

PROSPECTUS 2023



RainhillSixth



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WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome you to the 2023 Rainhill Sixth prospectus.

Rainhill Sixth offers a wide range of qualifications and top-class facilities. In 2020, we successfully achieved 'main provider' apprenticeship accreditation which is a huge achievement for a school-based provider.

Rainhill Sixth students have a strong record of achievement over time for A-level, Applied general, technical vocational and GCSE qualifications. Our talented team of teachers and progress coaches ensure our students move onto their first-choice universities, arts conservatoires or degree apprenticeships.

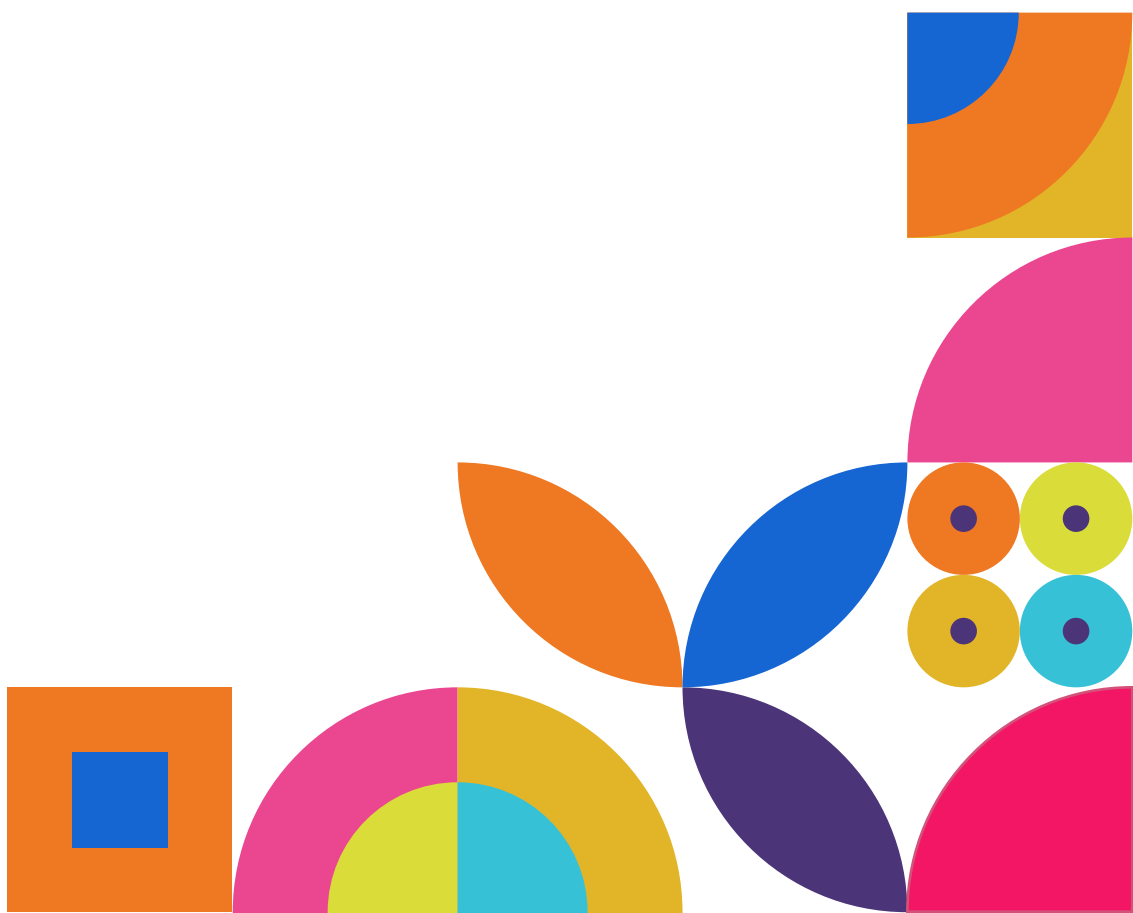
Our size is our strength. Small class sizes ensure we get to know individual students and their aspirations and strengths so we can tailor their curriculum and personalise the support we provide.

OFSTED rated our Sixth Form provision as Good in February 2020, we will always seek to build upon the good practice we have. We hope you find all the information you are looking for in our prospectus and that you will join us for the next stage of your education at Rainhill Sixth.

We look forward to meeting you at our Open Evening on Thursday 10th November 2022.

Mr Anthony Cunningham,
Director Rainhill Sixth





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REASONS TO CHOOSE RAINHILL SIXTH



01.

SMALL CLASS SIZES AND PERSONALISED APPROACH

“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.” - **Ethan Watt 2020 - 2022**

- 🍏 The average class size is 10 students, giving you a personalised experience.
 - 🍏 Every student receives exceptional academic and pastoral support.
 - 🍏 There are only 145 places in each year group; we will get to know you very well.
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02.

TAILORED SUPPORT FOR YOU

““Teachers tailor the learning in order to allow me to meet my specific targets. They adapt and change the lesson to engage students and to ensure they fully understand the content.” - **Rachel Fairclough 2020-2022**

- 🍏 A programme for all students, whatever your ability.
 - 🍏 A full-time pastoral team who are always available to support you with any personal or health issues.
 - 🍏 A tailored PSHCE programme that includes employability skills, careers information, advice, guidance and work experience.
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03.

‘SUPERCURRICULUM’ ENRICHMENT

“The Art Faculty frequently take students out on trips. We recently went to Liverpool to visit a variety of galleries. We have also had visiting artists which inspire our work” - **Millie Glover 2020-2022**

- 🍏 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.
 - 🍏 They expect at least 8
 - 🍏 Super-curriculum experiences in a university application.
 - 🍏 Top class companies deliver talks and workshops, such as IBM, Amnesty International and BAe systems.
 - 🍏 Trips and visits to Universities, apprenticeship fairs and companies are part of this.
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04.

HIGH ACHIEVEMENT

“I constantly achieved or exceeded my predicted grade with the support of my teachers.” - **Callum Whelan RH6 2018-20**

- 🍏 Year on year achievement has improved at Rainhill Sixth.
- 🍏 Average A-level grade is B.
- 🍏 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 it had a good range subjects to 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.”

“Being sat in the study room and getting the email that I’d got an unconditional offer from my first choice uni. After that I basically did a circuit around to tell my Art teachers and Fashion teacher about it-tears were shed and hugs were had, and it was one of the best feelings I’ve ever had.”

“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 Progression Mentor 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 as close as uninterrupted as they were able.”

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

“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 is a purpose built sixth form facility and is separate from the 11 to 16 high school. Facilities include:

RH6 STUDY ROOM

We provide 2 quiet, supervised study rooms. These are the 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.

4G ASTROTURF PITCH

Our excellent student pitches are available for use during lunchtimes and for sport 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

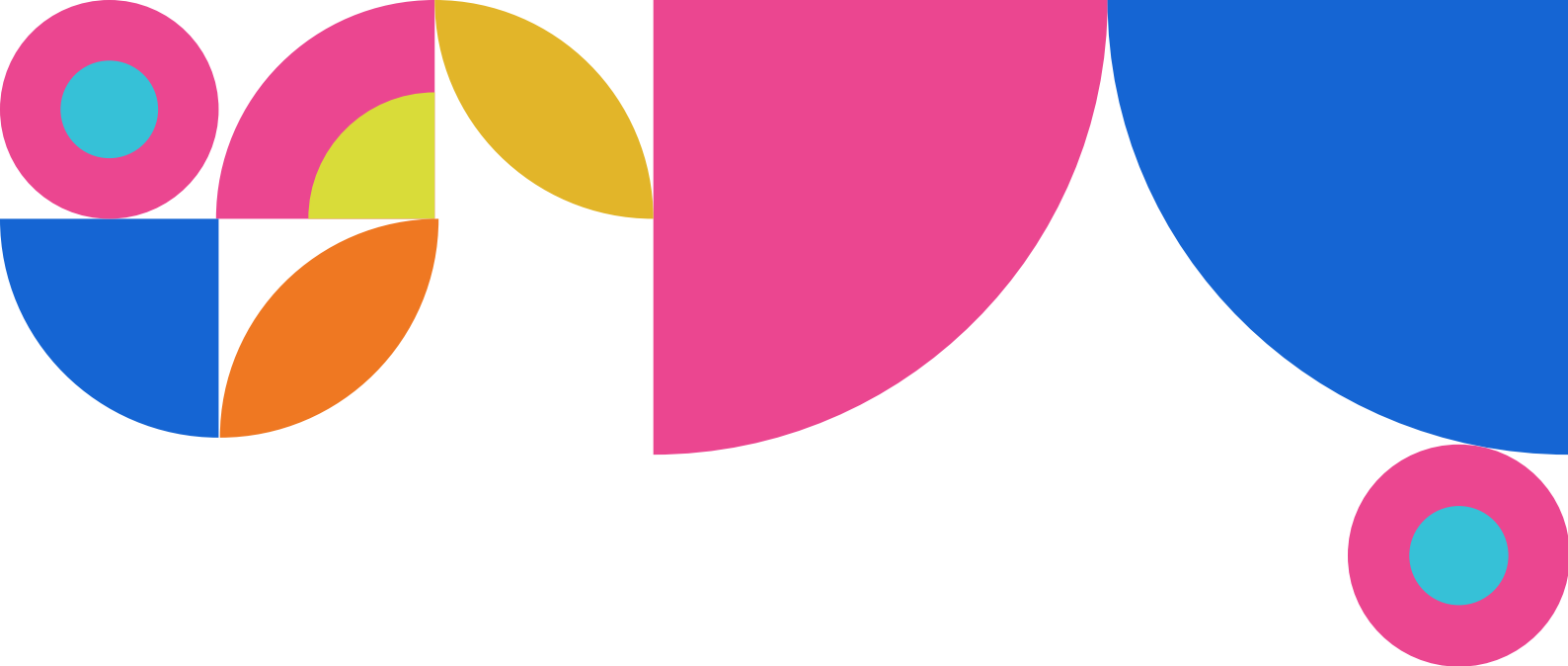
A newly refurbished fitness suite for use in and out of the school day.

SPECIALIST RH6 CLASSROOMS

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







FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



HOW DO I APPLY?

You can apply online at 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 13 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 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. It is best if you can attend the November Open Evening as you can meet all the staff and find out more all in one night.

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?

The prospectus has a lot of information, as does the website. 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 an enjoyable and welcoming environment.

WHAT YOU WILL GET:

- Timetabled lessons with expert staff
- One hour PDP session every week covering key age related and progression issues to help you for the future
- Mentoring sessions once a fortnight 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
- Super-curriculum Wednesday will offer subject related experiences to help write personal statements, CVs and build communication skills
- Extra-curricular activities will be offered like the Duke of Edinburgh awards, National Citizenship Service and our sports teams
- A week'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.

Students Learn and Think to:

- Maximise their development
- Strive and succeed

Students Contribute and Care in:

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

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM 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 and 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

FEFA

Robbie Fowler's Football Education Academy (FEFA) continues to work in partnership with Rainhill Sixth to offer a great package of education and sports training.

The partnership will allow students to now study A-levels or other vocational qualifications alongside their football training



“This partnership will help us take it to the next level. It means we can offer even more choice in terms of qualifications. The expertise we have both on the football and education side really benefits the kids. We’re trying to create pathways, whether that’s through sport or education, and this link up will only enhance that.”

ROBBIE FOWLER, FORMER LIVERPOOL AND ENGLAND FOOTBALLER



WHO ARE FEFA?

Launched in 2015 by former Liverpool and England striker, Robbie Fowler, FEFA's academic results are already impressive. FEFA have, in the past received glowing reports from OFSTED and Pearson qualifications. Last year, four out of five students who attended FEFA progressed to their University of choice, with a suite of excellent qualifications and quality training.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS WITH RAINHILL SIXTH AND FEFA?

There are two routes of study on offer with the partnership between FEFA and Rainhill Sixth

ROUTE 1:

Male students - Study A-levels at Melwood and access a bespoke package of training and match play from FEFA. Students need to achieve Rainhill Sixth entry requirement for the courses they wish to study.

ROUTE 2:

Study at FEFA full time to gain BTEC coaching and sports based qualifications whilst engaging in a comprehensive programme of football.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF RAINHILL SIXTH AND FEFA?

Competition amongst academy-age players in England is intense. Only 1 in 200 youngsters nationally will be offered a full-time professional contract.

By teaming up with Rainhill Sixth, FEFA aims to ensure that young players are educated and equipped for the many alternative careers on offer in football and the wider sports and leisure industry.

To offer the support with football and the studies at Rainhill Sixth really is a rare package this partnership offers.

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.
	BTEC APPLIED SCIENCE	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.
COMPUTING	OCR ICT	5 GCSEs at least grade 4 including English Language and Mathematics.
	COMPUTER SCIENCE	Grade 6 or above in GCSE Computer Science and grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics.
	OCR 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.
	GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	Grade 6 in English Language GCSE.
	RELIGIOUS STUDIES	5 GCSEs, grade 4 or above, including Maths
ENGLISH	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language.
	ENGLISH LITERATURE	Grade 6 in English Language and English Literature GCSE.
PE	OCR SPORT	Grade 4 in English Language and Mathematics GCSE and a minimum of grade 4 in both Science and PE.

MATHS	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.
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	Grade 6 in GCSE Ma 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, DGCSE 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 Grade 5 or above in GCSE Music .
	MUSIC	5 GCSEs, grade 4 or above, including Maths and English. GCSE/BTEC in Dance or external music qualifications (RSL, ABRSM, Trinity etc.) are preferred Auditions will be held for applicants who do not have music qualifications
ARTS	ART GRAPHICS	Min grade 6 in an Art subject.
	FINE ART	Min grade 6 in an Art subject.
	PHOTOGRAPHY	Min grade 6 in an Art subject.
	ART TEXTILES	Min 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

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	GCSE English		
			GCSE English Literature		
			GCSE Mathematics		
		2			
3					
4					
Personal Information. 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.					
Plans after Sixth Form. Please describe your plans after the age of 18/19 for University, Career. Football (if appropriate).					
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 complete this application form and post to Rainhill Sixth, Warrington Road, Rainhill, Merseyside. L35 6NY or complete online at www.rainhillsixthform.org.uk					
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Received	Acknowledged	Interview	Arranged	Offer	Reply
GCSE EN?	GCSE MA?	Traditional	FEFA	LFC	LFC Women

SCAN TO VISIT SIXTH FORM WEBSITE



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