RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2026

PARENT & PUPIL NEWSLETTER

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RAINHILL CELEBRATE FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDING...

GCSE SUCCESS 2026

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION GCSE PERFORMANCE DATA

1ST IN ST HELENS

Highest Attainment 8 score of any state-funded secondary school in St Helens.

6TH ACROSS THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

Among mixed-sex, non-selective, state-funded secondary schools.

YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS 2027 APPLICATION DEADLINE

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

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IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

Friday 23rd October 2026

A Half Term to Finish with Pride

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Good afternoon, and welcome to our final newsletter of what has been an incredibly busy and rewarding first half term at Rainhill High School.

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to thank our pupils, staff and families for their contribution to life at Rainhill. It has been a busy half term, but one filled with wonderful achievements, exciting opportunities and countless examples of our school values in action.

Celebrating Academic Excellence

We have even more reason to celebrate following the recent publication of the Department for Education's GCSE performance data, which provides further recognition of our pupils' outstanding achievements this summer.

I am delighted to share that **Rainhill High School achieved the highest Attainment 8 score of any state-funded secondary school in St Helens.** Our score of **50.3**, which reflects achievement across eight qualifications, is above the national average of 46.2.

Almost three-quarters of our pupils achieved grades 4 or above in both English and mathematics, while more than half achieved grades 5 or above in both subjects. Both outcomes exceed the national average.

We are also incredibly proud that Rainhill ranks **sixth for Attainment 8 among mixed-sex, non-selective state-funded secondary schools across the Liverpool City Region with published 2026 results**. Our results exceed the averages of all six local authorities for Attainment 8 and English and mathematics at both grades 4+ and 5+.

These achievements are a testament to the determination of our pupils, the expertise and dedication of our staff, and the invaluable support you provide at home. They demonstrate what can be achieved when we work together in pursuit of excellence.

The Department for Education's Key Stage 5 performance data has not yet been published. We look forward to its release and the opportunity to share how our Sixth Form outcomes compare nationally and locally.

So Much More Than Examination Results

Whilst academic success is incredibly important, our ambition for every young person extends far beyond examination results. We want our pupils to enjoy learning, discover their interests, embrace new opportunities and develop the confidence and character to succeed in whatever they choose to do.

This week's newsletter is a wonderful reflection of the breadth of opportunities available at Rainhill. From our talented dancers achieving outstanding success at Disney, to Year 8 exploring Yorkshire Sculpture Park, our Languages Day celebrations and the inspiring Commando Chef workshop for our Sixth Form students, there is so much to celebrate.

I am particularly proud of the many pupils recognised through our Achievers nominations, Lion Awards and Vice Principal Awards. These achievements remind us that excellence comes in many forms. We are equally proud to recognise effort, improvement, resilience and positive contributions to school life alongside academic success.

Our school values of **Learn, Think, Contribute and Care** remain at the heart of everything we do, and it has been wonderful to see so many pupils demonstrating these values throughout the half term.

Attendance, Rewards and a Positive Start

I would also like to congratulate those pupils who have demonstrated excellent or improving attendance this half term. Being in school every day, ready to learn, makes a significant difference to both achievement and personal development. Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support in reinforcing this important message.

Looking ahead, we return to school on **Monday 2nd November**, when we will be launching our exciting **Double Rewards Week.** All House Points and Professional Standards Awards will be worth double, providing a fantastic opportunity for pupils to make a positive start to the new half term.

Please also take a moment to review the uniform, equipment and presentation reminders included in this newsletter so that every pupil returns ready to learn and proud to represent Rainhill High School.

Thank You and Enjoy the Break

Finally, as Halloween and Bonfire Night approach, I encourage all our pupils to enjoy the celebrations safely and responsibly, demonstrating the same care and respect for others that we expect within our school community.

As we reflect on the achievements of this first half term, I am incredibly proud of what our school community continues to accomplish. Our success is built on the collective efforts of our pupils, the dedication of our staff and the strong partnership we share with our families.

Thank you once again for your continued support, encouragement and commitment to Rainhill High School.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved, restful and enjoyable half-term break. I look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Monday 2nd November, refreshed and ready for another successful half term.

In Pursuit of Excellence.

Mrs Josie Thorogood
Principal

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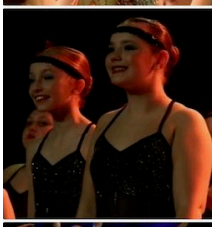
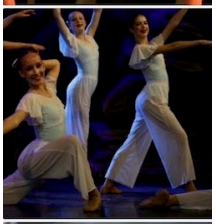
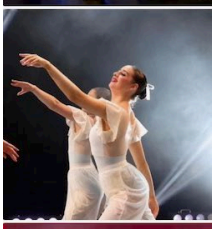
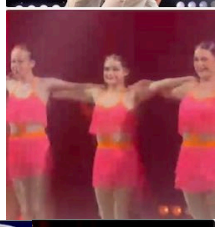
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WEEK COMMENCING 02/11/26 FOLLOWS THE WEEK B TIMETABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
02/11/26	GCSE Resits - Maths and English		Enterprise Presentation Y11 Schools System Parent Drop-in (Arbor, Sparks, Reading Plus) 2:30-4pm		

RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL DANCERS SHINE AT DISNEY

Pupils from Rainhill High School have enjoyed an unforgettable experience performing at Disney as part of a trip organised by The Jeanette McCulloch School of Dance. Several of our pupils joined the dance school for this exciting opportunity.

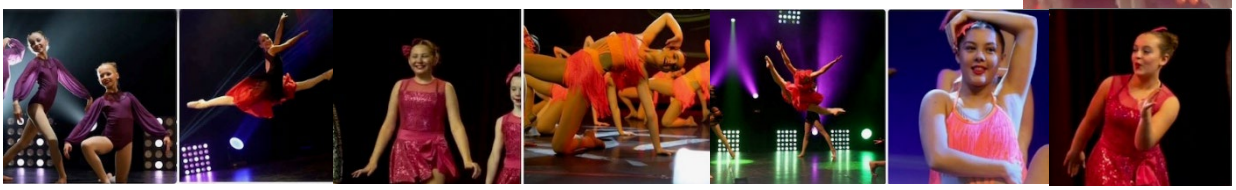
Pupils from Years 7 to 11 took part, alongside several former Rainhill High pupils. The trip provided an amazing platform for our dancers to showcase their skills, dedication and passion for performing arts on an international stage. The team achieved outstanding success at the IFDPA competition, bringing home an impressive 14 placings: six first places, six second places and two third places. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to the hard work, commitment and talent of everyone involved. Pupils also participated in the parade and performed in a spectacular showcase within the Disney park itself. These were incredible opportunities for our dancers to perform in front of international audiences and create memories that will last a lifetime.

We are particularly proud of the strong links between our current and former pupils. Much of the choreography was created by past Rainhill High School pupils, including Ceri Taylor, Erin Taylor, Suzanne Jones and Natalie Bamford. Their continued involvement highlights the lasting impact of our performing arts community and the importance of inspiring the next generation of dancers. A huge well done to all the pupils who took part.

We would like to thank The Jeanette McCulloch School of Dance for providing our pupils with this fantastic opportunity and for supporting their development as performers.

Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs Haselden, Techer of Performing Arts.



PUPIL SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Erin P who has won the British Novice competition. This has qualified Erin to represent the BSJA Northern Team. Well done.

Over the weekend, Alfie C took part in the City of Manchester Race for Winter Regional Gala, a Level 2 competition running from Friday to Sunday.

Alfie had a particularly successful weekend, qualifying for seven races and achieving personal bests in every event. He swam his 100m freestyle in under a minute a personal challenge that he set himself. His results included:

- 800m Freestyle: 9:50.36 — PB by 15.57 seconds
- 400m Freestyle: 4:44.94 — PB by 3.64 seconds
- 200m Freestyle: 2:12.91 — PB by 2.64 seconds
- 100m Freestyle: 59.75 seconds — PB by 2.33 seconds
- 50m Freestyle: 26.81 seconds — PB by 1.28 seconds
- 50m Butterfly: 30.93 seconds — PB by 1.08 seconds

He also achieved two excellent fourth-place finishes, narrowly missing out on a podium place.

These performances have helped Alfie qualify for the County Championships in February, and he is now working towards achieving the qualifying times for the Regional Championships before the end of this year.

Congratulations Alfie.

Our Inter Girls Swimming Team have qualified for the 68th English Schools Swimming Association (ESSA) National Finals.

This is an amazing achievement for Charlotte, Sophie, Taylor and Bella. To add to this, they have also been recognised in the local press. Please follow the link below to read all about their success. Well done.

Rainhill High girls qualify for national swimming finals | St Helens Star





Congratulations to George for winning our first Speed Darts Tournament this week. 🎯 **Darts Academy** runs every **Monday** for Year 7 pupils.

☑ More places available after half term
☑ Book via **Arbor** from **Monday 2nd November**

Well done, George.

A SPELLBINDING SUCCESS AT RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL

Rainhill High School was delighted to host another fantastic **Inter-Primary Spelling Bee Competition** on Wednesday 21st October, welcoming 24 talented Year 5 and 6 pupils from St Bartholomew's and St Ann's Primary Schools.

The event was a wonderful celebration of literacy, confidence and friendly competition, with pupils representing their schools in a series of increasingly challenging spelling rounds. The atmosphere was full of excitement, determination and encouragement as our young competitors demonstrated impressive spelling knowledge, resilience and teamwork.



After a closely fought contest, St Ann's emerged victorious with 72 points to St Bartholomew's 56**.** Huge congratulations to St Ann's on their well-deserved victory and to every pupil who participated so enthusiastically.



Events like this are a fantastic example of the strong relationships we continue to build with our local primary schools. They provide valuable opportunities for younger pupils to experience life at Rainhill High School, develop confidence, celebrate academic achievement and make new connections.

A huge thank you to all the staff and pupils who helped organise and deliver such a successful event, and to both primary schools for their wonderful participation and enthusiasm.
We look forward to continuing this brilliant tradition and welcoming even more young talent to Rainhill High School.
Mr Walton, Assistant Principal

YORKSHIRE SCULPTURE PARK VISIT

This year's trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park was a huge success. The weather was kind to us, allowing us to enjoy a wonderful day exploring the beautiful Yorkshire countryside.



Year 8 pupils embraced the experience wholeheartedly, showing great enthusiasm, engagement and impeccable behaviour throughout the day. They had the opportunity to explore and engage with sculptures by world-renowned artists, including Damien Hirst, Barbara Hepworth and Anthony Caro, as well as many other inspiring artists.

Along the way, we clocked up an impressive 10,000 steps, taking in the stunning surroundings and discovering incredible works of art. It was a fantastic day of creativity, exploration and learning, enjoyed by all.
Miss Goodwin, Head of KS3 Art/Fine Art Lead.





LANGUAGES, CULTURE AND CREATIVITY

Our recent Languages Day competition, which was open to all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9, gave pupils the opportunity to showcase their creativity while celebrating languages and European culture. Our shortlisted pupils were invited to a special European-themed breakfast, where they enjoyed continental favourites including pain au chocolat, croissants and fresh orange juice, before the presentation of prizes and badges.

🥉 Taking third place was Jake L with a fantastic picture of the Basilica of the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona.

🥈 Emily B, Elinor M and Sasha H secured joint second place with their fantastic collaborative effort with their view of the Eiffel Tower with lots of interesting facts.

🥇 The overall winner was Aaron C, whose beautiful watercolour of the Eiffel Tower earned first place.



It was fantastic to recognise the hard work and creativity of our shortlisted pupils and competition winners. A huge congratulations to everyone who took part and helped make Languages Day a celebration of languages, culture and creativity across Key Stage 3.

Mr Farrell, Head of Faculty and Mrs Aylward, Vice Principal.

SIXTH FORM COMMANDO CHEF WORKSHOP

Our sixth form students enjoyed a fantastic cooking workshop with Chef Mike, learning how to prepare a delicious turkey and vegetable wrap while picking up some valuable life skills along the way.



They also had the opportunity to learn about the incredible life and career of Colour Sergeant Mike Beaton, hearing about his experiences, achievements and the importance of setting goals for the future.

From bonding through food (and learning new cooking skills!) to thinking about their own goals and aspirations, it was a brilliant session helping our students prepare for their next steps into adult life.

A huge thank you to Chef Mike for inspiring our students and sharing their knowledge and experiences.

Katie Thomas, RH6 Manager





CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE

We would like to congratulate our Year 10 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.
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.
Mr East, Assistant Principal Culture & Behaviour.



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 Elliot S, Nicola G, Kurtis B, Erin P, and Chloe L.
Mrs Munro, Vice Principal - Behaviour, Culture, Attendance & Safeguarding.

HALF TERM 1 ACHIEVERS NOMINATIONS

Year 7

Maths
Maria M
Ella X
Akshana S

English
Olivia H
Chloe B
Matthew M
Jude B
Ted E
Sofia M
Amelia D
Paige G

Science
Jasmine M
Emily B
Michael P

History
Aarav S
Karthik P
Jeff G
Jake L
Arthur B

ADT
Ella H
Marni K
Akshana S
Olly B
Bisma K
Noah B
Paige G
Matthew M

Geography
Mason S
Kingston M
Poppy F
Arthur B
Samantha K
Lucas M

Spanish
Joel L
Olivia B
Jude B
Hafsat S
Emily B
Elsie C
Akshana S
Paige G

Music
Liam
Amaiya E
Iz B
Jude B
Maximus E
Evelyn P
Jeff G
Sophia G
Maeve H
Luca A
Olly B

Drama
Lilly-Rose C
Dexter W
Florin T
Sienna L
Paul M
Paige G

French
Yan O
Marni K
Sasha H
Hugo B

German
Freddie S
Matthew M
Phoebe R
Tom G

Citizenship

RE
Harriet D

Computing
Bisma K
Alfie R

PE
Hollie D
Iz B
Elinor M
Poppy F
Maisie J
Lucas M

Year 8

Maths
Lily S
Ellie D
Jake B
Daniel T
Joseph C-M

English
Poppy C
Scarlett M
Harry B
Isabella H
Lillie M
Evelyn L
Andrew S

Science
Fletcher Y
Lilia A
Jennifer R
Andrew S

History
Morgan S
Harry B
Cora C
Lojanesh S

ADT
Poppy L
Elizabeth T
Jensen S-P
Sum WC
Kaitlynn C
Llewyn K

Geography
Katherine B
Bella W
Tavonga M
Rian Ba Z
Jennifer R
Macie J-D

Spanish
Larna S
Els D
Evie P
Emiliia R

Music
Millie B
Jensen S-P
Oliver T
Erin E
Max P
Evie P
Eva L
Lucy F
Rian BZ
Jennifer R
James C

Drama
Summer H
Scarlett C
Theo W
Isla W
Abigail W
Lexi L
Nancie C

French
Max W
Lillie M

PE
David S
Matilda A
Temweni M
Max ED
Olivia C
Poppy L
Jennifer R

Citizenship
Sophie L
Lucy A
Tasheni M
Lillia A
Alice G
Andrew S

RE
Poppy C
Isabella H
Oliver R

Computing
Luke M
Adith S

German
Noah D
Tasheni M

Year 9

Maths
Kurtis B
Nancy S
Harley W
Amy P
Bobby J
Keren L
Teddy H

English
Amelia B
Alexander B
Maddison R
Blake H
Connor S
Ellie T
George P
Joanna J
Lucas W
Ollie C

Science
Morgan F
Charlie W
Oliver M
Cecily F

History
Nancy S
Savana S
Kiera S
Teddy H

ADT
Savana Stokoe
Ellie Thorp
Daniel Westhead
Amelia Bond
Taylor Fishwick
Joanna Jackson

Geography
Archy B-B
Freya O'N
Harley W
Isla M
Kiera S
Scarlet L
Chloe C
Lewis R

Spanish
Isaac M
Maddie K
Isabella H
Keren L

Music
Redhaan P
Heather S
Ava M
Harriet O
Aaron D
Darcie P
Kiera S
Anabell A
Kiarah H-J
Kimberly N
Lewis R

Drama
Fraser
Lily H
Hugh T
Kiera S
Leonor A

French
Redhaan P
Elizabeth H

PE
Kale F
Ava M
Amelia B
Ally G
Evie R
Jessica R
Ruby L

Citizenship
Archy BB
Jack H
Joanna J
Thomas A
Ted B
Caitlin L
Isla B
Bobby J
Bethany C
Oliver E
Nathan B

RE
Myah M
Gabriella T

Computing
Nickolas C
Declan L
Teddy H

German
Callum N
Emily C

Year 10

Maths	English	Science
Harry B	Mason B	Jackie P
Mason B	Ben P	Lucy C
Ted D	Miya C	Darcy M
Chesley C	Mila T	Robyn D
Eveleen M	Ben S	Ben S
Aarish AP	Poppy H	Jenson B
Mia F	Bryn B	Lee B
Rinad BZ	Maddie S	Gabriel T
Ryan L	Gabriel T	Jessica L
	Lola H	Ryan L
	Annalis R	

Year 11

Maths	English	Science
Angela A	Jessica W	Finnlee M
Amelia G	Saph T	Ewan H
Eva A	Agnes J	Grace E
Alice B	Amelia G	Kitty F
Caelan H	Alice ADV	Nathan E
Evie P	Daniel J	Emily B
Alfie H	Elizabeth H	Isaac T
Poppie C	Maggie M	Thomas G
	Ellie R	Ava L
	Poppy G	Caitlin W
	Johnnie F	Alfie S

DOUBLE REWARDS WEEK



STANDARDS – UNIFORM, EQUIPMENT AND PRESENTATION

Please ensure your child is fully prepared to return to school:

- Full school uniform, including school shoes, blazer, shirt, trousers/skirt.
- Personal appearance: no nails, no nail polish, no jewellery, no piercings (ear or facial), no false eyelashes
- School bag
- Planner
- Full equipment

Nails: If a pupil returns to school wearing acrylic nails, shellac, nail polish, or false eyelashes they will be isolated. Please ensure any appointments for removal are made before your child returns to school.

PARENT COMMUNICATION AND APPOINTMENTS

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of following the school's **Communication Policy** when requesting to speak with a member of staff.
We have recently seen an increase in the number of parents and carers arriving at school reception without an appointment and expecting to speak with a member of staff immediately. In some cases, parents have remained in reception until a member of staff becomes available. **This is not an appropriate or effective way to arrange a meeting and cannot be accommodated.**
Our staff have responsibilities throughout the school day, including teaching, supporting pupils and managing safeguarding and pastoral matters. It is therefore essential that meetings are arranged in advance, in accordance with our Communication Policy.
Parents and carers should not arrive at school expecting to meet with a member of staff without a pre-arranged appointment. The only exception will be where there is an **urgent safeguarding concern requiring immediate attention**.
We remain fully committed to working positively and constructively with all parents and carers. Following our agreed communication procedures ensures that concerns are directed to the appropriate member of staff and that sufficient time is allocated to discuss and resolve matters effectively.
We appreciate your understanding, cooperation and respect for our school procedures.

COMMUNITY SAFETY – A REMINDER TO PARENTS AND PUPILS

Following advice from Merseyside Police, we would like to remind all pupils of the importance of behaving responsibly and respectfully when out in the Rainhill community.

MERSEYSIDE POLICE
Putting our Community First

Pupils are expected to demonstrate positive behaviour, respect local residents and businesses, and follow any instructions given by the Police.

We also ask parents and carers to be aware of where their children are, who they are spending time with and what they are doing when out in the local area.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep Rainhill a safe and welcoming community for everyone.

HALLOWEEN AND BONFIRE NIGHT – STAYING SAFE

As Halloween and Bonfire Night approach, we encourage all pupils to enjoy the celebrations safely and responsibly.

Please remind your child to **wear something bright or reflective, carry a torch, stay with friends, use safe crossings and remain visible to drivers** during the darker evenings.

For Bonfire Night, we also encourage families to attend organised displays, keep a safe distance from fireworks and bonfires, and remember that fireworks should only be handled by adults. By making sensible choices and looking out for one another, we can help everyone stay safe throughout the celebrations.



PE NEWS

Important News: PE Kit

We have been in contact with our supplier, Price and Buckland, who have informed us that all orders that have been placed, but not yet delivered, should be completed and delivered before half term.

There is now far more stock available for order and Price and Buckland do not anticipate another waiting period for orders.

As a result, all pupils will need to be in PE kit, new or old (the house colours) after October half term.

We will no longer be allowing pupils to wear plain black t-shirts.

Plain black shorts/leggings and socks are acceptable.

Mr Wood, Head of PE.



ELITE PERFORMERS

We are creating our 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.

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		

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

PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

Please help us keep pupils safe by parking safely, legally and considerately when dropping off or collecting children from school. We have received reports of vehicles parking on the white zig-zag markings, obstructing the school entrance and exit, blocking pavements and stopping around the bus stop on Warrington Road. These actions restrict visibility and put pupils, pedestrians and other road users at risk.

Please remember, to keep the school entrance, exit and crossing points clear. Do not park or stop to drop off or collect pupils on the zig zag markings, and keep bus stops clear so pupils and other passengers can board and leave buses safely.

Where possible, please consider walking, cycling or using public transport for the journey to school. These choices help reduce congestion and emissions around our school and support our Climate Action Plan. We recognise that these options will not suit every family but even choosing an alternative to the car on some days, or parking further away and walking the final part of the journey, can make a positive difference.

Please also treat staff with courtesy and cooperate if asked to move a vehicle. They are acting to protect pupils and keep access clear.

Thank you to all parents and carers who park responsibly and support us in keeping our school community safe.

SINGING LESSONS



HALF TERM EVENTS







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	Mr Smyth	**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		

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.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Our Mobile Phone Policy can be found here.

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

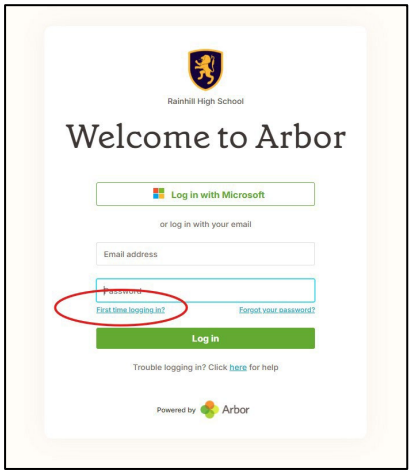
Problem	What to do
No mobile phone	Speak to IT support. Do not use another account or phone number.
New or lost phone	Tell IT support as soon as possible so your old Authenticator method can be removed safely.
Wrong password or no prompt	Check you are using your school email address. If it still does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

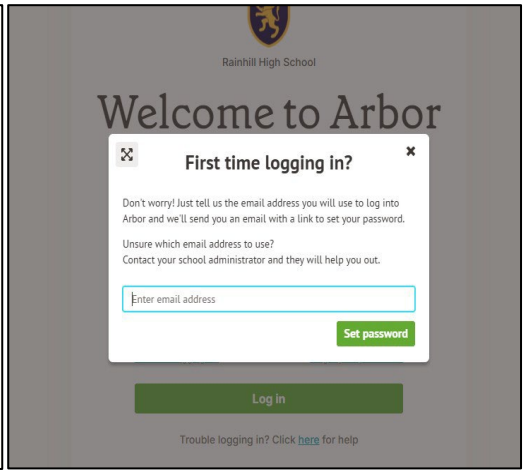
Keep your phone secure. Never approve a sign-in notification that you did not start.

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.

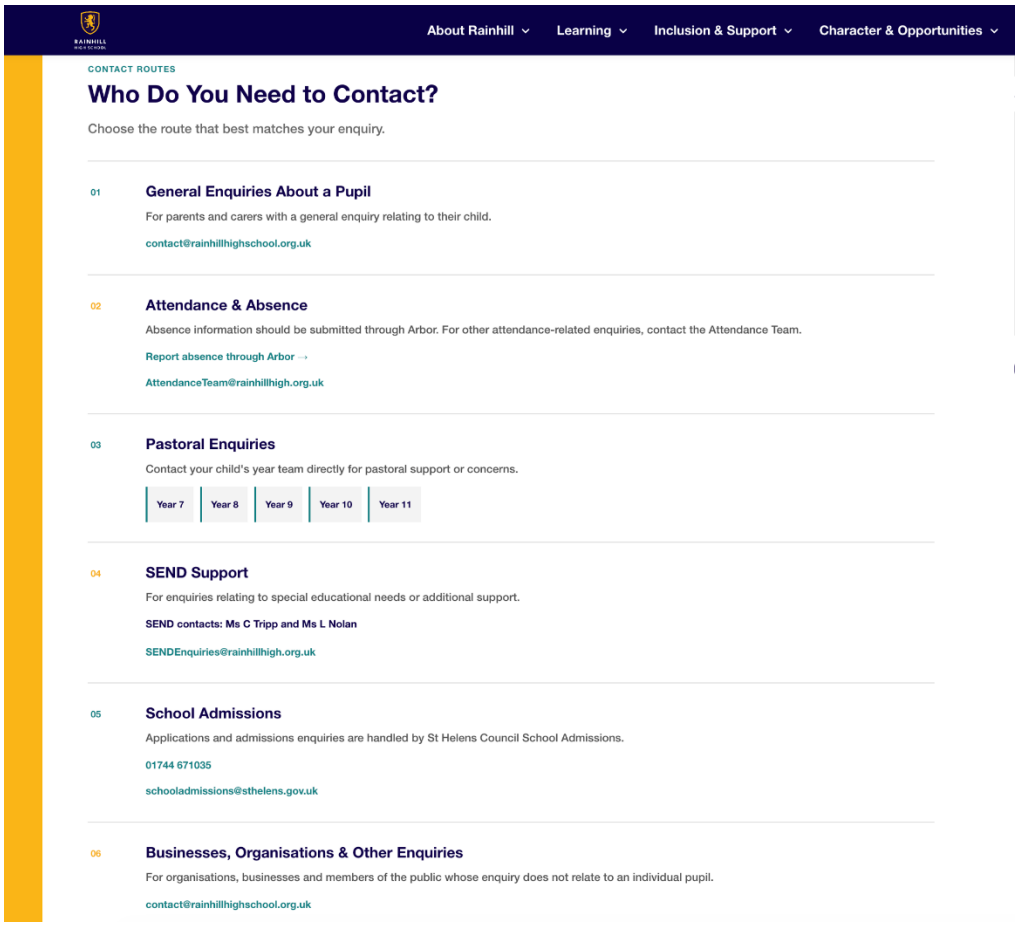
CONTACTING SCHOOL: THE RIGHT HELP, FROM THE RIGHT TEAM

A question about your child's school day, a concern you would like to discuss or a request for a meeting—we want you to know who to contact and what to expect next.

Alongside the launch of our new website on **Monday 12th October**, our updated Parent and Carer Communications Policy sets out clear routes for getting in touch. These arrangements will help your enquiry reach the staff best placed to support you.

What to look for:





Three things to remember:

1. **Email the right team.** For pastoral matters, including wellbeing, friendships and behaviour, contact your child's year team. Attendance, Sixth Form, SEND and general enquiries have their own dedicated addresses. You can find these in the contact guide shared through Arbor this week and on our new website's **Contact Us** page. Please include your child's full name, form group and a clear explanation of your enquiry.

Enquiry	Email address
Year 7 pastoral enquiries	Year7Team@rainhillhigh.org.uk
Year 8 pastoral enquiries	Year8Team@rainhillhigh.org.uk
Year 9 pastoral enquiries	Year9Team@rainhillhigh.org.uk
Year 10 pastoral enquiries	Year10Team@rainhillhigh.org.uk
Year 11 pastoral enquiries	Year11Team@rainhillhigh.org.uk
RH6 pastoral enquiries	sixthform@rainhillhigh.org.uk
Attendance enquiries, including evidence or documents	AttendanceTeam@rainhillhigh.org.uk
SEND enquiries, including evidence or documents	SENDEnquiries@rainhillhigh.org.uk
General enquiries or FAO a member of staff	GeneralEnquiries@rainhillhigh.org.uk

2. **Allow five school days for a substantive response.** An acknowledgement confirms that your email has arrived. The response that follows may answer your question, explain the next steps, request further information or arrange a telephone call or meeting.
3. **Follow up if you have not heard back.** If you have not received a substantive response within five school days, forward your original email to **5days@rainhillhigh.org.uk** so we can follow it up.

What about Arbor?
Please continue checking Arbor for information about your child, timetables, behaviour information, homework, clubs and use it to report absence. From Monday, parents and carers will no longer be able to send in-app messages, unless reporting an absence. Routine enquiries and meeting requests should be sent by email.

For an **urgent safeguarding or welfare concern**, telephone **01744 677205** and speak to the main office who will contact the most appropriate available member of staff rather than waiting for an email response.

Read the full Parent and Carer Communications Policy here.

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HOW TO REPORT AN ABSENCE
Using the Arbor Parent App

Report by 8.30am on the first day of absence.

1. **OPEN ARBOR**
   Log in and select the correct child.

2. **GO TO ATTENDANCE**
   Tap Quick Actions (the three-line icon at the bottom of the screen), then Attendance.

3. **SELECT LOG ABSENCE**
   Tap the green Log Absence button.

4. **ADD DETAILS AND SUBMIT**
   Check the start and end times, enter a brief reason, then tap Log Absence to send.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

You do not need to send medical evidence for every absence. The Attendance Team will contact you if it is needed.

Email any requested evidence or medical information to:

AttendanceTeam@rainhillhigh.org.uk

Please include your child's full name and form group.

NEED A REPLY?

Routine absence and appointment reports are not individually acknowledged. If you need a reply, please say so clearly.

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