

# RAINHILL FORM CENTRE

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



Personalised Approach Excellent Exam Results Outstanding Enrichment Programme

PROSPECTUS 2019



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# WELCOME TO THE START OF YOUR JOURNEY

**Thank you for picking up our Rainhill Sixth Form prospectus, a wise decision.**

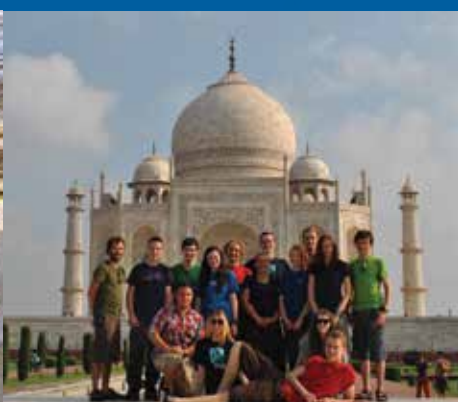
Deciding which Sixth Form to go to is tough. We know. It's your first big decision since choosing your GCSEs and one which will mould your future. So, let our Rainhill Sixth Form prospectus, make it easier for you.

For a small Sixth Form, we offer a large range of subjects, both academic and vocational, which you can mix. We think this gives you the broadest choices tailored to your individual needs leading to a happy you who is more likely to work harder and achieve.

As well as this, we offer range of super curricular activities and great 'wrap-around' care. We think we have the balance just right to ensure you get the best results *and* develop as a great person. That is why we continually produce excellent results and ensure our students go on to further education, employment and training.

Our application process is simple. From filling in our form, to visiting our open evening, coming to our interviews to experiencing our taster day sessions, we will make sure you are fully informed throughout.

We recognise you are full of energy, ambition and potential and as a Sixth Form, so are we. So, keep making the wise decisions, and read on to see how together, we can help you achieve.





## Welcome from the Director of Sixth Form

This prospectus is designed to be a starting point to see what we can offer students here at Rainhill Sixth Form Centre. Although attached to the main school, we have a different identity and atmosphere to the highly successful neighbouring 11-16 school, giving students a whole new experience. Our strength is our size, being large enough to offer a diverse curriculum and small enough to support students in academic studies and future progression. Small class sizes simply mean we are able to provide tailored support and guidance. This allows us to offer students the broadest choices tailored to their individual needs. This is all delivered within a student focussed environment.

Our Sixth Form Centre extends beyond what happens in the classroom. We encourage our students to plan for their future giving them weekly experiences tailored to their interests. You can read more about our Super Curriculum alongside our Science and Arts Academies in the prospectus.

Our exam results are excellent too. We are consistently one of the leading post 16 educators in the area, with exam results well above the national average, and more importantly have had improving results for the last four years. Joining us and gaining excellent exam results opens doors to top universities, apprenticeships and employment.

If you want to see more of what we do on a day to day basis join us on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook. We have an active presence so you can get a good feel of the activities and events you could be a part of as a Rainhill Sixth Form Student.

Don't just take our word for it though. Join us on our Sixth Form Open Evening on 1st November 2018 from 6:30pm. Talk to our specialist staff about the subjects we offer and see the range of courses we do.



We believe that getting on the right courses is the key to student success. To ensure the right choices are made, we will invite prospective students to our guidance interviews and taster days throughout the year.

We are always happy to receive calls or visitors so we can discuss any aspect of Sixth Form life at Rainhill Sixth Form. So if you want to get in touch please call or email.

We have proven to be a fantastic choice for our existing students as well as those coming from other schools. We are proud that we offer a great overall experience and we want to share this with you.

I look forward to meeting you and discussing your application in person.

**David Hemsley**  
**Director of Sixth Form**





# 5 THINGS THAT MAKE RAINHILL SIXTH FORM YOUR RIGHT CHOICE...

## 1

### TOP CLASS RESULTS AND DESTINATIONS

*"The highlight of Rainhill Sixth Form was getting even better grades than I expected!"*

**Kieran Moran**

Studied at Rainhill Sixth Form between 2016-18

- Rainhill's already excellent results improved for the fourth consecutive year in 2018
- Average grade achieved in vocational qualifications was a Distinction
- 96% of leavers were in education, employment or training by the following September

## 2

### SMALL CLASS SIZES AND A FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

*"Small class sizes and clear support are the main reasons I stayed on"*

**Sean Ellis**

Currently studying BSc (Hons) Air Transport and Logistics Management at Huddersfield University.

- Only 145 places in each year group, so you are never just a name to us
- Average class size is between 8 and 10 students giving you a personalised experience
- Twice as many applications as there are places in 2018, meaning we take the most dedicated students

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### ARTS AND SCIENCE ACADEMIES

*"I went to New York with the Arts Academy which was brilliant and we attended Move It!"*

**Jordan Coulburn**

Currently studying Dance and Performance at Arden College

- *"The best visual and performing arts provision I have seen in 19 years of inspecting schools and colleges. It's world class"*  
HMI Padgett
- In 2017, 50% of students gained offers at elite conservatoires for the Performing Arts
- Two students from the Science Academy programme are currently studying at Oxford University



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## SUPER CURRICULUM PROGRAMME

*"It's given me an insight into my future. It's also deepened my interest"*

**Jessica Tran**

University of Leicester studying Management studies

- Top class organisations deliver talks and workshops, such as IBM, Amnesty International and BAE systems
- Undergraduate style lectures delivered by our partnership Universities, including Warwick & Leeds
- Dedicated work experience week and an extensive work experience database

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## TAILORED SUPPORT FOR YOU

*"I was a member of the Elite programme in Sixth Form and went on a student residential to Warwick University... seeing a University first hand is always best as you get a vibe for if a place is going to be the right one for you or not."*

**Laura McCabe**

Currently studying BA (Hons) English at Newcastle University

- Our Elite programme for high achieving students has seen a 4 fold increase in Oxbridge applications and a doubling of interview offers from 2016-2018
- Links to support organisations such as Young Carers, C-Card, Mindsmatter, Live Life Well and Exploring futures
- A full time pastoral manager is available to support you with any personal or health issues

# ARTS ACADEMY.

The Arts Academy offers you experiences that other students can only dream of, giving you “the edge” and making you a triple threat to your competitors. You will become a member if you choose to study any performing or visual arts subject, giving you exclusive access to great opportunities.

## **Love Dance?**

Want to work with West End stars to develop your choreography?  
We offer that.

## **Love Visual Art?**

Want to extend your portfolio with national competitions?  
We offer that.

## **Love Drama?**

Want to perform at real life events, beyond the classroom?  
We offer that.

## **And much more.**

The Arts Academy also offers an exclusive trip to New York, with a workshop at Pineapple Studios and a chance to see a show on Broadway.

We have a reputation of getting our students into the most sought after Performing arts, Media and Visual arts degrees in the country.

Working with outstanding teachers with a record of excellent exam results, you will be closely mentored to make your artistic ambitions come true.



## KEY FACTS...



Impressive Portfolios - Artists accepted to first choice Universities, rather than completing a foundation year



Dance and Drama Alumni have trained at Italia Conti, LIPA, Bird College and Arden Theatre School



Our own Dance and Theatre Companies, giving you extra training and experience each week



Trips to New York, theatres, and primary schools to teach workshops and art galleries



One to one advice and guidance in applying to elite conservatoires



## ARTS ACADEMY PROFILE

**Daniel Forster:**

"I'm very thankful to the Arts Academy for the opportunities they have given me such as performing at the Lowry theatre, with Ballet Rambert and in U Dance. They have given me so much support in preparing for auditions and helping me in my next steps in pursuing my dream as a performer. They have continued to support me upon graduation and I am appreciative that I have been able to return to share my experience with the other students. Thank you to all the Arts Academy staff for their support and motivation"



# SCIENCE ACADEMY.

The Science Academy offers you a wealth of experiences to put you top of the pile when it comes to University applications or Apprenticeship opportunities. You will become a member if you choose to study any Science related subject, which includes Maths and Computer Science, giving you exclusive access to some fabulous opportunities.



## **Love Biology?**

Want to go to make contacts with Whiston Hospital and the Liverpool Women's Hospital?  
We offer that.



## **Love Maths?**

Want to work with a top BAE employee, unravelling the Knot theory using polynomials?  
We offer that.



## **Love Computer Science?**

Want to enter national coding competitions?  
We offer that.

## **And much more.**

The Science Academy also offers an exclusive trip to CERN each year, to learn more about the Large Hadron Collider.

We have a reputation of getting our students onto the most exclusive Science degrees in the country, such as Earth Science at Oxford University and medical degrees at Russell group Universities.

Working with specialist teachers with a record of excellent exam results, you will be encouraged to shoot for the stars with your scientific ambitions.

# KEY FACTS...

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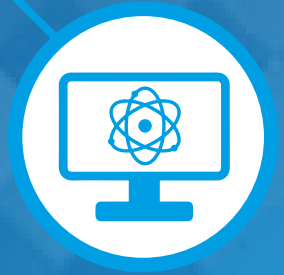
Past workshops with  
Professor Martyn Amos



Maths trips to  
Barcelona and Paris



Talks and tours of local  
hospital pathology labs



Computer Science work  
experience in London  
through our contacts



National Engineering and  
Science competitions and  
awards offered



## SCIENCE ACADEMY PROFILE

**Sam Dowding: From Rainhill to Liverpool to study Adult Nursing.**

“ I visited the Liverpool Women's Hospital where I went to a series of workshops and had a go at virtual key-hole surgery, took blood and blood pressure from a false arm and went to a seminar with a top professor at the hospital who spoke about the doctor and nursing application process and their expectations of applicants.”

**From his Student Profile feedback.**





# SUPER CURRICULUM.

*"....Universities (are) only interested in enthused, engaged and excellent candidates, rather than second-rate historians who happen to play the flute"*

**Mike Nicholson, Bath University.**

The same is true of apprenticeship providers or employers. This is why we have the Super Curriculum. Delivered in two parts – Wednesday afternoon activities and independent research, the Super Curriculum helps you to supercharge your future.

On a Wednesday afternoon, we have trips, workshops and talks from top industry professionals and Universities. In the past we have run sessions such as Introduction to Sign Language, Practical First Aid and the Brazilian Dance form Capoeira. We have also had industry representatives from IBM, Amnesty International, Liverpool University and Warrington Council speak to students. In your own time, you will be encouraged to indulge in your subject whether through wider-reading, watching documentaries or completing Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).



## SUPER CURRICULUM PROFILE

**Laura Foster From Rainhill to Liverpool University to study BSC (Hons) Business Management with a Year in Industry**

**From Laura's UCAS Personal Statement:**

"(I completed) a MOOC in 'Persuasive Communication', discovering the process of strategic communication in fields such as public relations and marketing....(then) I watched persuasive communication come into action completing work experience at the high street marketing firms: Niche Media and Kaleidoscope..."

Attending meetings, I had the chance to pitch my own ideas to multinational businesses such as Publish".

# KEY FACTS...

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Half termly guidance talks with tutors to make sure you are on track



Dedicated work experience week



Up to 20 different speakers, workshops and trips



Work experience database for ready contacts



Subscribe to journals for up to date professional information

*"Good grades are important but student wellbeing more so and the pastoral care at Rainhill Sixth Form is excellent. Young people must be happy before they can achieve their potential and the staff here 'go the extra mile' to try to ensure this is the case.*

*The high staff to student ratio means that they get to know their students and their individual needs really well, allowing positive, trusting relationships to develop; the corner stone to success."*

**Mrs Dowding, Mother of Sam Dowding, left in 2018 and Beth Dowding, current Year 12.**



# PARTNERSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES.

We have partnerships with two Russell group universities, Leeds and Warwick, alongside Liverpool John Moores. We also work closely with Edge Hill University and Manchester Metropolitan University. This gives you opportunities that are tailored to you.

If University is not for you, we also support you to develop employability skills. Working with IBM, we offer a mock assessment centre. We also work closely with Careers Connect and Job Centre Plus, offering one to one appointments and group sessions.

Running several trips, from the UCAS exhibition to the Apprenticeship fair, you will be put in contact with local employers and top Universities.

Further, we want to give you great experiences at Rainhill Sixth Form. Offering you the World Challenge allows us to do this. Previous Rainhill Sixth Form students have been to Tanzania, India and Peru. An experience that will shape them for life.



## PARTNERSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES PROFILE

**Emily Green – From Rainhill to Exeter University to study BA (Hons) History**

“One highlight was in hearing the former Director General of MI5 Dame Stella Rimington, reflect on her life and career whilst I was at Warwick University on a residential with other Elite Students from the Sixth Form.”

**From her Student Profile feedback**



# KEY FACTS...

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Work with a number of other Universities, such as Edge Hill University and Manchester Metropolitan University



Official work experience week built into study programme



Trips to help progression and personal development, such as the UCAS exhibition or World Challenge



Work with top employers on interview skills and employability, such as IBM



Partnerships with Warwick, Leeds and Liverpool John Moores University



*"My daughter joined Rainhill Sixth form after attending a different Sixth Form provision for a year as she unfortunately did not settle in her first placement. She achieved 10 'A' grades at GCSE and as parents we were very keen for her to reach her full potential. My daughter started her Year 12 over again and was made to feel so welcome at Rainhill. Her self-worth increased dramatically as did her belief in her ability to achieve at the highest level. Her Year 12 experience was fantastic and she achieved AAB in her end of year assessments. She thoroughly enjoys her Sixth Form life at Rainhill and we would like to thank all staff for their support."*

**Nicola Sothern, Mother of Alicia Ennis, Current Year 13.**



# ELITE PROGRAMME.

When you are a high achiever, we recognise that your path is different. That is why we have the Elite group. We support the highest achievers in the cohort to keep on flying high.

In the Elite group you will be mentored half-termly with the Director of Sixth Form and the Progression Mentor. Whether you are aspiring to Oxford, Cambridge or a Russell Group University we endeavour to meet your needs.

You will also be given extra opportunities such as the exclusive Elite trip to Warwick University and workshops with Cambridge University to support your Oxbridge application.

Throughout your two years, you will be fully supported to achieve your potential.

## ELITE PROGRAMME PROFILE

**Dan Margetts**  
**Currently studying Biochemistry at Oxford University**

"I have enjoyed the personalised and positive working environment with dedicated teachers who were all willing to help you succeed ...[in]..your academic prowess"



# KEY FACTS...

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# SUPPORT & GUIDANCE.

All staff at Rainhill Sixth Form believe it is their responsibility to provide care, support and guidance for students.

The Director of Sixth Form will support and challenge you, having high expectations from the outset as well as ensuring you are on track to meet your targets.

Our dedicated Student Manager is available to support with your health, pastoral and study needs and our Progression Mentor is your first port of call for careers and university advice, as well as study support.

You will also be assigned a form tutor when you arrive at Rainhill Sixth Form. You will attend form and PHSCE sessions to develop useful life skills outside of your academic studies.



## SUPPORT & GUIDANCE PROFILE

**Yasmina Bradshaw – From Rainhill to Edge Hill University to study Bsc (Hons) Counselling and Psychotherapy (2018).**

“You have always gone the extra mile for me and it hasn’t gone unnoticed. I probably wouldn’t be getting this far if it wasn’t for both of your soothing and calming prep talks”

From her leaving card to our Progress and Pastoral mentors.

# KEY FACTS...

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# YOUR SEVEN STEPS TO RAINHILL SIXTH FORM.



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## DISCOVER



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## VISIT

**Open evening 1st November 2018.**

Meet your teachers, ask your questions, make some plans

**Rainhill High School Year 11 taster day - 2nd November 2018.**

Another chance for Rainhill High School students to try out new subjects.

**Want to see us again? No worries...**

Ring on 01744 677205 and make an appointment with our Sixth Form Administrator.

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## APPLY

**Deadline for applications Friday 25th January 2019.**

Fill in the paper application at the back of this prospectus, tear it out, and then send it to us or hand to our Sixth Form Administrator on reception.

Alternatively, you can apply online at <https://www.rainhillsixth-form.org.uk/apply-to-6th-form/>

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## GUIDANCE INTERVIEW

**Thursday 28th February 2019.**

You will be invited for a Guidance Interview, but don't worry. We want to meet you so we can get to know what you want from us and so that we can make sure we think you are making good choices.





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## TASTE

Each year, once exams are through, we put on a series of workshops and events to give you a taster of Sixth Form life. Save the dates for Rainhill Sixth Form taster events 2019:

**Monday 24th June 2019**

**Elite Taster – 9:30am – 11:05am**

**Tuesday 25th June 2019**

**Arts Academy Taster – 9:30am – 11:05am**

**Wednesday 26th June 2019**

**Science Academy Taster – 9:30am – 11:05am**

**Wednesday 26th June 2019**

**Information and Pizza afternoon – 1:30pm – 3pm**

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## ENROL

**Thursday 22nd August 2019.**

Congratulations on your GCSE results. Now, make them work for you – come down to Rainhill Sixth Form Centre and sign on the dotted line to secure your place.

Now pat yourself on the back and relax, until...

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## WELCOME

**Tuesday 3rd September 2019.**

**You're in!**

Turn up at 8:55am for two days of induction before starting your Sixth Form lessons.

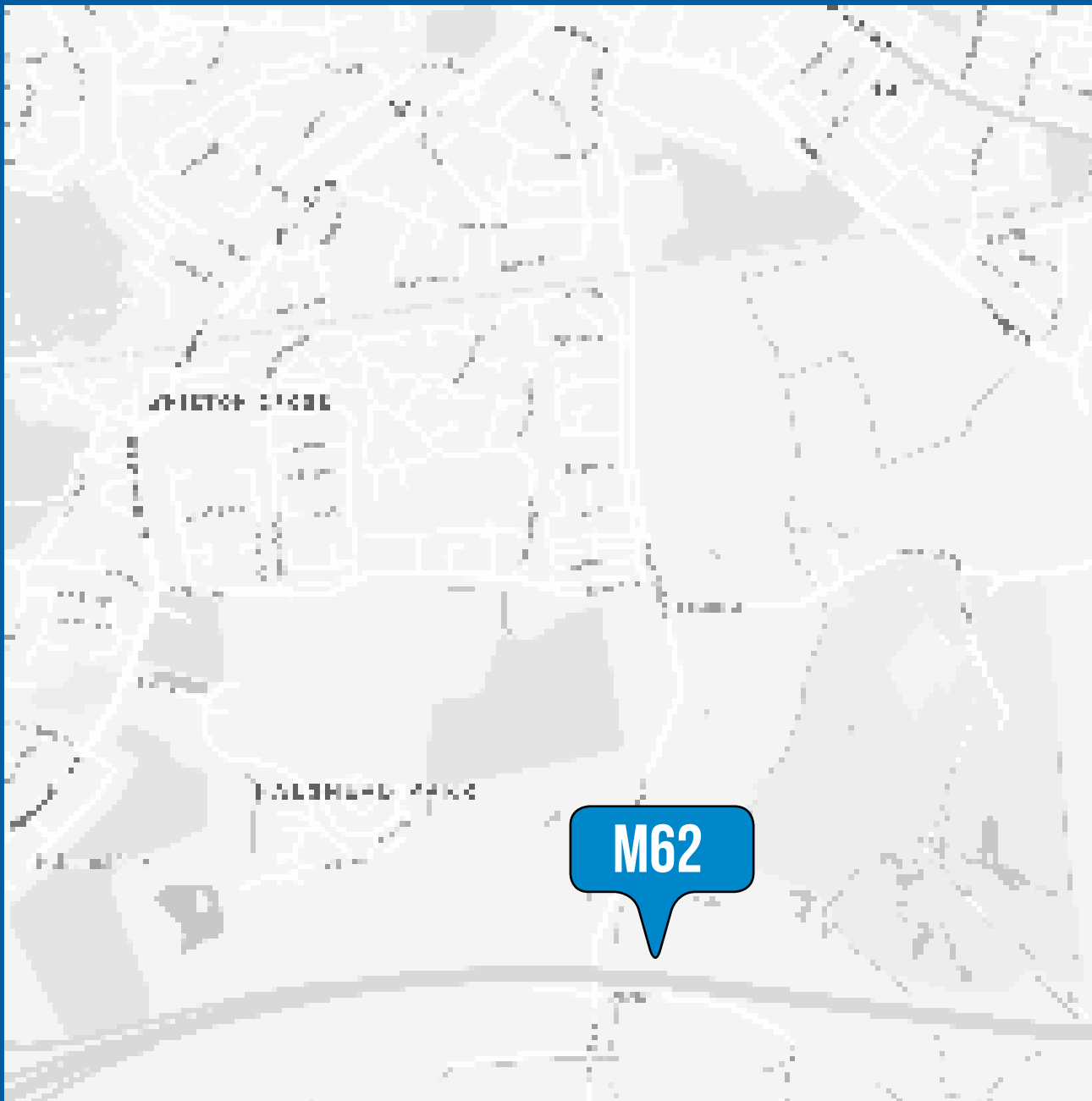
Well done.....You've made it and are now a fully signed up member of Rainhill Sixth Form.

**Save the date.**



# HOW TO FIND US...

We are ideally situated on Warrington Road with a range of transport links that can bring you to the Sixth Form. Access to motorways and major link roads means that Rainhill is easily accessible from across St Helens, Warrington & Merseyside. A number of rail and bus services operate which bring you very close to the Sixth Form so getting to Rainhill has never been easier.



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Rainhill 6th form is less than a 10 minute walk from Rainhill station, which is on the Liverpool to Manchester line. There are regular services from Lea Green, St Helens, Whiston, Huyton, Earlestown, Roby, Broad Green & Warrington.



A number of bus services travel from across the region to Rainhill. With bus stops right outside the centre it is a convenient and affordable way to travel each day. Services travel directly to Rainhill from across the region including from St Helens, Widnes, Huyton, Wavertree & Billinge.



To plan your journey by car using a sat-nav or google maps use the postcode L35 6NY.



## Scott Sutcliffe

**Currently: 1st cover Boq at Wicked the Musical at Apollo Victoria in London's West End.**

**Attended Rainhill Sixth Form from 2009-2011. Gained A-levels in Theatre Studies, Fine Art and a Higher National Diploma in Dance before going onto Arts Educational Schools London to do a Degree in Musical Theatre.**

"I chose Rainhill Sixth Form as it offered me the opportunity to study both A Level and BTEC courses. I loved all of my subjects and the teaching staff were very supportive. I wouldn't have known what to do as a career if it wasn't for the guidance of the Dance and Drama tutors at Rainhill Sixth Form. They really helped guide me towards a future I never thought would be possible. They pushed me hard to improve my skills so I was accepted into the top vocational training school in London, and arguable, the world. And a note for future students of Rainhill Sixth Form; Start your first day here knowing you'll get as much out of your time here, as you put in. Nothing is handed to you, especially in the Arts. That's something Rainhill Sixth Form taught me from the beginning. If you work hard and push yourself to your limits, you can achieve your dreams. I know I am."

To get an idea what it's like backstage in Wicked and the life of an actor in London, subscribe to The Jonny & Scott Show on YouTube and follow them on Social Media.





**Megan Attwood**  
**Currently: Human Resources**  
**Advisor at B and M after**  
**completing her Level 5 CIPD.**

**Attended Rainhill Sixth Form from**  
**2009-11.**

**Gained A-levels in English**  
**Literature, Psychology and Biology**  
**before going on to study Applied**  
**Psychology at Liverpool John Moores**  
**University.**

"I chose Rainhill Sixth Form because I had always studied at Rainhill High School and loved all the staff and knew it had a good reputation. I enjoyed studying subjects in more depth and getting to study psychology which is a subject I had never studied before.

Rainhill Sixth Form helped throughout the university application process and time was set aside in order to concentrate on this.

I would recommend Rainhill Sixth Form because the staff are so helpful and you can tell they genuinely care about helping you go further in education and career. The one piece of advice I would give to future students is just enjoy studying at this level as it puts you in a good position for university education and really think about what you want to get out of your subject choices in order to make an informed decision about your university choices and future career."



## **Marcus Howarth**

**Attended Rainhill Sixth Form from 2015-17.**

**Studied Media, Geography, Biology and Business before gaining an apprenticeship with United Utilities as a Field Engineer.**

"I chose Rainhill Sixth Form for the small class sizes and because it was local to me. I really liked the friendly environment and the staff were really helpful. I got loads of help in my progression too. Studying at Rainhill Sixth Form gave me life skills and experiences, such as early starts and the discipline I needed to succeed in my career. I really grew in maturity whilst at Sixth Form. This has allowed me to fit into the adult world of work really easily. I would recommend Rainhill Sixth Form to others because of the small class sizes which means you get more help. The staff are all helpful and supportive and you are not forced to go to University. Your choices are your own but you are supported. My advice to future students would be to take time with decisions as your future can be effected by the ones you make at Sixth Form."





**Dr Rebecca Smith BVMS MRCVS**  
 Currently: Veterinary Surgeon at Andale Veterinary Centre.

**Attended Rainhill Sixth Form from 2006-8 and gained A-levels in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Sociology before studying at University of Glasgow Veterinary Medicine and Surgery.**

"I chose Rainhill Sixth Form because it was close to home and knew the staff. I enjoyed the more relaxed learning style compared to high school and appreciated the small class sizes.

Studying at the Sixth Form helped to prepare me for the more independent learning expected of a university student, with free periods designed to allow students control over how they divided their time. My biggest advice, whatever your chosen profession is remember to never stop learning - every day is a school day!"

A - LEVEL  
SUBJECTS



# ART GRAPHICS

**A**  
A-LEVEL

## ART GRAPHICS A-LEVEL

Love being creative? If you have an eye for detail and composition, Art Graphics is for you. Exploring packaging, logo design and typography, you will learn to produce professional images using:

- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Illustrator
- Printing, painting and drawing

Working independently, you will explore a number of themes, making a personal response to a specified design brief.

Graphic design is a growing industry and the skills you learn transfer across many job markets, such as:

- Marketing
- Animation
- Architecture



# ART TEXTILES

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A-LEVEL

## ART TEXTILES A-LEVEL

Do you have an eye for pattern, prints and embellishment? Pick Art Textiles. You will explore:

- Hand stitching and embroidery
- Machine stitching
- Lino printing

Throughout the course you will learn to be experimental in your art and fashion techniques. In Year 13, you will draw this together in an extended project, chosen by you.

Creative industries are growing and the skills you learn transfer across many job markets, such as

- Fashion designer
- Curator
- Visual merchandiser

# BIOLOGY

## BIOLOGY A-LEVEL

Interested in how the human body works? Love exploring the natural world? If you answered yes, why not consider Biology? Studying living things and how they interact with the environment, you will cover:

- Biological Molecules
- Cells
- Genetic information

And much more in a highly practical way. A facilitating subject for Russell group universities, the study of Biology can lead to careers in medicine, nursing or other professions:

- Genetics
- Environmental science
- Marine biology or zoology

## CHEMISTRY A-LEVEL

Ever considered how to cure a disease? Wanted to create a new material? Wondered how to correct changes in the environment? Chemistry has the answer.

Chemistry gives you the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills, whilst studying:

- Thermodynamics
- Amino acids
- Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy

And much more through practical experiments and written exams.

Chemistry is a requirement of many science degree courses and can lead to careers in:

- Pharmacy
- Biomedical science
- Medicine



# COMPUTER SCIENCE

**A**

A-LEVEL

## COMPUTER SCIENCE A-LEVEL

Love coding? Want to develop your own apps or software? Fascinated by how Google Algorithms effect our digital communications? Then Computer Science is for you.

Studying:

- Algorithms
- Theory of computation
- Big data and data structure

you will be fully versed in the latest digital technology.

The need for digital skills in industry is exploding and through studying Computer Science, you will be best placed to fill the skills gap in:

- Digital technology
- Computer engineering
- Software development



# CORE MATHEMATICS

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A-LEVEL

## CORE MATHEMATICS A-LEVEL

Do you know that your career will involve numbers and calculations, but don't want to study a full A-level in Maths? Then Core Maths is the answer for you.

The equivalent of an AS-level you will cover such topics as:

- Probability and statistical analysis
- Gantt Diagrams
- Tax calculations

Studying Core Maths will help you keep up these essential skills. Many careers have Maths at their centre, such as:

- Science and Geography
- Business studies and Economics
- Psychology

# ARTS

## DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES

## DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES A-LEVEL

Love creating theatre? Directing? Being centre stage? Drama and Theatre Studies is the subject for you.

This highly practical course will cover:

- Devising theatre
- Studying text in performance
- Evaluation of live theatre

You will watch live performances and develop skills to further your training at top drama schools or University. Future careers can be in the industry:

- Acting, directing or producing theatre
- Broadcasting
- Events Management

You can also use Drama and Theatre Studies to enhance your transferable skills for other sectors.

## ECONOMICS A-LEVEL

How will we survive in a world of unlimited wants but limited resources? What affects people's demand for goods? How does the economy work? Economics has the answers to these questions and more.

A mixture of teacher-led activities, workshops and student investigations, topics will include:

- Price determination in a competitive market
- How the macro-economy works
- Financial markets and monetary policy

Economics will allow you to work within a range of institutions from:

- Investment banking
- Diplomatic services
- Accountancy and financial risk analyst



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE A-LEVEL

Why is the scouse accent perceived as being friendly? How do babies learn to speak? What is a noun phrase? The study of English Language will cover all of these questions.

You will study a range of texts in different genres, covering such topics as:

- Language diversity and change
- Children's language development
- How language is shaped

Studying English Language opens up an array of university courses and employment opportunities, such as:

- Journalism
- Marketing, copywriting or advertising
- PR Officer





# ENGLISH LITERATURE

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A-LEVEL

## ENGLISH LITERATURE A-LEVEL

How did Elizabethan culture influence Shakespeare's Othello? Did Sylvia Plath's state of mind affect her use of symbolism? Want to know how to pull apart the layers of literature? English Literature will enable you to just that. Learning through teacher-led lessons, drama, workshops and presentations covering broad themes such as:

- Love through the ages
- Texts in shared contexts

This is a facilitating subject which is highly regarded by Universities and can lead to such careers as:

- Librarian
- Lawyer
- Publishing

## FINE ART A-LEVEL

Love to paint and draw? Want to develop your ceramic skills? Do professional pieces spark your creativity? Then choose Fine Art. Working independently you will develop your skills in:

- Drawing, painting and sculpture
- Adobe Photoshop
- Still life and portraiture

At the culmination of units you will present work in an experimental portfolio. In Year 13, you will complete an extended project on your own theme.

Many students choose to go onto a foundation art degree and careers can include:

- Advertising
- Art therapy
- Visual merchandising

## FRENCH A-LEVEL

Aimez-vous la langue française? Vous voulez en savoir plus sur la culture française? Do you understand the first two questions? Then choose French.

Covering speaking, listening, reading and writing, you will learn about French culture and language through topics such as :

- The 'cyber-society'
- French Cinema
- Teenagers

French is a key language for international communication and speaking two or more languages will increase your marketability in careers such as:

- International Business
- Media
- Civil Service

# FURTHER MATHS

## FURTHER MATHS A-LEVEL

Is Maths really your thing? Do you want to study it at a higher level and at a top Russell group University? If so, Further Maths is for you. Further Maths deepens your knowledge and understanding through solving sophisticated abstract problems. You will study:

- Pure mathematics
- Further statistics
- Further mechanics or decision maths

To study further maths you will be required to also take A-level Maths. This is a highly respected qualification that is in demand for careers such as:

- The financial sector
- Scientific research
- Cryptography



## GEOGRAPHY A-LEVEL

Interested in climate change? Do you love landscapes? Want to know more about migration? Geography explores all of these questions and more.

Offering opportunities to study inside and outside the classroom, with field work at Formby beach and past trips to Morocco and Spain, Geography covers:

- Water and Carbon cycles
- Hot Desert environments and their margins
- Global systems and Global governance

Geographers are also highly employable. With a variety of careers available such as:

- Surveyor
- Cartographer
- Environmental consultancy

# GERMAN

## GERMAN A-LEVEL

Liebst du deutsch? Want to find out more about the sprache and kultur of Germany? Want to be more employable in a global market? Deutsch ist für dich!

You will study a variety of topics, such as:

- Family
- The digital world
- Youth culture

This course immerses you in both the language and culture of Germany.

Speaking more than one language at this level is a skill which will increase your marketability and careers can include:

- Journalism
- Global business
- Translating

# GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

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## GOVERNMENT & POLITICS A-LEVEL

Do you have an opinion on President Trump? Do you like to debate the law or social inequalities? Do you keep up with current affairs? Then Government and Politics is for you. You will cover topics such as:

- Politics of the UK and US
- Traditional ideologies of liberalism conservatism and socialism
- Modern ideologies such as feminism nationalism or multiculturalism

Careers that can be followed after studying Government and Politics include:

- Lawyer
- Business management
- Social administration and social policy

# HISTORY

## HISTORY A-LEVEL

Do you want the skills to analyse fake news? Would you like to learn about how events in the past have contributed to the world today? Want to become a more informed citizen? Then pick History.

Learning through teacher-led lessons and discussions, you will cover:

- Tsarist and Communist Russia, 1855–1964
- The Making of Modern Britain, 1951–2007
- Germany, 1878 – 1989

A facilitating subject, there are many career paths to follow after studying History, such as:

- Armed forces
- Civil service
- Human Resources



## LAW A-LEVEL

Want to know how the legal system operates? Interested in how laws are made and how judges interpret the law? Then this subject is for you. You will learn:

- About public and private law
- How to analyse both legal rules and principles
- To construct persuasive legal arguments and to evaluate them

Skills developed are sought after, especially analysis, research and communication and there are a variety of careers, such as:

- Lawyer
- Barrister
- Forensic Accountant

## MATHS A-LEVEL

Do you love solving problems? Do you love manipulating algebra and using complex mathematical techniques? Then Maths is for you. You will study a wide range of topics which includes:

- Algebra and functions
- Coordinate geometry
- Calculus
- Sequences and series

Not only will Mathematics give you the knowledge to tackle scientific, mechanical, coding and abstract problems, it will also help you develop logic to tackle everyday issues. Maths is recommended, and sometimes required, for subjects such as:

- Computer Science
- Accounting
- Engineering

## PHOTOGRAPHY A-LEVEL

Love photography? Want to learn lens based and post-production skills like the professionals? Then pick photography. Through this practical course, you will experiment with:

- Photographic materials and techniques
- Location Photography
- Studio Photography

The skills you will learn can transfer across many areas such as:

- Degree Apprenticeship in Digital Industries
- Photography in the arts
- Commercial photography

# PHYSICS

## PHYSICS A-LEVEL

Are you interested in the natural world? Do you want to deepen your understanding of the rules that the physical world follows? Want to find out about nuclear energy? Physics is the answer. You will be taught through a mixture of teacher-led activities and discussions, numerical tasks, practical experimental work and research ideas, covering:

- Measurements and their errors
- Particles and radiation
- Waves, mechanics and materials

Studying Physics provides a desirable background for careers in:

- Engineering
- Pilot Studies
- Robotics



## PSYCHOLOGY A-LEVEL

Why do people have phobias? What is OCD? Why do we have stereotypes? The study of Psychology will answer all these questions and more.

Psychology will help you communicate and understand the motivations of others. You will cover topics such as:

- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology and research methods

It is a fundamental part of any job which involves working with people such as:

- Police Officer
- Psychologist
- Marketing

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES

**A**  
A-LEVEL

## RELIGIOUS STUDIES A-LEVEL

What is the meaning of life? Why do people hold religious views? Want to be informed about the world around you? Then pick Religious Studies. You will ask and explore some difficult ethical questions, considering the impact on others, covering topics such as:

- Religion and Ethics
- Development of religious thought
- Philosophy of Religion

The study of religion can lead to a variety of careers, such as:

- Barrister
- Civil Servant
- Health Service Manager

## SOCIOLOGY A-LEVEL

Why are there more men in prison than women? How does society impact on families? Want to study a subject that challenges your everyday experiences?

Sociology offers you an opportunity to explore a deeper understanding of the social world by examining topics, such as:

- Families and schools
- Crime
- Religion

Studying Sociology prepares you for a variety of careers, such as:

- Social Work
- Teaching
- Police Officer



# SPANISH

## SPANISH A-LEVEL

¿Ama el español? ¿Quieres aprender sobre la cultura española? ¿Quieres aprender más sobre el idioma? Then Spanish is for you.

Spanish will allow you to develop your language and to deepen your understanding of the culture of Spain, studying topics such as:

- Social issues and trends
- Aspects of Hispanic society
- Cyberspace

Speaking more than one language increases your marketability and can lead to a variety of careers such as:

- Tourism
- International business
- International government organisations





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# APPLIED SCIENCE

## APPLIED SCIENCE VOCATIONAL

**Do you have an enquiring mind? A passion for science? If so, Applied Science is for you.**

This course offers you the chance to discover the applications of a range of different science subjects, such as:

- Biology, chemistry and physics
- Practical scientific procedures
- Science investigation skills

This vocational course can lead you straight into industry, for example:

- Laboratory technician
- Pharmacy assistant
- Healthcare assistant

It can also lead to degree level study such as:

- Degree Apprenticeship in Aerospace engineering
- Degree Apprenticeship in life and industrial Science
- Forensic Science



# BUSINESS STUDIES

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## BUSINESS STUDIES VOCATIONAL

**Want to work in a big business? Would you love to know how some businesses grow whilst others fail? Then you will love business studies.**

Business Studies will provide you with an understanding of business activity such as:

- Personal and Business Finance
- Developing a Marketing Campaign
- Recruitment and Selection

This vocational course can lead you straight into industry, for example:

- Business administration
- Digital and social media marketing
- Trainee Cyber Security Analyst

It can also lead to degree level study such as:

- Degree Apprenticeship in Business Management
- Degree Apprenticeship in Public relations
- International Business



# CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA

## CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA VOCATIONAL

**Love film? Want to learn how to make films? Then choose Creative Media.**

You will study:

- Creative digital media production
- The media industry
- Pitching and producing a media product.

You will also research the film industry and produce a commissioned short film.

This vocational course can lead you straight into industry, for example:

- Digital media and marketing apprenticeship
- Apprentice videographer and photographer
- Junior content producer

It can also lead to degree level study such as:

- Degree Apprenticeship in Digital Industries
- Degree Apprenticeship in Public Relations
- Broadcast journalism

## DANCE VOCATIONAL

**Do you enjoy expressing yourself through performance and choreography? If so, Dance is for you.**

In this highly practical subject, you will study:

- Classical Ballet
- Tap and Jazz
- Street and Contemporary

You will take part in regular dance workshops and shows.

This vocational course can lead you straight into industry for example:

- Dancer and performer
- Community Arts assistant
- Sports Coaching apprenticeship

Some of our graduates have gone on to top UK dance schools, such as Italia Conti, Masters and Bird College to further their vocational training.



# FASHION & CLOTHING

## FASHION & CLOTHING VOCATIONAL

**Do you want to design and make your own creations? Learn the practical skills needed to create couture? If so, Fashion is your thing.**

In this highly practical course you will cover amongst many other things:

- Pattern Development Methods and Techniques
- Fashion Promotion
- Manufacturing methods

It can also lead to degree level study such as:

- Fashion Marketing and Communications
- Fashion Design
- Fashion buying and merchandising.

This vocational course can lead you straight into industry, for example:

- Retail apprenticeship
- Pattern cutter
- Seamstress



# HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

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VOCATIONAL

## HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE VOCATIONAL

**Are you interested in child development? Do you want to know how policies and laws create equality in care for older people? Then choose Health and Social care.**

In this course you will cover a variety of modules, such as:

- Meeting individual care and support needs
- Psychological Perspectives
- Supporting individuals with additional needs

It can also lead to degree level study such as:

- Degree Apprenticeship in Nursing
- Primary Teaching with QTS
- Sociology and Special Educational needs

This vocational course can lead you straight into industry, for example:

- Health care assistant
- Community support worker
- Apprentice Teaching Assistant



## ICT VOCATIONAL

**Interested in developing businesses IT systems? Want to learn how to use IT to analyse data and develop applications? Then ICT is your subject.**

Learning a range of specialist knowledge in the field of applied IT such as:

- Fundamentals of IT
- Application Design
- Games design

This vocational course can lead you straight into industry, for example:

- IT Technician
- Trainee Cyber Security risk analyst
- Trainee Software engineer

It can also lead to degree level study such as:

- Degree Apprenticeship Aerospace software design
- Degree Apprenticeship in Digital Industries
- Video Games Design.

# MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

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VOCATIONAL

## MUSIC TECHNOLOGY VOCATIONAL

**Do you want to learn how to produce multi-track recordings, mix-down and edit your own music? Then choose Music technology.**

Through this course you will learn:

- Skills for recording pop/rock music
- Sequenced performance of a popular piece of music
- Listening and analysing skills

This vocational course can lead you straight into industry, for example:

- Sound technician
- Audio Designer
- Automation Analyst

It can also lead to degree level study such as:

- Degree Apprenticeship in Digital Industries
- Creative Music Technology
- Audio Production

# SPORT

## SPORT VOCATIONAL

**Interested in organising a sports event? Want to learn more about how anatomy and physiology in sport works? Then you will love Sport studies.**

Studying the theory behind sport, you will cover:

- Body systems
- Practical skills in physical activities
- Sports coaching leadership

This vocational course can lead you straight into industry, for example:

- Community sports development officer
- Sports coaching
- Fitness instructor

Or a degree, such as:

- Sports Science
- Football Business and finance
- Stadium and events management

## Notes





# QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

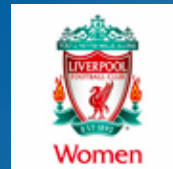
FACULTY	COURSE	PROPOSED ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	Art Graphics	Min grade 6 in an Art subject.
	Fine Art/Art Textiles	Min grade 6 in an Art subject.
	Photography	Min grade 6 in an Art subject.
	BTEC Fashion	Grade 4 or above in a Technology subject or Art.
<b>Social Sciences</b>	BTEC Business Studies	5 GCSEs at least grade 4 including grade 4 in English Language and Maths GCSE.
	Economics	Minimum grade 6 in Maths GCSE and English Language GCSE.
	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.
	BTEC Health and Social (Single)	5 GCSEs at least grade 4 including grade 4 in English Language and Maths GCSE
	BTEC Health and Social (Double)	5 GCSEs at least grade 4 including grade 4 in English Language and Maths GCSE.
<b>ICT</b>	CamTech Introductory Diploma in ICT (Single)	Distinction or above (grade A) from L2 BTEC First in ICT or equivalent or grade 5 in GCSE ICT.
	A-Level Computer Science	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Computer Science and grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.
<b>Performing Arts</b>	BTEC Dance	GCSE/BTEC Dance 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 & a Grade 5 or above in either English Language or Literature.
	BTEC Creative Media	Grade 4 or above in GCSE English Language or Literature.
	BTEC Music Technology	Grade 4 or above in Music or Music Technology.



FACULTY	COURSE	PROPOSED ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
<b>English</b>	English Language	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language.
	English Literature	Grade 6 in English Language and English Literature GCSE.
<b>MFL</b>	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.
<b>Humanities</b>	Geography	Grade 6 in Geography and grade 6 in English Language GCSE.
	History	Grade 6 in History and grade 6 in English Language GCSE.
	Government & Politics	Grade 6 in English Language GCSE.
	Religious Studies	Grade 6 in English Language GCSE and a grade 6 in a Humanities GCSE subject.
<b>Science</b>	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.
	BTEC Science (Single)	5 GCSE at grade 4 or better including English & Maths (grade 4 in English and Maths) and a grade 4 in at least 2 sciences GCSEs.
<b>Maths</b>	Further Maths	Grade 8 or 9 in GCSE Mathematics.
	Maths	Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.
	Core Maths L3	Grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics.
<b>PE</b>	OCR Sport Single	Grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics GCSE and a minimum of grade 4 in both Science and PE.

**Please Note:** All courses are expected to run but are subject to there being sufficient interest.





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## FEFA APPLICATION FORM 2019

### STUDENT DETAILS

Surname		Forename		Date of Birth
Home Address			Current 11-16 School	
Mobile Phone	Student			What is the name of your Head of Year (Hoy)?
	Parent			
Email Address	Student			HOY email address
	Parent			
Postcode			Gender	
Home Phone		Twitter Handle		Instagram Handle
Please state which subjects you wish to study at Rainhill Sixth Form Centre.		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).		
1=Highest Priority		Subject	Grade	P=Predicted A=Actual
1		GCSE English		
		GCSE English Literature		
		GCSE Mathematics		
2				
3				
4				



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**Personal Information.**

Briefly, please give further information about yourself. You should comment on your football career to date, school-based extra-curricular activities; prizes and awards; and where you have shown leadership inside or outside school.

**Plans after Sixth Form.**

Please describe your plans after the age of 18/19 for University, Career, Football.

**Support Needs**

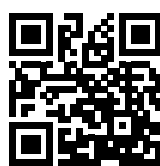
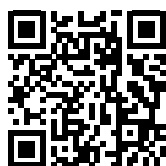
Please tell us if you have any special educational support needs e.g. Dyslexia or medical condition which we should be aware of.

**Post 16 Bursary**

Are you in receipt of any benefits? If YES please state and be specific.

Please send this application to  
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 for further information about Rainhill Sixth Form Centre,  
 please email [info@rainhillsixthform.org.uk](mailto:info@rainhillsixthform.org.uk)  
 Rainhill Sixth Form Centre, Warrington Road  
 Rainhill, Merseyside. L35 6NY

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GCSE EN?	GCSE MA?	Traditional	FEFA	LFC	LFC Women







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