMS ARE:

- To ensure that all students achieve highly and leave us as well educated, healthy, confident individuals with a clear sense of social responsibility and personal integrity
- To ensure students have the attributes, skills and qualifications to succeed. We expect our students to be able to thrive in contemporary society as a result of their time with us
- Understanding that parents send their child to our trust knowing that their child will succeed and their well-being is prioritised in an inclusive setting
- Prioritising staff development and well-being as central to our culture and the success of the trust

THE SCHOOL WILL ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS:

- Study a broad and balanced curriculum, through which they develop powerful knowledge, vocabulary and literacy skills, in addition to cultural capital
- Achieve qualifications, whether that be GCSE, A level or vocational qualifications at Level 2 or 3 to allow them to take their next steps with confidence
- Adopt the school's core values – Learn, Think, Contribute and Care

- Embrace the school's mission 'In Pursuit of Excellence'
- Treat the staff and each other with respect
- Access our new, purpose-built library to ensure that reading skills are developed and strengthened

THE SCHOOL IS DETERMINED TO:

- Create a culture of fairness and compassion
- Ensure the highest levels of behaviour, attitude, conduct and respect
- Provide a rich curriculum that challenges students to think and is delivered by up-to-date research-led teaching
- Ensure a strong partnership between parent, teacher and pupil
- Ensure a wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular activities

Our expectation is that the behaviour and actions of members, trustees, governors, staff and students reflect our mission and values daily.

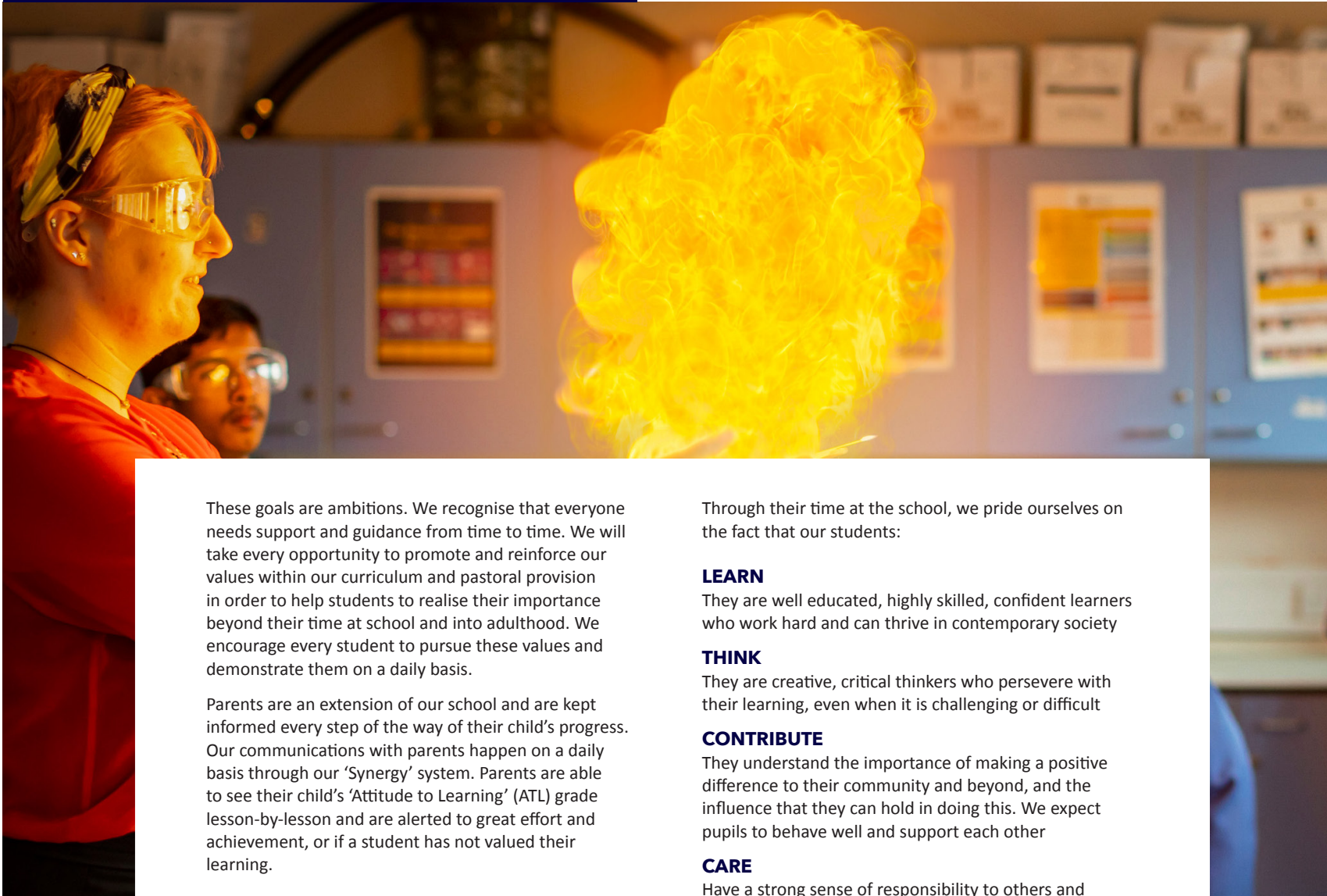
LEARNING MORE THAN LESSONS



Learning is at the heart of everything we do. Our very broad, carefully constructed curriculum builds essential, powerful knowledge that encourages children to think critically in all subjects. The curriculum is taught by a highly committed, expert team of teachers. Children's understanding is checked in the classroom through regular informal assessments, and through three key assessment points over the academic year. We have high expectations of our pupils and support everyone to access the curriculum. We expect pupils to work hard and do their best. We support healthy lifestyles and competition through PE; we have a real passion and strength in both visual and performing arts. We proudly hold a number of Town Sports records on both the track and field events and have been overall champions for many consecutive years. Teams play at national level in both football and rugby and we regularly win competitions for art and photography. An increasing number of our students are classed as 'elite performers' in their chosen sporting field.

Beyond their formal education, we help to ensure our children understand their social responsibilities and their contribution to their school community and the wider world. We expect all of our students to demonstrate care, compassion and respect for others.

VALUES FOR LIFE



These goals are ambitions. We recognise that everyone needs support and guidance from time to time. We will take every opportunity to promote and reinforce our values within our curriculum and pastoral provision in order to help students to realise their importance beyond their time at school and into adulthood. We encourage every student to pursue these values and demonstrate them on a daily basis.

Parents are an extension of our school and are kept informed every step of the way of their child's progress. Our communications with parents happen on a daily basis through our 'Synergy' system. Parents are able to see their child's 'Attitude to Learning' (ATL) grade lesson-by-lesson and are alerted to great effort and achievement, or if a student has not valued their learning.

Through their time at the school, we pride ourselves on the fact that our students:

LEARN

They are well educated, highly skilled, confident learners who work hard and can thrive in contemporary society

THINK

They are creative, critical thinkers who persevere with their learning, even when it is challenging or difficult

CONTRIBUTE

They understand the importance of making a positive difference to their community and beyond, and the influence that they can hold in doing this. We expect pupils to behave well and support each other

CARE

Have a strong sense of responsibility to others and demonstrate respect and empathy through their compassion for others.



CORE LEARNING

The curriculum and its delivery are at the heart of learning. We recognise that students have varying needs and starting points; every Rainhill child will receive a broad and balanced education, rich in essential knowledge and experiences. Everyone will be able to access the curriculum and, in turn, we have high expectations of everyone.

Our curriculum is ambitious, and is carefully planned to build knowledge, understanding and skills over time:

- Pupils should recall and apply prior knowledge to retain their learning
- Literacy skills are embedded in lessons to allow students to develop their vocabulary - and develop reading and writing skills at every level
- Pupils are required to apply their learning to the real world
- Pupils will appreciate the wider world through a mix of the curriculum, enrichment and extra-curricular activities
- We assess pupils to see how well they have grasped the key knowledge. Assessment takes place in some form in every lesson. More formal, marked assessments take place every half term

KEY STAGE 3

Years 7, 8 & 9

All students follow the national curriculum at KS3, ensuring a broad balanced range of subjects; literacy skills are embedded within the taught curriculum.

Learning is carefully planned and paced to ensure that key knowledge and skills are developed well and form a strong base for future learning at KS4 and KS5 and life beyond the school gate. Feedback and assessment inform future learning and build pupils confidence.



KEY STAGE 4

Year 10 & Year 11

Students continue to study a broad range of subjects over these two years, following their options choices at the end of Year 9. Students make four choices beyond the core curriculum to allow them to study subjects of particular interest to them.

We encourage students to keep their options academic and have a high proportion (well above national) following an EBACC pathway. Other pathways are available and students receive the necessary support, advice and guidance to make choices that reflect both their ability, interests, and goals in life.



KEY STAGE 5

Year 12 & Year 13

Rainhill Sixth offers a wide range of A Level, Applied General and Vocational courses. Students opt for their subjects based on attainment, preferences and target destinations. Routes through Rainhill Sixth are very much bespoke to our students' needs; vocational qualifications, for example, can be studied alongside A Levels.

In addition to subject choices, all students follow a PHSCE programme that reflects the needs and ambitions of Sixth Form students, including work experience. A separate, more detailed RH6 prospectus is available via this QR code, which will take you to our Sixth Form website (see RH6 page).





EMPOWERED STUDENTS

SUPPORT TEAM: At Rainhill High School we want our students to leave as happy, confident and successful learners. In their time with us, we help them to understand how to feel safe and respected and to be able to develop at their own pace. Our strong and sizeable pastoral team includes teaching and specialist support staff. In addition, there are teams specialising in attendance, safeguarding and counselling. We have a new, purpose built SEND base that offers bespoke interventions.

Every student is different and over time may need a little extra help and support to build their confidence, resilience and personal skills to thrive in the wider world.

PARENT COMMUNICATIONS: Parents can access a lot of information through our interactive Synergy system - and when parents need to see us, we make that happen.

RECOGNISING SUCCESS: We pride ourselves on the range of rewards and awards that are available, including house points, achievers and house assemblies, as well as postcards home. The school encourages and enables students to influence the school on a daily basis through its leadership opportunities and the School Parliament. We encourage them to invest in their school and continue its success.

RAINHILL STUDENT PARLIAMENT: This puts the student voice at the heart of key decision making. Each form group has an elected representative and they bring the views of the form to each Parliament session. Our Student Leadership Team (including the Head and Deputy Head students) chairs the Parliamentary sessions and each session ends with a vote on a key issue. The issues we have tackled so far include which charities we should support and how best to support young people with their mental health.

We help your child to successfully navigate their way through their school life. Support for your child is comprehensive, nurturing and specific to individual needs that arise.



"Pupils act with kindness towards each other, and they said that they can be themselves. This helps most pupils to feel happy and safe in school."

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THE HIGHEST STANDARDS

Rainhill High School has the highest expectations of conduct and attitude of every student. These will be clearly and regularly communicated to both students and parents.

We expect every student and every member of staff to be a good role model, both in and out of school.

Pupils understand and demonstrate a respect for the learning of others, just as they should in their future lives beyond school. 'In Pursuit of Excellence' refers to every aspect of school life, including behaviour and conduct. Our teachers are skilled at establishing strong working relationships with students and this forms the basis of the high-quality learning environment at the school.

In short, we are a thriving school on a continued upward trajectory.



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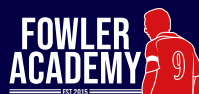


RainhillSixth

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

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Rainhill Sixth is geographically situated on the main school site but is a world away from the earlier key stages of learning. It's a centre for young adults looking upwards and outwards into the world, facing adulthood and the many challenges, options and opportunities it might bring. We encourage our sixth formers to be bold and brave - to really think about what their future could hold - and we help them achieve that. Whether it's a Russell Group university or a career-focused apprenticeship, Rainhill is right behind its sixth form pupils with a range of subjects, well-qualified and enthusiastic teachers and support staff - and lots of guidance along the way. It's a safe place - somewhere to learn and somewhere to grow.



TAILORED STUDY



Small, focused class sizes for impactful learning with high quality attention and support

Rainhill Sixth is on the same site as our main school, however it has a different identity and atmosphere to the highly successful 11-16 school, giving a whole new experience and successful representation of its own.

STRONG AND MIGHTY We are large enough to offer a full and diverse curriculum and small enough to focus and support our students in academic studies and future progression.

GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT STAGES: Our 'super-curriculum' programme is wide reaching and ensures that our sixth form students have every opportunity to build a range of experiences and develop skills and

self-confidence to take their next steps. The programme includes bespoke work experience, enterprise, preparation for university, support with applications and a range of speakers and visits to support our students' studies and knowledge of the wider world.

LEADING FROM THE TOP: We actively encourage leadership, from national campaigns to local charity work. Participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award and many of our students go on to achieve silver and gold awards.

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO? Destinations for our Rainhill Sixth leavers include undergraduate courses at Oxford, Cambridge and many Russell

Group Universities, top class performing arts institutions like the Italia Conti Conservatoire and Level 3 Apprenticeships at Whiston Hospital and the RAF.

With tailored support and guidance Rainhill allows its young people to succeed at the highest levels with confidence, ambition and a world-wide view.

FOWLER FOOTBALL ACADEMY AT MELWOOD

Rainhill proudly works in partnership with Fowler Education Football Academy (FEFA) at the Melwood site.

FEFA offers a unique educational experience that combines sport with A Levels, BTECs, and GCSEs. Our shared vision and values strengthen the partnership, driving its success.

FEFA's presence at Melwood provides an inspiring environment for students pursuing both academics and football. It empowers them to excel academically while nurturing their athletic talents. This partnership blends educational expertise with sporting excellence, ensuring comprehensive support for student development.

The success of our partnership lies in our aligned visions and values. We prioritise holistic student growth, emphasising teamwork, perseverance, and dedication. By instilling these values, we equip students for success in academics, sports, and beyond.

As the partnership grows, we seek new avenues for enhancing the educational experience. Through collaborative initiatives and exchange programs, we prepare students for future challenges.

Together, we are building a legacy of excellence for aspiring athletes and scholars.

**Combining top-class
sports opportunities with
academic education**





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