

FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2023

PARENT & STUDENT NEWSLETTER













2023 OPEN EVENINGS





Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Students,

Good afternoon.

Another fabulous week comes to a close, it was lovely to see so many of our pupils help out on Wednesday and Thursday evening as the school hosted its Year 6 Open Evenings. See write up on page 3.

Our students have also been involved in fundraising supporting Macmillan Cancer Support with cake sales in Modern Foreign Languages on Wednesday and today in the Sixth Form. See write up on page 4.

Next week we are looking forward to Libraries Week and National Poetry Day on Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Thorogood, Headteacher.



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NEXT WEEK FOLLOWS THE WEEK A TIMETABLE MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY National Poetry Day THURSDAY



NEWS THIS WEEK

OPEN EVENING SUCCESS

We recently hosted our annual Open Evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. Over these two evenings, we had the pleasure of welcoming over 1000 parents and Y6 pupils, providing them with insights into Rainhill High School and the educational opportunities we offer.

Our faculty members showcased these opportunities within their departments, providing a well-rounded experience for our guests. The evenings featured live dance, drama, and music performances, along with practical demonstrations such as our working pizza kitchen in the food department. PE offered trampolining and table tennis, while construction presented live demonstrations. The art department allowed for hands-on interactive painting and drawing experiences.

Additionally, our History department used Oculus headsets to take students on virtual journeys to iconic historical moments. Mathematics offered problem-solving challenges in the form of the BIG NUMBER competition, and the Science department conducted live experiments, including dissections, methane bubbles, circuit creation, and fossil exploration. In the English department, attendees engaged in activities like giant scrabble, collaborative story writing, and blackout poetry.

Geography engaged participants with an interactive 'Where in the World' quiz, while Languages hosted a language matching challenge. Computing featured activities such as 'Cracking the Safe' using coding, along with opportunities to explore 3D printing and VR headsets. The RE department provided insights into religious artifacts, and Social Sciences conducted a 'Branding Taste Test' challenge. PSHE offered a platform for Y6 students to contribute to our debate wall, and our new library held a book fair featuring a diverse selection of fiction and non-fiction titles.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our student leaders, guides, and subject helpers who played a key role in the success of these Open Evenings. We could not be prouder of how they conducted themselves, representing Rainhill High School and our community with distinction. Special thanks to our Head Students Alicia, Leo, and Lilia for their exemplary leadership and contributions. We also appreciate the support of parents who attended and facilitated their children's roles as student leaders. Your presence and assistance are greatly valued.

Miss Aylward, Assistant Headteacher.





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RH6 MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 29th September, our RH6 students donated several goodies, including cakes, brownies, scones, banana bread, cookies, muffins and more in support of our Macmillan Coffee Morning.

The RH6 team would like to thank the students, their parents, and Rainhill High staff for their generosity. The atmosphere was lovely, and many had wonderful things to say about our students' bakes. One member of staff said, 'The lemon drizzle was fantastic' and another 'All the bakes were delicious, the brownie was lovely".

The RH6 Team are extremely proud of the students and the RH6 Student Council for putting on and partaking in such a wonderful morning.

Thank you to everyone who donated. The students have smashed their £200 target, raising a massive £283.

RH6 Team.



SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to the Y10/11 girls football team who progress to the next round of the National Cup with a 2-0 win AET. Goals from Gallagher and Roberts see us through with a special mention to Chadderton who was outstanding on debut.

A huge "Well done" to the Y10 boys who beat St Hildas in the National Cup. In a topsy, turvy game, which ended 6-6 after extra time, the boys won 5-3 on penalties. A massive team effort from all the boys in horrendous conditions.

Mr Rachi, Head of PE.



ADHD THE MUSICAL

There is a fabulous and powerful play coming on at Edge Hill University (Rose Theatre) regarding ADHD. It's a true reflection of a young lady going through their diagnosis. 31st October – an alternative option for Halloween. ADHD The Musical - Edge Hill University

SEND Team.

YEAR 11 LP1 PREPARATION

LP1 for Year 11 starts on **Monday 16th October**. Students will sit formal mock examinations in the hall during the LP period. Please can I ask that:

- You support your child by ensuring that they are in school on time, every day.
- Your child has the correct equipment for the exams (calculator / highlighter pens / pens and pencils etc)

In preparation for these exams, revision has started this week and intervention starts next week. Students have also been focusing on revision techniques in form time.

Intervention sessions:

- These are 45 minutes long and take place after school.
- Identified students will be required to attend these sessions letters have gone to parents of students involved.
- Attendance is based on distance from target in Year 10 LP3.
- Groups are small and put together based on specific areas of underperformance. Sessions will tackle one topic, exam question type or skill.
- Students will not be asked to stay behind by other subjects on the night they are down to be in, for example, English for intervention.

Revision sessions:

- These have already started.
- Revision sessions are less formal, open to all students and dependent on teacher availability.
- Revision sessions, although recommended, are not formal.
- Detail of when these went to parents at the Parent Information Evening however the nature of revision sessions means that these can change.

Independent Learning (Revision):

- Students will be learning how to 'chunk' information this week as a method to revise and consolidate. Details can be viewed here. Please support with this at home
- The homework timetable has dedicated 'Independent Study' slots indicated on it. Please encourage your son or daughter to use this to structure and support with their revision schedule for the examinations. Details can be viewed here.
- Please also refer to the information from the Parent Information Evening for further details on revision techniques

Mr Barry, Year 11 Progress Lead.



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YEAR 11 LP1 TIMETABLE

Monday 16th October – Wednesday 25th October 2023

	Monday 16 th October	Tuesday 17 th October	Wednesday 18 th October	Thursday 19 th October	Friday 20 th October
	English Language	Science – Paper 1	Maths Paper 1	Science – Paper 2	English Literature
	Paper 1	Biology (Separate)	1 hour 30 mins	Chemistry (Separate)	Paper 1
Period 1	2 hours	1hr 45 mins		1hr 45 mins	1 hour 45 mins
		Biology (Trilogy)		Chemistry (Trilogy)	
		1hr 15 mins		1hr 15 mins	
Period 2	Exams continuing	Exams continuing	Exams continuing	Exams continuing	Exams continuing
	into Period 2	into Period 2	into Period 2	into Period 2	into Period 2
			BREAK		
Period 3	Lessons as normal	Lessons as normal	Lessons as normal	Lessons as normal	Lessons as normal
			LUNCH		
	All French	BOX A	All German	All Spanish Listening	All French, German
	Listening &	Computer Science	Listening &	& Reading	& Spanish
Period 4	Reading	- 1 hour 30 mins	Reading	Higher Listening – 45	Written Paper
	Higher Listening –	Drama – 1 hour 30	Higher Listening –	mins Foundation	
	45 mins	mins	45 mins	Listening – 35 mins	
	Foundation	Geography – 1	Foundation	Higher Reading – 75	
	Listening – 35	hour 30 mins	Listening – 35 mins	mins	
	mins	Food Preparation &	Higher Reading –	Higher Listening – 60	
	Higher Reading –	Nutrition – 1 hour	75 mins	mins	
	75 mins	45 mins	Higher Listening –		
	Higher Listening –	RE – 1 hour 30	60 mins		
	60 mins	mins			
		History – 2 hours			
Period 5		Exams continuing	Exams continuing	Exams continuing	Exams continuing
		into Period 5	into Period 5	into Period 5	into Period 5

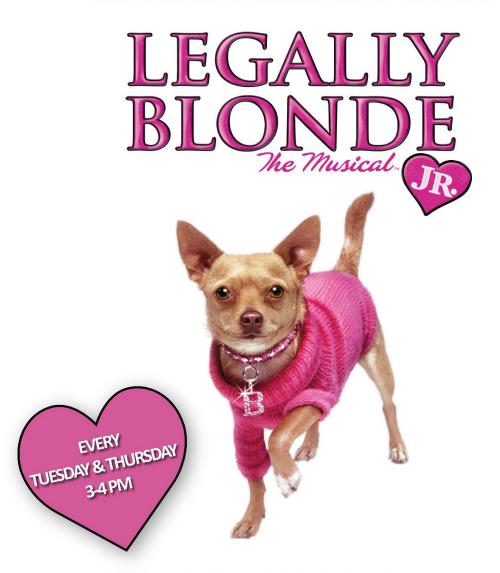
	Monday 23 rd October	Tuesday 24 th October	Wednesday 25 th October	
	BOX B	Science – Paper 3	All Computer Science	
	Construction – 1 hour	Physics (Separate)	Paper 2 – 1 hour 30 mins	
Period 1	Product Design – 1 hour	1hr 45mins		
	iMedia – 1 hour 30 mins			
	Drama – 1 hour 30 mins	Physics (Trilogy)		
	Geography – 1 hour 30 mins	1hr 15mins		
	History – 2 hours			
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	
		LUNCH		
	BOX D	BOX C	Lessons as normal	
	GCSE PE – 1 hour	Product Design – 1 hour		
Period 4	Computer Science – 1 hour 30 mins	Geography – 1 hour 30 minutes		
	Food Preparation & Nutrition – 1	iMedia – 1 hour 30 minutes		
	hour 45 mins	History – 2 hours		
	RE – 1 hour 45 mins			
Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	

Students MUST report to the Sports Hall (SPH) promptly at 8.50am and 12:50 pm. Lessons run as normal which means pupil attendance is compulsory



LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL

RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENT



REHEARSALS

Arts Theatre

PERFORMANCE MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY AT THEATRE ROYAL ST HELENS

Music and Lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin

Book by Heather Hach

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI

www.mtishows.co.uk



BECOME A SCHOOL PARENT GOVERNOR

We have a Parent Governor Vacancy coming up. If you would like to nominate yourself/someone else, please refer to the letter sent out today via Synergy. Come and join us.





UPDATED ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE

Please <u>click here</u> to see our updated 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.



SINGING LESSONS





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SANITARY PRODUCTS FOR STUDENTS

We currently have a grant from the Government which enables us as a school to provide free sanitary products to our students for school or home use. If any student would like to take advantage of this incentive, please contact your Year Student Manager who will be able to help you further.

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

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

ANNUAL FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME 2023

<u>Important Information from St Helens Immunisation Team - Annual Flu Vaccination</u> 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



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 <u>click here</u> to view our new communications policy.