

# PROSPECTUS 2026



RainhillSixth



# WELCOME

## **We are delighted to welcome you to the 2026 Rainhill Sixth prospectus.**

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

### **STRONG AND MIGHTY**

We are large enough to offer a full and diverse curriculum and small enough to focus on and support our students in their academic studies.

### **GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT STAGES:**

Our 'Super-curriculum' programme is wide reaching and ensures that our sixth form students have every opportunity to build a range of experiences and develop skills and self-confidence to take their next steps. The programme includes bespoke work experience, enterprise, preparation for university, support with applications and a range of speakers and visits to support our students' studies and knowledge of the wider world.

### **LEADING FROM THE TOP:**

We actively encourage leadership, from national campaigns to local charity work with our students demonstrating leadership both inside and outside of school.

### **WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?**

Destinations for our Rainhill Sixth leavers include undergraduate courses at Oxford, Cambridge and many Russell Group Universities, top class performing arts institutions like the Italia Conti Conservatoire and Level 3 Apprenticeships at Whiston Hospital and the RAF.

With tailored support and guidance Rainhill allows its young people to succeed at the highest levels with confidence, ambition and a world-wide view. Why not join us?

We look forward to meeting you and working with you in the future.



**Mr Anthony Cunningham,**  
Director Rainhill Sixth





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REASONS  
TO CHOOSE  
RAINHILL SIXTH



## SMALL CLASS SIZES AND PERSONALISED APPROACH

*“Due to the small class sizes, I feel more comfortable getting involved in the learning.” - Aimee Price - Student 2025-2027*

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The average class size is 10 students, giving you a personalised experience.

1. Every student receives exceptional academic and pastoral support.
2. There are only 145 places in each year group; we will get to know you very well.

## TAILORED SUPPORT FOR YOU

*“I feel supported while still having independence and I feel the staff care about my wellbeing.” Poppy Lomax – Student 2025-2027*

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1. A programme for all students, whatever your ability.
2. A full-time pastoral team who are always available to support you with any personal or health issues.
3. A tailored PSHCE programme that includes employability skills, careers information, advice, guidance and work experience.

## ‘SUPER-CURRICULUM’ ENRICHMENT

*“I completed a number of super-curricular sessions during my time at sixth form and I found these so helpful and interesting when they were about areas of interest to me e.g. the subjects I was doing. I completed a law related one which was actually with DLA Piper themselves and this one stuck out for me as it was so relevant and helpful in determining career path and what is involved at junior level in a commercial law firm.” - Sophie Kenny - Student 2020-2022*

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1. The Super-curriculum is designed to offer deep and rich experiences in your chosen subject areas. Top universities want to see that you are really knowledgeable and motivated about your subjects.
2. They expect at least 8 Super-curriculum experiences in a university application.
3. Top class companies deliver talks and workshops, such as IBM, Amnesty International and BAE systems.
4. Trips and visits to universities, apprenticeship fairs and companies are part of this.
5. All students complete a minimum of one week of work experience in Year 12.

## HIGH ACHIEVEMENT

*“The personalised learning approach allowed for me to improve constantly, and my teachers always went the extra mile” - Tillie Bowness-Furmedge – Student 2023-2025*

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1. Year on year achievement has improved at Rainhill Sixth.
2. Average A-level grade is C.
3. Average Applied course grade is a Distinction.

# WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

## WHY DID THEY CHOOSE RAINHILL SIXTH?

"The small class sizes really benefited my learning as you are able to access excellent one-to-one support from your teachers which helps you understand some difficult concepts."

"Small class sizes, relationships with teachers and previous good grades from high school and other students at sixth form."

"I chose to study at Rainhill Sixth because of a good range of subjects on offer."

## WHAT DID YOU DO BEYOND SUBJECTS AT RAINHILL SIXTH?

"New York Trip, Move It, University Fairs, Dance Company, Dance Workshops."

"Liverpool Women's Hospital trip, university trips, Manchester Higher Education exhibition, art workshop with Ian Murphy."

"I went to Manchester University to attend some German lectures."

"I've been involved in extracurricular sessions mainly in Art - I'd stay behind most evenings after college to get ahead with my work and develop my portfolio."

"I did research into the subjects I was interested in and attended a MOOC."





## HIGHLIGHT AT RAINHILL SIXTH

“Gaining confidence in myself and performance skills.”

“The environment is friendly and it makes me enjoy my studies”

“Being part of a Sixth Form community that cared during some difficult times.”

“My highlight has been studying subjects I really enjoy and meeting new people.”

## WHAT MADE YOU CHOOSE WHAT TO DO AFTER Y13?

“The outstanding teaching of my favourite subject has made me want to carry it on further at University.”

“I will be taking a gap year and working. I am looking to develop some more skills and save for university.”

“My sports teachers gave me great advice on what I should do after Year 13, as well as our Progress Coach who told me the benefits of different pathways. I will be going to university to study a Sports Science degree”

“I have always been interested in becoming a lawyer. With the support of Sixth Form I have secured a graduate apprenticeship to train as a solicitor.”

## OVERALL OPINION OF RAINHILL SIXTH

“Rainhill Sixth was the best place for me. It has not been an easy 2 years but RH6 have tried to keep things as uninterrupted as possible.”

“All the staff are approachable and they have helped me through my time at Rainhill High.”

“There’s lots of support in and out of lesson and the staff are friendly in every department.”

“Supportive Sixth Form staff and teachers.”

“Gives a lot of opportunities.” “Amazing!”

“Considering all the factors it was a great experience and I know I made the right choice in studying there.”

# FACILITIES

Rainhill Sixth has exclusive sixth form areas integrated into the 11 to 16 high school. Facilities include:

## RH6 STUDY ROOM

We provide a quiet, supervised study room. This is an ideal place to study independently. Computer and Wi-Fi access are available to all.

## RH6 BISTRO

A social area with fresh coffee and refreshments throughout the day, exclusively for use by RH6 students.

## SPECIALIST DANCE STUDIOS

Purpose-built mirrored dance studios cater for all styles of dance from ballet to street-dance.

## 4G ASTROTURF PITCH

Our excellent student pitches are available for use during lunchtimes and for sports teams.

## SPECIALIST ARTS THEATRE

A purpose-built arts theatre with full lighting and sound rig, supported by specialist technicians.

## SPORTS HALL AND GYM

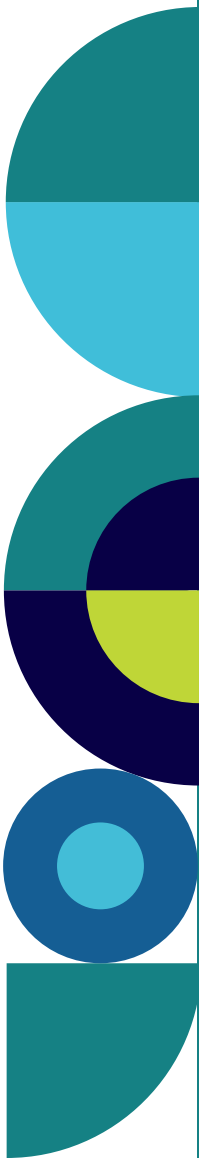
Refurbished in 2018, a large sports hall and separate gymnasium cater for all types of sport.

## FITNESS SUITE

A newly refurbished fitness suite for use in and out of the school day.

## SPECIALIST RH6 CLASSROOMS

Sixth form lessons take place in specialist classrooms including science labs, dance studios and computing rooms.







# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## HOW DO I APPLY?

You can apply online at [rainhillsixth.org.uk/apply](http://rainhillsixth.org.uk/apply)

## WHAT SUPPORT DO I GET BEFORE YEAR 12 STARTS?

We will support you with your subject choices, future progression routes after Year 11 and provide excellent Careers advice. You will also receive taster sessions after Year 11 exams and induction days in September, all designed to help you transition to Year 12 successfully.

## WHO DO I ASK QUESTIONS TO ABOUT SIXTH FORM?

If you are currently with us you can speak to your teachers, if not you can email [apply@rainhillsixthform.org.uk](mailto:apply@rainhillsixthform.org.uk) and we can pass the question onto the best person to answer it.

## CAN I VISIT THE SIXTH FORM?

Yes. We can arrange a tour of Rainhill Sixth if needed. You can use the email above to get in touch.

## ARE THE SUBJECTS I CHOOSE WHEN I APPLY THE ONES I END UP STUDYING?

You can change your mind as we understand that you may have a different opinion on what you are best at after GCSE results day. We want you to be able to change if needed.

## WHAT IF I DO NOT GET THE ENTRY GRADES FOR COURSES?

There will be other courses that would suit you and we can discuss these with you on GCSE results day.

## WHAT DO I WEAR?

We simply expect you to be dressed for a student working environment.

## IS THERE ANY SUPPORT FINANCIALLY?

We have a Sixth Form bursary that can be awarded to students. You can contact us to find out if you are eligible. There is also support with the discretionary bursary to help ensure students can fully engage with Sixth Form activities where finances may be a barrier.

## DO I NEED TO STAY IN SIXTH FORM ALL DAY?

No, providing you are on track in subjects you can study where you choose if you do not have a timetabled lesson.

## HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

Visit our website [www.rainhillsixth.org.uk](http://www.rainhillsixth.org.uk) for more information. Our social media has regular updates. You can contact us if you have any questions.

# SIXTH FORM LIFE

**We expect our Sixth Formers to leave well educated, with excellent exam results and a whole range of transferable skills that employers value.**

**We see this every year and you can be a part of this at Rainhill Sixth.**

**Our results and destinations speak for themselves. All of this is achieved in a supporting and welcoming environment.**

## WHAT YOU WILL GET:

- Timetabled lessons with expert staff.
- One-hour tutorial session per fortnight covering key age related and progression issues to help you for the future.
- Fortnightly assemblies focused on age related and progression issues delivered by external partners.
- Mentoring sessions twice per half term to discuss your studies, progression and offer support and advice.
- Study Periods for you to use to keep up to date with your work.
- Exclusive use of study areas in Rainhill Sixth to work in.
- Use of the Bistro cafe out of your lesson time.
- Sessions that offer subject related experiences to help write personal statements, CVs and build communication skills.
- Extra-curricular activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh awards, National Citizenship Service and our sports teams.
- A fortnight's work experience.
- Study skill sessions to make your study more efficient and effective.
- Talks relating to your next steps in terms of universities, apprenticeships and employment.





## RAINHILL SIXTH CHARTER:

Rainhill Sixth has high expectations of both staff and students; in our pursuit of excellence.

Students Learn and Think to:

- Maximise their development.
- Strive and succeed.

Students Contribute and Care in:

- Their personal development.
- Supporting our community.
- Completing a fortnight's work experience.

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM OUR STAFF:

- Teaching staff will deliver your subject content through enjoyable learning experiences.
- Your targets will be aspirational to help you be your best and to aim high.
- Teaching staff will monitor how well you are doing & give you feedback to help you improve.
- Opportunities to go on a range of trips and activities.
- We will support your needs in the subject as well as in terms of your well-being.
- Leadership opportunities to develop crucial life skills.
- We will support with progression to help you achieve your goals.

# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH RAINHILL SIXTH

### BERLIN & KRAKOW TRIP

NOVEMBER 2024

**Our Sixth Form students explored two of Europe's most historic cities on an unforgettable visit to Berlin and Krakow.**

Highlights included the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie, the Holocaust Memorial, and a night-time tour of the Reichstag. In Poland, students visited Auschwitz-Birkenau and had the rare opportunity to hear the testimony of a Holocaust survivor — a truly moving experience.

Alongside these powerful moments, there was time to enjoy the culture, cuisine, and architecture of both cities. The trip was a highlight of the Sixth Form calendar, offering experiences that will stay with students long after Rainhill.



### PARIS 2024

A TASTE OF PARISIAN LIFE

**In October, our students enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Paris, discovering the culture, history, and magic of the French capital. Highlights included the hilltop views from Sacré-Cœur, a visit to the Louvre, and seeing the Eiffel Tower sparkle against the night sky.**

Students also experienced the city's iconic landmarks — from the Arc de Triomphe and a sunset cruise along the Seine to the joy and excitement of Disneyland Paris.

The trip was more than sightseeing: it was a journey of discovery and inspiration that left lasting memories for everyone involved.



### ARTS ACADEMY SPOTLIGHT: 1984

NOVEMBER 2024

**Drama and Theatre Studies students attended a striking stage adaptation of George Orwell's 1984, starring Keith Allen and directed by Lindsay Posner.**

With inventive staging and powerful performances, the production brought Orwell's dystopian world vividly to life and offered a masterclass in modern stagecraft.

Regular theatre visits like this are a key part of the Arts Academy at Rainhill Sixth, broadening horizons and deepening students' understanding of performance.



## DANCE TRIP TO MOVE IT MARCH 2025

In March, our Sixth Form Dance students attended MOVE IT at London's ExCeL Arena — the UK's largest celebration of dance and a highlight of the Performing Arts calendar.

The weekend began with an inspiring workshop at the world-famous Pineapple Dance Studios, where students trained with professional dancer Katrina Lopez. That evening, they experienced the excitement of the West End with a dazzling performance of Moulin Rouge, soaking up the energy of London's theatre scene.

Sunday was devoted to a full day at MOVE IT. Students took part in dynamic classes led by choreographers and tutors from leading UK dance colleges, while the Main Stage showcased world-class performances from renowned artists and companies.

The trip offered our Dance students the chance to train, perform, and be inspired by the very best in the industry. It was a weekend that captured the passion and professionalism of Rainhill Sixth's Performing Arts community.



## MADRID TRIP SEPTEMBER 2024

Sixth Form Languages and PE students enjoyed a four-day cultural and sporting adventure in Madrid.

Highlights included exploring the city on foot, visiting the Santiago Bernabéu Stadium, and experiencing masterpieces at the Prado and Reina Sofia museums, including Picasso's *Guernica*. Students also enjoyed a private flamenco performance and put their Spanish to the test in a lively market challenge.

The trip ended with rowing on the lake in El Retiro Park — the perfect conclusion to a truly enriching experience.

# SUMMARY OF SUBJECT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ENTRY TO RAINHILL SIXTH REQUIRES AT LEAST FIVE GRADE 4 GCSES (OR EQUIVALENT) INCLUDING ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS. SOME SUBJECTS HAVE OTHER CRITERIA TO ACHIEVE:

SCIENCE	BIOLOGY	Ideally an Ebacc student with an average GCSE profile of grade 6 and all science modules at a grade 6 or better.
	CHEMISTRY	Ideally an Ebacc student with an average GCSE profile of grade 6 and all science modules at a grade 6 or better.
	PHYSICS	Ideally an Ebacc student with an average GCSE profile of grade 6 and all science modules at a grade 6 or better.
COMPUTING	COMPUTER SCIENCE	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Computer Science and grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.
	CAMTECH CREATIVE MEDIA	Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language or Literature.
HUMANITIES	GEOGRAPHY	Grade 6 in Geography and grade 6 in English Language GCSE.
	HISTORY	Grade 6 in History and grade 6 in English Language GCSE.
ENGLISH	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language.
	ENGLISH LITERATURE	Grade 6 in English Language and English Literature GCSE.
PE	CAMTECH SPORT	Grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics GCSE and a minimum of grade 4 in both Science and PE.
MATHS	MATHS	Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.
	CORE MATHS L3	Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics.
	FURTHER MATHS	Grade 8 in GCSE Mathematics

MFL	FRENCH	Ideally an EBacc student with a minimum of a grade 6 GCSE in French and grade 6 in English Language.
	SPANISH	Ideally an EBacc student with a minimum of a grade 6 GCSE in Spanish and grade 6 in English Language.
	GERMAN	Ideally an EBacc student with a minimum of a grade 6 GCSE in German and grade 6 in English Language.
PERFORMANCE ART	BTEC DANCE	BTEC Dance, GCSE or external dance qualifications (I.S.T.D, RAD, BBO) are preferable. Audition workshop for those who do not hold an accredited dance qualification.
	THEATRE STUDIES	Grade 5 or above in GCSE Drama and a Grade 5 or above in either English Language or Literature.
ARTS	ART GRAPHICS	Minimum grade 6 in an Art subject.
	FINE ART	Minimum grade 6 in an Art subject.
	PHOTOGRAPHY	Minimum grade 6 in an Art subject.
	ART TEXTILES	Minimum grade 6 in an Art subject.
SOCIAL SCIENCE	BTEC BUSINESS ENTERPRISE	5 GCSEs at least grade 4 including English Language and Mathematics.
	LAW	Minimum grade 5 in GCSE English Language.
	PSYCHOLOGY	Grade 5 in GCSE English Language (but preferably a 6), a Grade 4 in GCSE Maths and Grade 5 in Biology GCSE (but preferably a 6).
	SOCIOLOGY	Grade 5 in English Language GCSE.
	HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE	5 GCSEs at least grade 4 including English Language and Mathematics.
	WJEC CRIMINOLOGY	5 GCSEs at least grade 4 including English Language and Mathematics.

SCAN TO VISIT SIXTH FORM WEBSITE

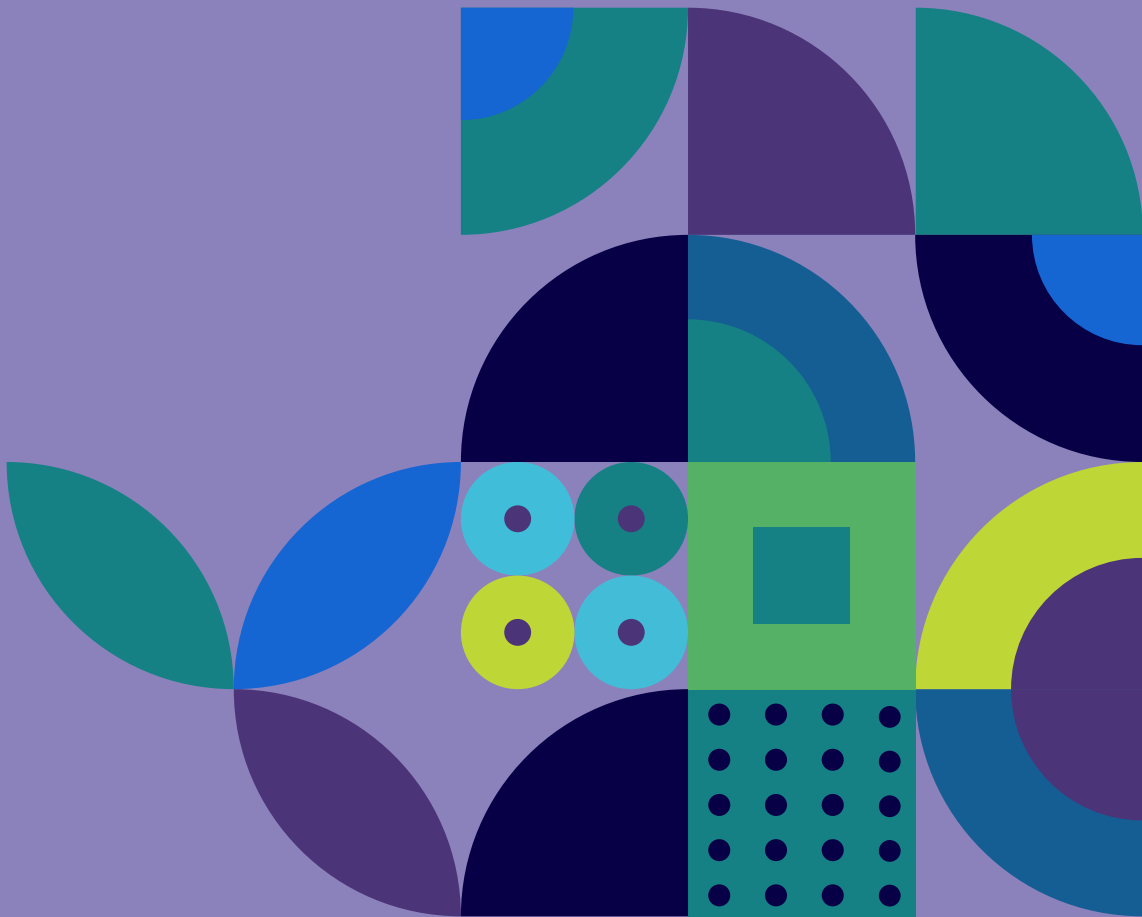


**PLEASE NOTE:** ALL COURSES ARE EXPECTED TO RUN BUT ARE SUBJECT TO THERE BEING SUFFICIENT INTEREST.



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“We look forward to  
welcoming you.”



Surname		Forename		Date of Birth	
Home Address				Current 11-16 School	
Mobile Phone	Student			What is the name of your Head of Year?	
	Parent				
Email Address	Student			Head of Year Email Address:	
	Parent				
Home Phone		Postcode		Gender	
Please state which subjects you wish to study at Rainhill Sixth. 1=Highest Priority		What GCSE subjects are you currently studying and what are your predicted grades? (if you have already finished the course write (A) next to the subject to indicate the actual final grade).			
		Subject	Grade	C= Current P= Predicted A= Actual	
1					
2					
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4					
<b>Personal Information.</b> Briefly, please give further information about yourself. You should comment on your football career to date (if appropriate). School-based extra-curricular activities; prizes and awards; and where you have shown leadership inside or outside school.					
<b>Plans after Sixth Form.</b> Please describe your plans after the age of 18/19 for University or Career, or Football (if appropriate).					
<b>Support Needs.</b> Please tell us if you have any special educational support needs e.g. Dyslexia or medical condition which we should be aware of.					
<b>Post 16 Bursary.</b> Are you in receipt of any benefits? If YES please state and be specific.					
Please complete this application form and post to Rainhill Sixth, Warrington Road, Rainhill, Merseyside. L35 6NY or complete online at <a href="http://www.rainhillsixthform.org.uk">www.rainhillsixthform.org.uk</a>					
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