



RAINHILL
HIGH SCHOOL

IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2023

PARENT & STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Students,

Good afternoon.

In the spirit of reflection and gratitude, we come together to honour Remembrance Day. It's a time to acknowledge the sacrifices of those who have paved the way for us and instil in our children the importance of remembering history.

Our sports enthusiasts have given us plenty to cheer about this week. From victories on the field to the invaluable lessons of team work, our pupils continue to shine.

A round of applause is due for the pupils who have demonstrated commendable improvement in attendance. Your commitment not only fosters personal growth but also contributes to a positive and consistent learning environment for all.

This month, we observe Anthony Walker Day, a time to reflect on unity, understanding, and acceptance within our diverse community. Through educational initiatives, we aim to create an environment where every student feels valued and respected.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Thorogood, Headteacher.



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	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>	<u>FRIDAY</u>
13/11/23	Anti-Bullying Week (all week)			RH6 Open Evening	



NEWS THIS WEEK

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Today, four of our pupils Amber, Libby-Mae, Olivia and Anna represented the student body at the two-minute silence at the war memorial in Rainhill Village. All four pupils wore their formal uniforms as a tribute to those who served in the armed forces who we remember on Armistice Day. After observing the period of silence with members of the community, the pupils placed a wreath of poppies on the memorial from all staff and pupils at Rainhill High.

The pupils involved represented the school wonderfully and were a credit to the school, their units and themselves.

Mr Roberts, Assistant Headteacher.



SPORTING NEWS

This week we hosted a Year 7 girls football tournament for schools in the Liverpool area. Great for some of our pupils to represent the school wearing the blue/black stripes for the first time. Congratulations to Holly Lodge who beat Belvedere in a very close final.

Congratulations to our Year 10 girls who played at the Liverpool Schools Netball Tournament. They came away with 1 win, 1 draw and three losses. Two being very close. Great experience to help them prepare for PGL.

Commiserations to our U16 girls football team who bow out of the National Cup to a very strong Haslingden High School.

Double national cup wins for our Year 10 and Year 11 boys this week.

Year 11 pupils came out 1-0 winners with a goal from Sasha M and the Year 10 pupils ran out 5-1 winners with goals from Williams x3, Pye and Clayton.

Mr Rachi, Head of PE.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

A huge well done to those students who achieved 100% attendance last half term and to those who have arrived at school on time each morning.

Our whole school attendance has improved by 0.4%, when compared to the same time last year; we have worked very hard to support and challenge where attendance is a barrier to attending school. Rainhill's attendance is **significantly higher** than both the St Helens and National average.

There have been two areas that have prevented the school improving further.

1. Unauthorised term time holidays

Last term there were 96 students in Year 7-11 who were absent from school due to unauthorised term time holidays. This is a significant increase when compared to same time last year. Most holidays were in the first and last week of term. Individual parents have been contacted and follow up completed. **We ask that you do not book holidays in term time.**

2. Last day of term

Our school attendance on Friday 27th October was **88%**, **this is 5% lower** than on Thursday 26th October. Data from previous years tells us that Rainhill students have higher absence on the last day of each term. This is not a trend that is mirrored so acutely across other St Helens schools or indeed nationally. Focus will be placed on student/parents whom this is applicable to. The expectations of teaching and learning on the last day of term are no different to the first day of term.

Parents have a part to play in this as absence in 99.9% of cases is known to the parent. We ask, that for the remainder of this year, your child attends on the final day of each term. Home and school collaboration is key when supporting and promoting good attendance.

The final day of term for this half term is **Thursday 21st December**, Friday 22nd December is a staff INSET day. Students do not return to school until **Monday 8th January**. In total, your child will have 11 days of holidays.

During this half term, I will be writing to you each week to share information promoting attendance, developing understanding of how attendance impacts on your child's progress and attainment and to raise awareness of the in-school initiatives that we are running.

As we move through November and into December, the weather turns, and mornings are dark. We ask you as parents to be resilient in ensuring that you send your child into school. Every day counts.

Mrs Munro, Deputy Headteacher.



GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME REALLY MATTERS

IF IN A SCHOOL YEAR YOUR CHILD IS LATE EVERYDAY	YOUR CHILD WOULD HAVE LOST APPROXIMATELY	OR THEY WOULD HAVE MISSED APPROXIMATELY
5 Minutes	3 Days from school	16 Lessons Lost
10 Minutes	5 Days from school	32 Lessons Lost
15 Minutes	8 Days from school	48 Lessons Lost
20 Minutes	11 Days from school	63 Lessons Lost
30 Minutes	16 Days from school	95 Lessons Lost

ATTENDANCE AT THE END OF 1 SCHOOL YEAR	LOST LEARNING DAYS	THIS EQUATES TO
95% ATTENDANCE	▶ 9 DAYS ▶	ALMOST 2 SCHOOL WEEKS
90% ATTENDANCE	▶ 19 DAYS ▶	ALMOST 4 SCHOOL WEEKS
85% ATTENDANCE	▶ 29 DAYS ▶	ALMOST 6 SCHOOL WEEKS
80% ATTENDANCE	▶ 38 DAYS ▶	ALMOST 8 SCHOOL WEEKS
75% ATTENDANCE	▶ 48 DAYS ▶	ALMOST 10 SCHOOL WEEKS
70% ATTENDANCE	▶ 57 DAYS ▶	ALMOST 11.5 SCHOOL WEEKS
65% ATTENDANCE	▶ 67 DAYS ▶	ALMOST 13.5 SCHOOL WEEKS



EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

In terms of expectations for all students at Rainhill, equipment is of the most basic. In Year 11, students should be ensuring that they come to school fully equipped so that they are ready to take on any challenge during the day. Could I please ask for your support in this matter, so that as little learning time is lost as possible. This is also a vital routine that all year groups could benefit from mastering at any stage.

Mr Barry, Year 11 Year Progress Leader.

RAINHILL STANDARDS - EQUIPMENT REQUIRED.

If you don't arrive equipped, you don't arrive ready to learn; you are not in the pursuit of excellence – your equipment is your responsibility.

The following equipment is a requirement and must be brought in every day, by every student.

Replacements of stationery can be purchased at student services.

1. A school bag or rucksack must be large enough to carry books, A4 Key to Success file, equipment.
2. Key to Success File given out to all pupils in Y7; must be clean, not graffitied and looked after. Replacements can be purchased from school for £5.
3. Stationery - every piece is essential;
 - a. Pens blue or black, plus purple
 - b. Pencil plain, plus rubber, sharpener
 - c. Highlighter
 - d. Ruler
 - e. Protractor
 - f. Calculator [scientific]
 - g. Pair of Compasses
 - h. Student ID badge
 - i. Reading book

Equipment is checked every day by form tutors. A sanction will be put in place if equipment is missing during form time or during any lesson in the day.





ANTHONY WALKER FOUNDATION

ANTHONY WALKER DAY

Rainhill's famous 'Anthony Walker Day' is coming up on **Wednesday 22nd November**. Students will hear from an amazing range of groups including LCR Pride, Anthony Walker Foundation, Daisy UK, MENCAP, Merseyside Jewish Council and Anti-Hate Merseyside throughout the day on the experiences of different communities in the UK and how students can play their role in stamping out hate. Students will be able to support the Anthony Walker Foundation by buying t-shirts and mugs throughout the week before and around school.

On Wednesday 22nd November the day will be topped off by 'Anthony Walker Evening', from 6pm-7pm. This will be an amazing performance of dance, drama, and the Rainhill band finishing with a keynote address from Dr Gee Walker MBE herself. Parents and students will be able to buy tickets for £2.00 (all proceeds go to the Anthony Walker Foundation) on Parent Pay, get them early before they all sell out.

More information regarding the Anthony Walker Foundation can be found [here](#).

Mr East, Head of PSHE & Citizenship.

THE VOICES 2024 CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN IN CARE AND CARE LEAVERS

Are you care experienced and aged 4-25 years? Would you like to get creative, be heard and celebrate your voice and imagination?

Coram Voice are pleased to announce, that our Annual Creative Writing Competition opened on Thursday 19th October 2023.

The competition is for care experienced children and young people, and care leavers aged 4-25 years, to express creativity, celebrate imagination, be heard and tell their stories.

Entries can be anything from poetry, short stories, music, rap, spoken word and more, in line with this year's theme "what makes me different?"

The competition will be live until 17th December and the 24 shortlisted finalists will get invited to an awards ceremony in London, due to take place in February 2024.

[Click here](#) to find out more information or to enter.

Writing not your thing?

You can still take part... This year, we are also looking for artistic creations for the front cover of our "Voices 2024" official publication. You can enter, and the winner plus a guest will be invited to our awards ceremony and awarded a £50 voucher. Your piece will need to tie in with this year's theme "what makes me different?"

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to Miss Wordsworth.





FREE SCHOOL MEAL FUNDING



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Could your child qualify for Free School Meals? Has your income changed this year? Could your child be eligible for additional funding?

**Do any of the statements below apply to you?
If they do your child may be eligible to access
additional government funding at school.**

**Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any
of the following:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

**It is important to give children the
best possible chance in life, open as
many doors as possible and broaden
their horizons.**

**Additional funding may be available
to school to support children who
have faced challenges, overcome
difficult times or are in a low income
household.**

**Your child may be able to access
additional funding if:**

- They have been adopted from care
- They are on a special guardianship order
- They have a parent that regularly serves or died whilst serving in the armed forces

**If you think any of the three statements above
apply to you please email
yacine.rachi@rainhillhigh.org.uk with details.**

**If any of the statements above apply to you please ensure you complete a
FREE SCHOOL MEAL application from your local council. You will apply to
the council that your home address is part of.**

St Helens

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/schools-education/school-meals/free-school-meals/>

**If you have any questions
regarding Free School
Meals you need to
contact St Helens Council
on 01744 676666**

Knowsley

<https://parentportal.knowsley.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

**If you have any questions
regarding Free School
Meals you need to
contact St Helens Council
on 0151 489 6000**

Liverpool

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

**If you have any questions
regarding Free School
Meals you need to
contact Liverpool Council
on 0151 233 3009**

Warrington

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

**If you have any questions
regarding Free School
Meals you need to
contact Warrington
Council on
01925 443322**

Widnes & Halton

<https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/EducationandFamilies/Schools/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

**If you have any questions
regarding Free School
Meals you need to
contact Halton Council
on 0151 511 7188**





SUPPORTING A CHILD WITH ADHD - ONLINE SESSION

Supporting a Child with ADHD

2 hour online session



Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
on 23rd November (6:30pm to 8:30pm) £24
Available to book now via the website

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Please [click here](#) to view St Helens Autumn 'What's On' Newsletters.



ST HELENS ADULT AND COMMUNITY LEARNING WORKSHOPS

**Would you know what to do in
a First Aid Emergency?**



**FREE 1 day Emergency First
Aid training for volunteers and
members of community groups and charities**

Places available:

Friday 24th November and Friday 1st December

Contact us on the details below to book your place!



Free places available for people aged 19+ living in the St Helens/Liverpool city region area

Contact us to find out more:

Call: 01744 676671 / 01744 677328 or text 07702 959814

Visit: www.sthelens.gov.uk/adultlearning

Email: adultlearning@sthelens.gov.uk

Facebook: [StHelensACL](#)

Twitter: [STHLearning](#)



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ST HELENS ADULT AND COMMUNITY LEARNING WORKSHOPS



**Planning to run
Christmas craft activities
for children?**

**FREE Creative Inspirations workshop to give you
practical ideas for fun low-cost activities!**

Monday 27th November

9.30am – 12pm

at the Park Road Centre, WA9 1HE



Contact us on the details below to book your place!

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EAL EVENT POSTER



EAL Team welcome you to our Multilingual Day...

Huyton Library

Friday 24th November

1pm – 3pm



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欢迎 Willkommen Chào mừng

Hos geldin மலഗමം Join the fun...

- School Performances
- Talk by Kirsten from local charity SHARe
- Celebrate diversity with Movema Dance Company
- Global Treats and Refreshments
- Dual Language Story books & Art activities

**The event is a great chance to meet other
families and make new friends!**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REPORTING ABSENCES/LATE TO SCHOOL/FORTHCOMING

APPOINTMENTS/UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES VIA ABSENCE TAB ON SYNERGY

Synergy is the primary source of communication from school to all parents in relation to your child.

Synergy also enables daily attendance alerts to be sent to parents and allows you to:

- report your child's absence from school
- query if your child has an unexplained absence mark
- inform the school if your child is going to be late
- let us know of any forthcoming medical appointments for your child
- reply to the Attendance Team if you have received an attendance alert

Please use Synergy to report absences in the first instance. This can be actioned by accessing the contact school option from the home screen, followed by the absence option.

ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE

Please [click here](#) to see our Enrichment Timetable.

PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

WINTER EXTRA CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2023/24		
15:10 -16:00	GIRLS	BOYS
MONDAY	MEETINGS	
TUESDAY	Football: All Years Trampolining: Y7- 3-3:30 Y8-11 – 3:30-4:00	Rugby: Y7 and Y8 Trampolining: Y7- 3-3:30 Y8-11 – 3:30-4:00
WEDNESDAY	Netball: Y7 and Y8 (Boys welcome)	Football: Y7 Rugby: Y9
THURSDAY	Netball: Y9 – Y11 (Boys welcome)	Football: Y8 and Y9 Basketball: All Years
FRIDAY	Girls Rugby: All Years Badminton and Table Tennis: All Years	

Please note, all clubs are subject to **fixture/facility clashes**, **appropriate and safe weather**, and **appropriate pupil participation**. We aim to give notice to pupils as early as possible when this is the case. Pupils, please speak to staff if you are unsure.



ANNUAL FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME 2023

Important Information from St Helens Immunisation Team - Annual Flu Vaccination

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu.

Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year. The immunisation team will be coming into school to deliver on Tuesday, 5th December 2023.

Please visit the below link to access further information and complete your child's consent form even if you don't want them to receive their flu spray as this will avoid further communications from our service.

<https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/>

If you are unable to complete the online form, please contact our team who will be happy to help. If after completing your child's form you attend the GP and your child receives the flu nasal spray or wish to amend their form you must contact the immunisation team directly and not your child's school.

Yours faithfully,

St Helens School Immunisation Services
01744 415 645



SINGING LESSONS



**DO YOU KNOW WE
OFFER 1-1 SINGING
LESSONS?**

**Do you love to sing and
have a passion to
perform?**

**Then come and see Miss
Mawdsley in D block on
a Tuesday to find out
more information**

**LEARN CORRECT
VOCAL
TECHNIQUES,
SING YOUR
FAVOURITE SONGS
AND HAVE FUN!**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO
HEAR FROM YOU!**





HELP AND SUPPORT

CURRICULUM QUERIES

Heads of Department

English	Ms Dickman	Philosophy & Ethics	Mr Ernest
Mathematics	Mrs Hughes	Social Sciences	Mr Bunby
	Mr Rimmer	Computer Science	Miss Johnson
Science	Mr Flynn	Art Design Technology	Mr Bennett
Biology	Dr Gordon	Languages	Miss D'Anna
Chemistry	Miss Hesketh	Food Studies	Mrs Bolland
Physics	Mr Hurst	Performing Arts	Mrs McCann
History & Politics	Mr Fairclough	PE	Mr Rachi
Geography	Mrs Parkinson	Life Skills	Mr East
		(PSHE/Citizenship)	

PASTORAL QUERIES

Stage 1	Form Tutor	
Stage 2	Year Student Manager/Progress Coach	
Stage 3	Year Progress Leader/Director RH6	
Stage 4	Deputy Headteachers	Mrs Munro/Mrs Segal/Mr McKeegan
Stage 5	Headteacher	Mrs Thorogood

Pastoral Structure

Y7 Student Manager	Mr Heron	Y7 Progress Leader	Mr Shoebridge
Y8 Student Manager	Miss Hill	Y8 Progress Leader	Mr Webster
Y9 Student Manager	Mr Moran	Y9 Progress Leader	Mrs Haselden
Y10 Student Manager	Mrs Jackson	Y10 Progress Leader	Mr Giles
Y11 Student Manager	Miss Gordon	Y11 Progress Leader	Mr Barry
RH6 Progress Coaches	Mrs Duffy/Mrs Nugent	Director RH6	Mr Cunningham

Communications Policy

Please [click here](#) to view our new communications policy.