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HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

PARENT & PUPIL NEWSLETTER

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OPEN EVENING

EXPLORE | DISCOVER | YOUR NEXT STEPS

THURSDAY
8TH OCTOBER

6:00PM
START TIME

LEARN, THINK, CONTRIBUTE, CARE

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

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Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Pupils,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's newsletter.

This week we were pleased to welcome the Army Outreach Team into school on Wednesday who delivered an engaging workshop for our Year 10 pupils. They took part in problem-solving activities and physical challenges that helped build valuable skills such as teamwork, communication, and self-confidence. We would like to thank the Army Outreach Team for such a productive day.

At Rainhill, we are committed to pursuing excellence in all that we do and ensuring that every pupil has the opportunity to achieve their full potential. Excellent attendance is central to this ambition. Being in school every day, arriving on time and being ready to learn gives pupils the best possible foundation for success. Every lesson matters, and every day is an opportunity to learn, make progress and develop the skills needed for the future.

Letters have been sent to parents and carers this week to highlight the importance of regular attendance. We greatly appreciate your continued support in ensuring that pupils are in school, on time and ready to learn every day.

Our Year 13 LP1 exams begin on Monday 5th October and our Year 11 LP1 exams begin on Monday 12th October. Both exam timetables can be found on pages 8-10.

Finally, our Rainhill Sixth Open Evening will be held next week on Thursday 8th October starting at 6:30pm. We look forward to showcasing our Sixth Form and welcoming prospective students and their families.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we can ensure that every pupil is present, prepared and ready to learn, enabling them to pursue excellence and achieve their very best.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Thorogood, Principal.

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NEWSLETTER

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NEXT WEEK FOLLOWS THE WEEK B TIMETABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
05/10/26	Y13 LP1 Black History Month	English Literature Seminar (Y11)		Sixth Form Open Evening (6pm)	

CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE

We would like to congratulate our Year 9 pupils for their consistent, improved, and improving attendance. Your commitment to being in school each day shows great determination and resilience. Regular attendance is a key part of your success, and it is wonderful to see so many of you making the effort to be present, engaged, and ready to learn.

(Pictured: **Year 9 Sophie B, Declan L and Charlie L**).

Mrs Coxhill, Attendance Manager.



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 Pupil. 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.

Nicola G, Luca A, Maisie B, Joshua D, Amelia B, Kurtis B, Charlie M, Esmee S, Maggie Mc and Abel A.

Mr Giles, Senior Progress Leader and Year 7 YPL.



PE NEWS

Some of our pupils with consistently high attitudes to learning in PE enjoyed a free session of padel at Queens Park in the lovely sunshine this week. Thank you to Soul Padel for having us.



Golf

Last week our golfers went to Ormskirk GC for the NW Lancashire Boys championship.

It was a privilege to play such a prestigious course.

Special shout out to Sam Lutas who came 12th out of a possible 90. Sam had an incredible back 9 and shot a superb 80 to put him 68 net. Well done boys.



Year 8 Football

Well done to our Y8 team who had their first outing of the year at a tournament at Ruskin Drive, winning 8 of their 9 games. Great effort team.

Year 8 Netball

Well done to the Y8 netball girls who played in their first festival of the year – winning 9 of their 12 games collectively. Well done team.







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 7-11. What a fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to Harry B, Ted D, Mason S, Seb D and Kathryn I.

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

ARMY OUTREACH TEAM VISIT

Building Resilience and Teamwork with the Army

Our Year 10 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting and rewarding day working alongside representatives from the Army, taking part in a series of activities designed to develop problem-solving skills, resilience and teamwork.

Throughout the day, pupils were challenged to work together to overcome a variety of practical tasks and scenarios. These activities required effective communication, leadership, adaptability and determination, encouraging pupils to think creatively and support one another to achieve success.

The sessions provided pupils with opportunities to step outside their comfort zones, helping them to build confidence while learning the importance of perseverance when faced with challenges. It was fantastic to see pupils demonstrating resilience, encouraging their peers and reflecting positively on how teamwork can lead to better outcomes.

The visit formed an integral part of our Character Curriculum, which aims to equip pupils with the personal qualities and life skills needed to thrive both in school and beyond. Experiences such as these help to develop the attributes of resilience, responsibility, collaboration and self-belief that are essential for future success in education, employment and everyday life.

Staff were impressed by the enthusiasm, maturity and positive attitudes shown by our pupils throughout the day. Many embraced the challenges with determination and demonstrated excellent teamwork, communication and leadership skills.

We would like to thank the Army personnel for delivering such an engaging and inspiring programme. Their expertise and encouragement provided our pupils with valuable experiences that will support their personal development and contribute to their ongoing character education journey.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable day, and we are incredibly proud of the way our Year 10 pupils rose to every challenge presented to them.



SUCCESS BEYOND RAINHILL

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the success of one of our former students, Ella Roberts, whose artwork is currently being exhibited at Castle Parks Art Centre in Frodsham.

It is wonderful to see her creativity, talent and hard work being recognised beyond the school gates, and we are so proud of both her and the work she has created. Her achievement is a fantastic reminder of the exciting opportunities that can come after school and of what can be achieved when you follow your passions, develop your talents and believe in your potential.

We wish her every success for the future and look forward to seeing where her creativity takes her next.

If you would like to view the work, the exhibition runs until October 31st and is free to visit. Her work can also be viewed here: Echo of the Eye by Ella Roberts - Castle Park Arts Centre

Miss Goodwin, Head of KS3 Art/Fine Art Lead.



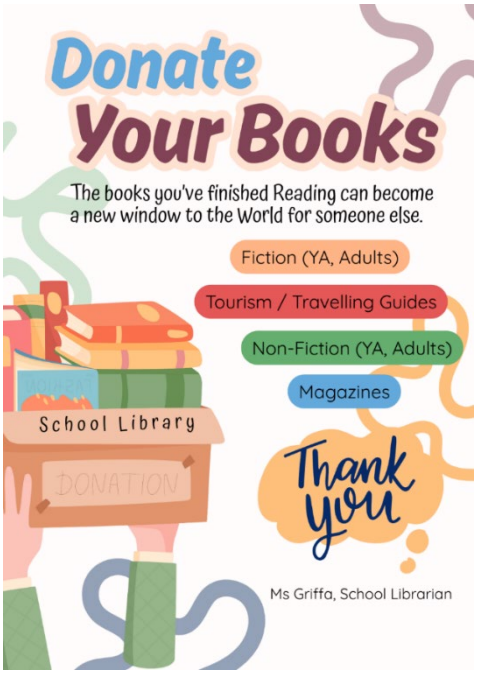
LIBRARY NEWS

After two weeks of successful library lessons, the pupils now have full access to our virtual library 'Libresoft'. All the pupils have received an email with a link to access with Microsoft credentials, and are now able to browse our catalogue, reserve books, leave reviews and add books to the wish list. On the pupil's dashboard, the pupils can also see the books they borrowed, if they have any overdue loans, year group reading lists, tailored recommendations, new books and highlights of the month.

Please feel free to visit our virtual school library from any device by clicking here.

If you have any questions, please contact me via Arbor.

Ms Griffa, School Librarian.



Short Story WRITING COMPETITION

A one page story... Autumn themed!

Let your imagination fall into place...

Write a short story of just one page, inspired by autumn. It can be spooky, heart-warming, mysterious, funny – it's up to you!

3 Tips for a Great Short Story

1. **Start with a hook**
   Grab the reader's attention from the first sentence. Make them want to keep reading!
2. **Show, don't tell**
   Use vivid descriptions and actions to bring your characters, setting and atmosphere to life.
3. **End with impact**
   Leave the reader with a twist, a surprise or a lasting thought. Make it memorable!



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: 9TH OCTOBER

Submissions to the school librarian: Ms Griffa

WIN a brand new copy of **ONE OF US IS NEXT** by Karen McManus



Happy writing!

CAREERS

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We are looking for employers, businesses and professionals to get involved in our Careers Fair and Year 10 Mock Interview Day. These events make a huge difference to our pupils, giving them real-world insight, confidence and valuable experience of the workplace.

If you can spare some time to support our young people or know someone else who can, please sign up using the link below. Even a few hours can make a lasting impact.

Mock Interviews and Careers Fair 2027

Mrs Thomas, RH6 Manager.



MYERSCOUGH COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CENTRE

The Myerscough College and University Centre offer Saturday Course Advice Mornings where prospective students can get information and guidance about choosing a course. The events run on site at each centre. Please check each event for specific timings

YEAR 11 FOOD PREPARATION AND NUTRITION EXAMS

Year 11 pupils will be taking their Assessment 1: The Food Investigation Assessment practical examination in Food Preparation and Nutrition before the end of this half term. Overall, this assessment is worth 15% of their final GCSE grade, of which the practical examination is worth half of the marks. Letters have been sent home to parents/carers via Arbor containing more information.

Please see below dates/times for each classes' exam.

Tuesday 6th October	Wednesday 7th October	Thursday 8th October	Friday 9th October
11A/Cg1 – Group 5	11A/Cg2 – Group 6	11D/Cg1 – Group 7	11A/Cg1 – Group 8
C107 Opens 8:30am	C105 Opens 8:30am	C105 Opens 8:30am	C107 Opens 8:30am
Exam Time 8:45 am - 11:45 am	Exam Time 8:45 am - 11:45 am	Exam Time 8:45 am - 11:45 am	Exam Time 8:45 am - 11:45 am

Tuesday 13th October	Wednesday 14th October	Thursday 15th October	Friday 16th October
11A/Cg2 – Group 9	11D/Cg1 – Group 10	11A/Cg1 – Group 11	11A/Cg1 – Group 12
C105 Opens 8:30am	C105 Opens 8:30am	C107 Opens 8:30am	C107 Opens 8:30am
Exam Time 8:45 am - 11:45 am	Exam Time 8:45 am - 11:45 am	Exam Time 8:45 am - 11:45 am	Exam Time 8:45 am - 11:45 am

YEAR 13 LEARNING PROGRAMME – ASSESSMENT WEEK 1

Monday 5th October to Friday 9th October (inclusive)

From Monday 5th October to Friday 9th October (inclusive) all students in Year 13 will be undertaking assessments in the subjects they are currently studying. For both A-level and BTEC subjects these assessments will be based on past paper questions, and indeed complete papers, and will be taken under exam conditions to best prepare your son/daughter for final examinations in May/June 2027.

Please find attached the exam timetable so your son/daughter is aware of when their examinations take place. All morning exams will start as soon as possible at 9:30am. It is vital that your son/daughter reports to their exam venue at 9:20am to ensure we have a 9:30am start.

Afternoon examinations commence at 1:30pm. Your son/daughter should report to the exam venue at 1:20pm.

Students for A-level subjects will have study leave during the exam period as follows: -

1. The morning before an afternoon exam i.e., Tuesday (am) for an exam scheduled Tuesday pm
2. The afternoon before a morning exam i.e., Monday (pm) for an exam scheduled for Tuesday am.

Students completing applied general qualifications and arts courses must attend lessons as normal when not in exams.

Please could you encourage and support your son/daughter to prepare thoroughly for these exams as they will give them a good indication of the progress they have made to date.

The Sixth Form will be providing revision guidance sessions during tutorial periods to ensure your son/daughter can prepare effectively for these important exams. In addition, there is an expectation that your son/daughter will attend their study+ sessions and use this time to effectively prepare.

Mr Cunningham, Director RH6.

	Monday 5th October 2026	Tuesday 6th October 2025	Wednesday 7th October 2025	Thursday 8th October 2025	Friday 9th October 2025
Period 1	**Block K – Paper 1** Criminology 1Hour 30Mins English Language 2Hours 30Mins Geography 2 Hours 30Mins Physics – 2Hours	**Block M – Paper 1** Creative Media – 2 Hours Psychology 2Hour Chemistry 2 Hours 30Mins Dance 1 Hour Lesson 1 (Will conduct an in-class assessment as it is BTEC. Request 1 hour slot were timetabled to teach the class)	**Box L – Paper 1** English Literature 2Hours Sociology 2 Hours Computer Science 2Hours 30Mins Biology 2 Hours German 1Hour 45Mins	**Box J – Paper 2** Maths 1Hour History 2Hours 30Mins	**Box L – Paper 2** English Literature 2Hours 30Mins Sociology 1Hour Computer Science 2Hours 30Mins German 1Hour 30Mins
Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2
			BREAK		
Period 3	**Lessons as normal**	**Lessons as normal**	**Lessons as normal**	**Lessons as normal**	**Lessons as normal**
			LUNCH		
Period 4	**Box J – Paper 1** Maths 2Hours History 2Hours 30Mins Health 1Hour 30Mins	**Box N – Paper 1** Business - 2 Hours	**Block K – Paper 2** English Language 2Hours 30Mins Physics 2Hours	**Box M – Paper 2** Creative Media 2 Hours Psychology 2Hours Chemistry 2 Hour 30Mins	**Box J – Paper 3** Maths 1Hour 15Mins
Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5

ADVANCE NOTICE - YEAR 11 LEARNING PROGRAMME – ASSESSMENT WEEK 1

Monday 12th October to Friday 23rd October (inclusive)

From Monday 12th October to Friday 23rd October (inclusive) all pupils in Year 11 will be undertaking mock examinations in the subjects they are currently studying. For both GCSE and Applied (BTEC/CamTech) subjects these examinations will be based on past paper questions, and indeed complete papers, and will be taken under exam conditions to best prepare your child for their final examinations in May/June 2027.

Please find attached the exam timetable so your child is aware of when their examinations take place. All morning examinations will start as soon as possible and by 9:15am. Pupils must go to Character Curriculum with their form tutor to register. Afternoon examinations will commence after lunch at 1:30pm.

Pupils are expected to attend lessons as normal on the completion of their examinations and when not scheduled in examinations.

Please could you encourage and support your child to prepare thoroughly for these examinations as they will give them a good indication of the progress they have made to date.

The school will continue to provide revision guidance sessions during character curriculum time to ensure your child can prepare effectively for these important examinations.

Mr Webster, Year 11 Progress Leader.

	Monday 12th October 2026	**Tuesday 13th October 2026**	**Wednesday 14th October 2026**	**Thursday 15th October 2026**	**Friday 16th October 2026**
Period 1	English Language Paper 1 – 1 Hour 45 Mins	Mathematics Paper 1 – 1 Hour 30 Mins	English Literature Paper 1 – 2 Hours	Biology (Separate Science) - 1 Hour 45 Mins Biology (Combined Science) - 1 Hour 15 Mins	English Language Paper 2 – 2 Hours
Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2
Period 3	**Lessons as normal**	**Lessons as normal**	**Lessons as normal**	**Lessons as normal**	**Lessons as normal**
LUNCH					
Period 4	**Block A subjects (Period 4)** Business Paper 1 – 1 Hour 45 Mins History – 2 Hours PE Paper 1 – 1 Hour Sociology – 1 Hour 45 Mins If no scheduled exam, then lessons as normal	**Block D subjects (Period 4)** Business Paper 1 – 1 Hour 45 Mins History – 2 Hours If no scheduled exam, then lessons as normal	**Block B subjects (Period 5)** Construction – 1 Hour 30 Mins Geography – 1 Hour 30 Mins History – 2 Hours Spanish Paper 1 Listening- Higher – 1 Hour Foundation – 45 Mins If no scheduled exam, then lessons as normal	Chemistry (Separate Science) - 1 Hour 45 Mins Chemistry (Combined Science) - 1 Hour 15 Mins	**Block C subjects (Period 4)** Geography – 1 Hour 30 Mins German Paper 1 Listening - Higher 1 Hour Foundation 45 Mins History – 2 Hours RE – Paper 1 – 1 Hour RE – Paper 2 – 1 Hour Spanish Paper 1 Listening- Higher – 1 Hour Foundation – 45 Mins If no scheduled exam, then lessons as normal
Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5

	Monday 19th October 2026	Tuesday 20th October 2026	Wednesday 21st October 2026	Thursday 22nd October 2026	Friday 23rd October 2026
Period 1	English Literature Paper 2 – 1 Hour 45 Mins	Mathematics Paper 2 – 1 Hour 30 Mins	Physics (Separate Science) - 1 Hour 45 Min Physics (Combined Science) - 1 Hour 15 Mins	Mathematics Paper 3 – 1 Hour 30 Mins	**Modern Foreign Languages** German Paper 3 – Writing Higher – 1 Hour 20 Mins Foundation – 1 Hour 15 Mins Spanish Paper 3 - Writing Higher –1 Hour 20 Mins Foundation –1 Hour 15 Mins
Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2
Period 3	**Lessons as normal**	**Lessons as normal**	**Lessons as normal**	**Lessons as normal**	**Lessons as normal**
LUNCH					
Period 4	**Block A subjects (Period 5)** Business Paper 2 – 1 Hour PE Paper 2 – 1 Hour Food and Nutrition – 1 Hour 45 Mins If no scheduled exam, then lessons as normal	**Block C subjects (Period 5)** German Paper 2 Reading - Higher – 60 Mins Foundation – 45 Mins Spanish Paper 2 Reading - Higher – 60 Mins Foundation – 45 Mins If no scheduled exam, then lessons as normal	**Block D subjects (Period 5)** Business Paper 2 – 1 Hour Food and Nutrition – 1 Hour 45 Mins If no scheduled exam, then lessons as normal	Computer Science Paper 1 – 1 Hour 30 Mins If no scheduled exam, then lessons as normal	Computer Science Paper 2 – 1 Hour 30 Mins If no scheduled exam, then lessons as normal
Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5

CHARACTER CURRICULUM - EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT

Please see below our extra-curricular timetable for our first term. All pupils are invited to attend as many clubs as they can. There is no need to pay for any clubs, all we ask is pupils have PE kit for afterschool clubs and girls have shorts for the trampolining. These clubs are not school teams; they are recreational clubs for anybody and everybody.

As part of our Character Curriculum, we are urging pupils to engage in as many extra-curricular opportunities as possible. Regular participation in school sports clubs provides pupils with far more than just the opportunity to develop their sporting ability. By attending clubs consistently over time, pupils can build confidence, resilience, teamwork, communication, and leadership skills, while developing positive habits around physical activity and healthy lifestyles. Sustained involvement also helps pupils learn how to set goals, respond to challenges, manage success and disappointment, and commit to something over a longer period. Our extra-curricular programme is designed to give every pupil the opportunity to belong to a team, represent their school, develop their skills, and enjoy being active, with the aim of creating positive experiences that can encourage a lifelong interest in sport and physical activity.

Please note, some clubs may be cancelled if the facility is unavailable (e.g. sports hall being used for exams or if a fixture has been arranged after school).

Communication in these cases will be done via Arbor, so please sign up to our clubs via Arbor.

Term 1: September - December

@ RainhillPE	LUNCH 12:55 -13:25	AFTER SCHOOL 15:30 -16:15
MONDAY	**Trampolining** – *Gym* Year 7	**Girls Netball** – *Courts* – All Years **Boys Football** – *Astro* - Y8 (Wk A), Y9 (Wk B)
TUESDAY	**Badminton** – *Sports Hall* Year 9 and 10	**Girls Football** – *Astro* – All Years **Boys and Girls Rugby** – *Field* – All Years
WEDNESDAY	**Badminton** – *Sports Hall* Year 7 and 8	
THURSDAY		**Boys Football** – *Astro* – Year 7
FRIDAY	**Trampolining** – *Gym* Year 8-10	**Boys Football** – *Astro* – Year 10

Please note, clubs are subject to **fixture/facility clashes, appropriate and safe weather**, and **appropriate pupil participation.**
Please sign up to clubs on ARBOR – for help and support, contact your form teacher

ELITE PERFORMERS

We are creating our new 2026-27 Elite Performer/Gifted and Talented lists for 2026/27.

If your child is at a registered academy, or elite talent pathway whereby school may need to work in partnership with the club or organisation with regards to authorised absences (due to fixtures or regular training such as day release) and academic support, please contact Dr Rotheram with information of your child's level, club and requirements. Please also send a relevant picture of your child in their kit and/or competing for our display - David.Rotheram@rainhillhigh.org.uk

Dr Rotheram will be looking after these Elite Performers, if they fall into the Elite Performer remit. Please click here for more precise details.

If you child represents school boys/girls, represents at country or regional level in their chosen sport, then we would love to celebrate their achievements by placing them on our Gifted and Talented registers. We will celebrate these pupils alongside our Elite Performers by spreading good news of their achievements on newsletters, socials and on our PE display wall.

If you believe your child would be classed as gifted and talented then please send information of your child's level, club and sport to Mr Wood - Michael.Wood@rainhillhigh.org.uk

Please also send a relevant picture of your child in their kit and/or competing for our display.

Mr Wood, Head of PE.

PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

At Rainhill High School, we offer extra-curricular peripatetic music lessons. These are one-to-one sessions with professional musicians from St Helens, designed to be an engaging way to learn a variety of musical instruments through expert tuition.

We currently have the following spaces:

- 2 guitar slots
- 2 brass slots (trumpet, cornet, trombone etc.)
- Multiple singing slots

If you would like more information on these lessons, please contact Mr Kennett.

Mr Kennett, Teacher of Music.

SINGING LESSONS



RAINHILL PE



HELP AND SUPPORT

CURRICULUM QUERIES

Heads of Department

English	Ms Dickman	**Business Studies**	Mr Farrell
Mathematics	Mr Rimmer	**Social Sciences**	Mrs R Evans
Science	Mr Flynn	**Computer Science**	Miss Curphey
Biology	Miss Harper	**Art Design Technology**	Mr Bennett
Chemistry	Mrs Bancroft	**Languages**	Mr Farrell
Physics	Mr Hurst	**Food Studies**	Mrs King
History & Politics	Mr Swan	**Performing Arts**	Mrs McCann
Geography	Mr Iddon	**PE**	Mr Wood
Philosophy & Ethics		**Life Skills (PSHE/Citizenship)**	Miss Burgess

PASTORAL QUERIES

Stage 1	Form Tutor	
Stage 2	Year Student Manager/Progress Coach	
Stage 3	Year Progress Leader/Director RH6	
Stage 4	Assistant Principal - Behaviour & Culture	Mr East
Stage 5	Vice Principals	Mrs Munro, Mrs Aylward
Stage 6	Principal	Mrs Thorogood

Pastoral Structure

Y7 Student Manager	Dr Rotheram	**Y7 Progress Leader**	Mrs Haselden
Y8 Student Manager	Mrs Beardwood	**Y8 Progress Leader**	Mr Giles
Y9 Student Manager	Miss Hill	**Y9 Progress Leader**	Mr Barry
Y10 Student Manager	Mr Lambert	**Y10 Progress Leader**	Mr Brown
Y11 Student Manager	Miss Humphreys	**Y11 Progress Leader**	Mr Webster
RH6 Progress Coaches	Mrs Thomas/Mrs Garton	**Director RH6**	Mr Cunningham
Young Carer Champion	Miss Wordsworth		

COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Please **click here** to view our Communications policy.

BREAKFAST CLUB BOOKINGS

Breakfast Club is available free of charge every school day from **8:00am to 8:30am**. Pupils can sit quietly before school or purchase breakfast from the catering service using their normal lunch card.

Places must be booked in advance through the **Arbor Parent App**:

1. Open the Arbor Parent App.
2. Select **Menu**.
3. Select **Clubs**.
4. Choose **Breakfast Club**.
5. Select **Register for this club** and book the dates required.

ACCESSING FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you have been in receipt of free school meals previously and believe this should still be the case, you will need to apply to St Helens Council. Please click here.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ELIGIBILITY



Dear Parent/Carer,

You may or may not be aware that from September 2026 the government are changing the criteria required to be eligible for free school meals. This means that across England there may be an additional 500,000 pupils that hit this new criteria. The even better news is that we can check your eligibility to see if your child(ren) are eligible under the scheme, and if they are, that will directly begin the application.

Please scan the QR code or clink on the link to take you to a short MS Forms and we will be in touch to let you know if you are eligible and whether your application has been processed.

Free school meal eligibility checker – Fill in form

Free school meal eligibility means that your child/children will get £1.25 for breakfast, which can be used at breakfast or break time, and £2.50 for their lunch. As this money comes from central government, they apply a 'claw back' rule which means if funds are not used, they are removed and not rolled over. You can still, if you want, add funds to your child's/children's account through Parent Pay.
NB All decisions are made by central government and not by the school.



SCHOOL MENU

Please click here to view our latest menu.

Please click here to view our allergens menu.

ARBOR - GETTING STARTED ON ARBOR

Please click here to view our Arbor guide.

MICROSOFT AUTHENTICATOR SETUP GUIDE

Microsoft Authenticator Setup Guide

http://www.outlook.com/rainhillhigh.org.uk Set up the Microsoft Authenticator app and add your mobile

You will need your school email address and password, a mobile phone, and internet access.
Complete both sections below so you can approve sign-ins and recover access if you change phones.

Before you start

You need	Details
School account	Your school email address and password.
Mobile phone	A phone that can install the Microsoft Authenticator app.
Your number	The mobile number you normally use. Do not use someone else's number.

Part 1 Set up Microsoft Authenticator

1	**Install the app.** On your phone, open the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Search for Microsoft Authenticator and install the official Microsoft app.
2	**Open your security information page.** On a laptop, tablet or phone browser, go to https://mysignins.microsoft.com/security-info. Sign in using your school email address and password.
3	**Add a sign in method.** Select Add sign-in method. Choose Authenticator app, then select Add or Next. Keep this page open.
4	**Add your school account in the app.** Open Microsoft Authenticator. Tap the + symbol, choose Work or school account, then choose Scan a QR code.
5	**Scan the QR code.** Use the app to scan the QR code shown on the security information page. If asked, allow the app to use your camera.
6	**Finish and test.** Select Next on the web page. Approve the test notification in the app. If a number is displayed, type the same number into the app, then select Approve.

Part 2 Add your mobile number

Adding your mobile number gives you another way to receive a verification code if you cannot use the app.

1	**Return to Security info.** If you are not already there, go to https://mysignins.microsoft.com/security-info and sign in.
2	**Add a phone method.** Select Add sign-in method, choose Phone, then select Add.
3	**Enter your number.** Choose United Kingdom (+44). Enter your mobile number without the first 0, then choose Text me a code. Example: 07700 900123 becomes 7700 900123.
4	**Verify the code.** Enter the code sent to your phone and select Next. Your mobile number should now appear in your Security info list.

If you get stuck

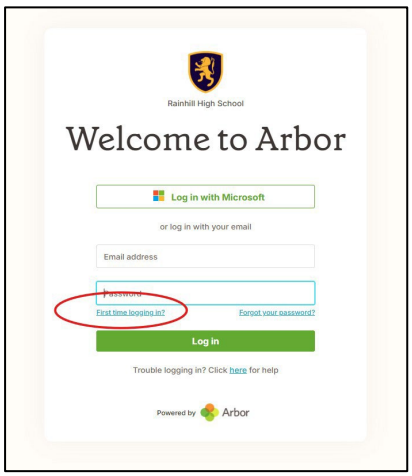
Problem	What to do
No mobile phone	Speak to IT support. Do not use another account or phone number.
New or lost phone	Tell IT support as soon as possible so your old Authenticator method can be removed safely.
Wrong password or no prompt	Check you are using your school email address. If it still does not work, contact IT support.

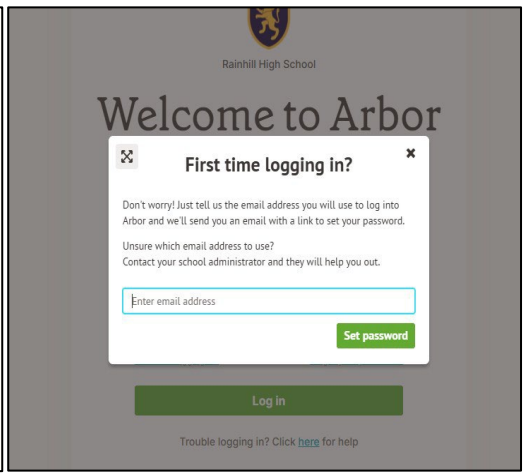
Keep your phone secure. Never approve a sign-in notification that you did not start.

FIRST TIME PUPIL LOGIN TO ARBOR

Use your school email address to set up your Arbor password.

1. Go to https://rainhill-high-school.uk.arbor.education
2. On the Arbor sign-in page, click first time logging in?
3. Enter your Rainhill High School email address, then click set password.
4. Open your school email and click the link from Arbor to create your own password.





Still having trouble? Please visit the IT Service Desk during school time.

CURRENT VACANCIES

HEAD OF MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

TLR 1B £12,515

Key Dates:

Closing date: 9am on Monday 5th October 2026

Interviews: Friday 9th October 2026

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