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FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

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Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parents and Students,

Good afternoon and welcome to this week's newsletter.

Our congratulations to the Year 7 girls football team and Miss Sumner who are down to the final 32 of the National Cup. This is the furthest any Year 7 girls' team have got to such a high level. Well done everyone!

Next week, Year 11 continue their LP1 exams, a copy of the timetable is enclosed. Please ensure that your son/daughter has all the necessary equipment, see page 4.

Looking forward, we have a number of Christmas charity events coming up including the Santa Dash and Christmas Jumper Day. We encourage all students to think and look after other people in the community. Please encourage your child to get involved.

I would remind all parents that school is closed on Monday 28th November for a teacher training day.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Thorogood, Headteacher.

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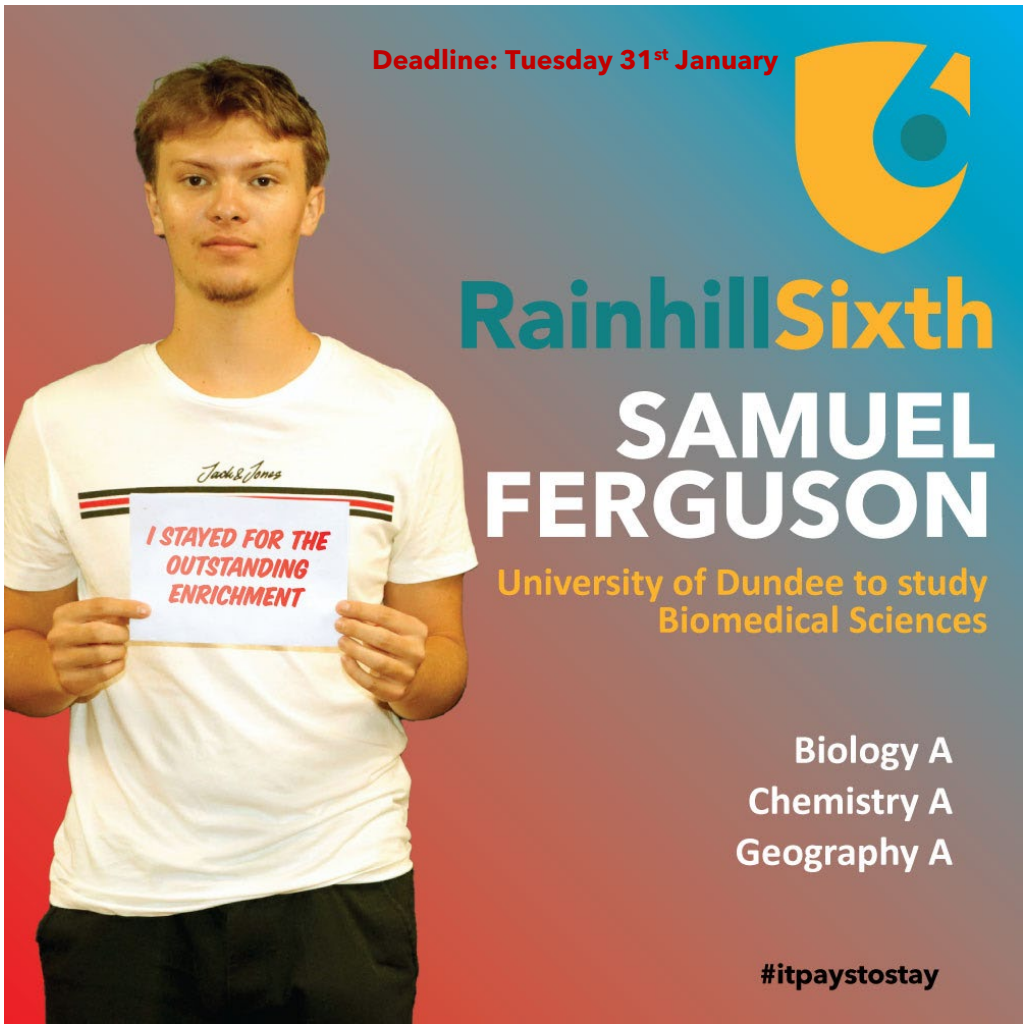
NEXT WEEK FOLLOWS THE WEEK B TIMETABLE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28/11/22	INSET Day (School closed for pupils)	Year 11 LP1 Mock Exams continue (all week)			

NEWS THIS WEEK

IT PAYS TO STAY AT RAINHILL SIXTH



YEAR 13 LP1 REPORTS

Reports for Year 13 LP1 will be published to parents via Synergy on Tuesday 29th November 2022.

This is in preparation for Parents Evening on Thursday 15th December 2022.

Additional correspondence about the support offered by RH6 in the run up to January Applied General Exams, February's LP2 and the summer exam series will follow next week.

Mr Cunningham, Director RH6.

YEAR 11

WITH YOUR MOCK EXAMS

FROM ALL AT RH6

TOP 10 REVISION TIPS

1) Short spurts of revision (20-25 minutes) are most effective. Your concentration lapses after about an hour and you need to take a short break (5-10 minutes). Aim to revise for 2-3 hours per evening and 5-6 hours each day at the weekend.
2) Find a quiet place to revise—your bedroom, school, the local library—and refuse to be interrupted or distracted. Ensure your mobile phone is off.
3) Make sure you don't just revise the subjects and topics you like. Work on your weak ones as well. In fact, start with these first.
4) Make your own revision notes because you will remember what you have written down more easily. Stick keynotes to a cupboard or doors so you can see them every day.
5) Re-write the key points of your revision notes, read them out loud to yourself. We remember more than twice as much of what we say than of what we merely read.
6) Use different techniques. Make your own learning maps. Use post-it notes to write key words on, create flash cards. Record your notes on your mobile phone and listen to them regularly. Ask friends to test you. Use highlighter pens to mark important points.
7) Practice on past exam papers or revision tests available on the web. Initially do one section at a time and progress to doing the entire paper against the clock.
8) You will need help at some stage; ask parents, teachers, or even friends. Ask your teacher for their work email address so you can clarify points you are unsure of.
9) Don't get stressed out. Eat properly and get lots of sleep.
10) Believe in yourself and be positive. If you think you can succeed you will.

Essential Equipment Checklist

Black pen (x3), pencil, rubber, ruler, protractor, compass, set square, sharpener, highlighter (x2 – different colours), calculator.

YEAR 11 EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Monday 28th November - Friday 2nd December

	Monday 28th November	Tuesday 29th November	Wednesday 30th November	Thursday 1st December	Friday 2nd December
Period 1	**School Closed**	**Box A (Normally Period 2)** **Paper 1** Business Studies (Group 1) – 2hrs Food Preparation and Nutrition – 1hr 45mins RE – 1hr 45mins Computer Science – 1hr 30mins Drama – 1hr 30mins GCSE PE – 1hr	**Box D (Normally Period 3)** **Paper 2** RE – 1hr 45mins Computer Science – 1hr 30mins GCSE PE – 1hr	Maths Paper 3 – 1hr 30mins Calculator Paper	Science – Paper 3 Biology (Separate) 1hr 45mins Biology (Trilogy) 1hr 15mins
Period 2		Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2	Exams continuing into Period 2
BREAK					
Period 3		Lessons as normal	Lessons as normal	Lessons as normal	Lessons as normal
LUNCH					
Period 4	**School Closed**	Maths Paper 2 – 1hr 30mins Calculator Paper	**Box A Paper 2** RE – 1hr 45mins Computer Science – 1hr 30mins GCSE PE – 1hr	**Box C (Normally Period 2)** **Paper 2** Geography - 1hr French Foundation – 1hr French Higher – 1hr 15mins German Foundation – 1hr German Higher – 1hr 15mins Spanish Foundation – 1hr Spanish Higher – 1hr 15mins **Paper 1** History – 2hrs	**Geography Paper 3** All Geography Students 1hr 15mins
Period 5		Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5	Exams continuing into Period 5

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

CHRISTMAS HOUSE CHARITIES

The Rainhill House Christmas Charity appeal starts next week.

During December, we want to focus on our school values Learn, Think, Contribute, Care and the Rainhill Standards for students. Encouraging our students to think of others who are less fortunate and think about the act of giving, if we are in a position to do so. We know times are tough for many families currently and so there is no pressure to participate in any of the charity appeals for any student.

Each House will collect donations for a local charity. Donations for the foodbank or toy appeal can be brought into school until **Friday 16th December**

Please see our Christmas House Charities below. Although the named house will be leading on each of the charities listed, any student can contribute to any charity appeal. All students who contribute to any of the appeals or participate in any of the events will be entered into a prize draw to win festive treats.

Rocket	Santa Dash	See details below
Perseverance	Mission Christmas Toy Appeal (donations delivered to S205)	See details below
Sans Pareil	Santa Dash	See details below
Stephenson	Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day	See details below
Braithwaite	Teardrops Food Bank (Donations delivered to B102)	• Tinned food – Soup, Beans, Fruit & Meat • Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate • Sugar • UHT Milk • Dried Pasta and Rice • Jars of Sauces • Snacks - Biscuits, Cereal Bars Crisps, Sweets and Chocolate.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

We ask that as many students and staff wear a Christmas Jumper to school on **Friday 9th December**. All funds raised will be donated to the Save the Children charity appeal. We ask both students and staff to donate £1. In previous years, we have had a relatively small number of students wearing jumpers during this annual event. We are keen to change this culture and to get as many student and staff involved.

There will be prizes/House points awarded for the following

- Best jumpers in each House
- Most original jumper in each House
- Most Christmas jumper wearers in a tutor group
- Most Christmas jumper wearers in a house

Students need to be in full school uniform, the Christmas jumper will be worn over their shirt and tie.

SANTA DASH

Monday 19th December

Pupils can take part in our Santa Dash which costs £3.00 to enter, you will also get a Santa hat and mince pie! Please hand your money in to your Form Tutor in an envelope with your name on. Fancy dress is optional but most certainly encouraged!

We are trying to raise as much money as possible for Cancer Research UK having been inspired by a pupil in one of our feeder schools.

If you would like to collect sponsorship/donations from family and friends, this can either be paid via our Santa Dash - Cancer Research link (please leave your child's name) or it can be handed in to your child's Form Tutor or Year Student Manager.

The Santa Dash will start after school on Monday 19th December and will be finished by 3:45pm. House points will be rewarded to everyone who takes part, plus extra points for the best fancy dress!

This event is open to all pupils and staff and can be a lovely way to come together as our Rainhill family to help others and have some Christmas fun.

MISSION CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Radio City's mission Christmas Toy appeal provides underprivileged children in the local area with a treat for Christmas day so they can have something to look forward to alongside everyone else. They are especially looking for gifts suitable for babies and teenagers. Suggested donations (must be new and not wrapped):

- Toys: Dolls, toy cars, figures
- Board games, puzzles, fidget toys
- Hot water bottles, scarves, warm pyjamas.
- Hairdryers, make up, headphones
- Sensory toys: light up, play-doh, musical toys

BBC EDUCATION - WORLD CUP

Recently, several of our Year 10 and 11 students took part in some filming for the BBC. The programmes focus was whether students could decide if a statement read by a BBC sports presenter was a fact, opinion or both.

The clip has now been published on the Bitesize website and can be viewed here.

This film is part of a BBC Education series 'Fact Opinion or Both' which aims to educate young people on how to tell the difference between both facts and opinions in the media.

You can view other episodes here.

Mr Roberts, Assistant Headteacher.

RAINHILL STUDENTS AT THE WORLD CUP

In what surely must be some kind of record, we have no fewer than six of our former pupils representing their country at the Men's World Cup in Qatar. The players are representing four countries and have all either been members of our main school or RH6 at some point in their education. The school would like to wish them all the best competing in the world cup and we are very proud to have played a part in their development.

- Trent Alexander Arnold (England)
- Raheem Sterling (England)
- Liam Millar (Canada)
- Neco Williams (Wales)
- Harry Wilson (Wales)
- Kamil Grabara (Poland)

SPORTING NEWS

On Monday evening, in conditions that can only be described as 'horrendous', our Year 7 Girls secured a place in the last 32 of the National Cup with a 2-1 victory over a strong Lymm High team. I believe that this is the first time a Rainhill girls' team have got to this stage of the competition. What a massive achievement, well done girls!

Congratulations to the team:

- Molly Kenrick
- Eva Alderton
- Scarlett Murtagh-Burns
- Roxy West
- Lillie Rothwell
- Taigan Hunter
- Lexie Rothwell
- Jess Whyte
- Amelia Clitheroe
- Lucie Morris
- Claudia Byron
- Niamh Fair
- Kitty Flint
- Amelia Morris
- Holly Ryder
- Lottie Ellis

Miss Sumner, Teacher of PE.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

As we move into December, we will continue to focus on maximising attendance and punctuality.

There are **15 school days** in December before students break up for Christmas. School finishes for Christmas on Wednesday 21st December at 12pm. Next week we launch the December Attendance Challenge - see below for details!

Mrs Munro, Deputy Headteacher.

December Attendance Challenge

We are asking students to challenge themselves, their friends and members in their tutor group to attend for all 15 days in December.

Pupils who attend every day will be rewarded by an in-school rewards activity on the last day of term, **Wednesday 21st December.**

We are asking both students and parents to be resilient:

- Attend when they don't feel 100%
- Attend when it dark and wet outside
- Do not substitute school for a Christmas shopping trip

It is easy to make an excuse and stay at home, but we must work together to prepare your child for the adult world.

The final week of term is a partial week, and we ask that you ensure you child attends up to and including the last day. Too often attendance drops during partial weeks and all the improvements that have been made through the term are lost.

Our attendance team will continue to look at patterns of sporadic absence with individual students and follow this up with you.

Support your child, support the school, everyday counts.

READATHON

For those that have taken part in the Readathon this month please bring your money this week.

We are so looking forward to seeing how much we have raised!

Miss Dugdale, School Librarian.

READING AGE TESTING

In the week commencing 5th December students in Years 7 – 10 will complete their first reading age test of the year. For Years 7-9 the test will take place during Computing lessons, for Year 10 this will be during an English lesson. Please see the timetable below for when your child will sit the assessment.

The test will be a reading comprehension and will provide us with your child's reading age. This will be communicated to you once available.

The best preparation for the reading tests is a regular routine of reading for pleasure. I encourage your child to use the school library where Miss Dugdale, the school librarian, will be able to support students with making the best reading choices.

Miss Dickman, Head of English.

8r/cp1	Tuesday 6th December Period 2	8s/cp1	Monday 5th December Period 4	8h/cp1	Friday 9th December Period 4
8r/cp2	Monday 5th December Period 3	8s/cp2	Wednesday 7th December Period 5	8h/cp2	Friday 9th December Period 4
8r/cp3	Tuesday 6th December Period 2	8s/cp3	Friday 9th December Period 3	8h/cp3	Tuesday 6th December Period 3
8r/cp4	Thursday 8th December Period 5	8s/cp4	Friday 16th December Period 4		

9r/cp1	Tuesday 6th December Period 4	9s/cp1	Thursday 8th December Period 1	9h/cp1	Tuesday 6th December Period 1
9r/cp2	Friday 9th December Period 1	9s/cp2	Friday 9th December Period 1	9h/cp2	Thursday 8th December Period 1
9r/cp3	Friday 9th December Period 2	9s/cp3	Thursday 8th December Period 3	9h/cp3	Wednesday 7th December Period 4
9r/cp4	Wednesday 7th December Period 3	9s/cp4	Monday 5th December Period 2		

10R/En1	Monday 5th December Period 3	10s/En1	Wednesday 7th December Period 5	10H/En1	Tuesday 6th December Period 3
10R/En2	Thursday 8th December Period 3	10s/En2	Wednesday 7th December Period 5	10H/En2	Tuesday 6th December Period 3
10R/En3	Thursday 8th December Period 5	10s/En3	Thursday 8th December Period 4	10H/En3	Tuesday 6th December Period 3
10R/En4	Thursday 8th December Period 5	10s/En4	Thursday 8th December Period 4		

TEARDROPS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

ST HELENS MUSIC SERVICE – SCHOOLS' CHRISTMAS SING

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St. Helens Council Music Service Presents: Schools' Christmas Sing at St Helens Parish Church
Wednesday 30TH November and Thursday 1st December
6:30pm – 7:45pm

Dear Colleague,

I am delighted to invite you to this year's Christmas Sing which will feature readings and singing from a wide range of our fantastic primary schools alongside the instrumental talents of St. Helens Youth Orchestra.

The following schools will be performing –

Wednesday 30th November	Thursday 1st December
Garswood Primary School	Blackbrook St Marys Primary
Queens Park Primary	Rivington Primary
St Cuthberts High School	Lansbury School
The Sutton Academy	St Annes Primary
Carr Mill Primary School	Thatto Heath Primary
St Ann's Primary	St Teresas Primary
Broad Oak Primary	
Rainhill High	

You are warmly invited to take up the offer of up to two complimentary tickets for either concert night. Please reply to andrewlewis@sthelens.gov.uk to reserve tickets, specifying which night you wish to attend and how many tickets you wish to reserve. Please give your name in to the ticket desk on the night to collect your reservation.

Additional tickets are priced at £7.50 for adults and £4.00 for under-16s and are available to buy online follow the link below –

https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/7247/Events

I would be most grateful if ticket reservations are made by **Monday 28th November.** If you would like any further information about this event or other St. Helens Council Music Service activities please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Skrzypczak
Assistant Head of Service

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BANK HOLIDAY

School will be closed on Monday 8th May to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

CATERING W/C 28/11/22

Please see below the list of practical lessons planned in Catering/Food Preparation and Nutrition - week commencing Monday 28th November.

10A/Cg1	Thursday period 5 – Pupils are making apple pie.
10D/Cg1	No ingredients required.
11D/Cg1	Completing their first practical research trial for NEA2 on pastry. On Wednesday period 3, they are making a batch of shortcrust pastry. This will be cut into quarters to make 4 individual products. With the first quarter they will make a lactose free quiche. The second quarter they will make a steak pie. The remaining pastry will be chilled until on Friday period 3 they make with the third quarter a lactose free chocolate tart and with the final quarter miniature lemon meringue pies.
11A/Cg1	No ingredients required.

LIBRARY TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtimes 12:25-12:55 13:25-13:55	Mindful Mondays	Learning Lunchtimes	Wellness Wednesdays	Learning Lunchtimes	Learning Lunchtimes
Afterschool 14:55-16:00	FYI News Club General Use	General Use	Manga Club General Use	General Use	Book Club General Use

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM ST HELENS IMMUNISATION TEAM

Year 8

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have received notification from the St Helens Immunisation team that they are awaiting further guidance from NHS England to see whether high school age pupils will be routinely offered the flu vaccine this flu season. As a result of the delay, this pushes back the delivery of other routine age immunisations.

Please see the link below which explains about the up-and-coming vaccines offered to all Year 8 students including consent for your child to have the vaccines including the HPV vaccine. This also enables you to provide consent or decline the vaccine (please ensure you use google chrome).

All queries relating to immunisations, including If you have any problems completing the online consent form, please contact the St Helens Immunisation Team directly on 01744 624353 as the school will be unable to help with any queries.

All Year 8 children are offered vaccination to protect against HPV cancers:
https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/

Yours faithfully,
Rainhill High School, Year 8 Team.

Year 9

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have received notification from the St Helens Immunisation team that they are awaiting further guidance from NHS England to see whether high school age pupils will be routinely offered the flu vaccine this flu season. As a result of the delay, this pushes back the delivery of other routine age immunisations.

Please see the link below which explains about the up-and-coming vaccines offered to all Year 9 students including consent for your child to have the vaccines. This also enables you to provide consent or decline the vaccine (please ensure you use google chrome).

All queries relating to immunisations, including If you have any problems completing the online consent form, please contact the St Helens Immunisation Team directly on 01744 624353 as the school will be unable to help with any queries.

All Year 9 children are offered vaccinations to protect against tetanus/diphtheria/polio (adolescent booster) and Meningitis ACWY https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/

Yours faithfully,
Rainhill High School, Year 9 Team.

SINGING LESSONS

HELP AND SUPPORT

CURRICULUM QUERIES

Heads of Department

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

PASTORAL QUERIES

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

Pastoral Structure

Y7 Student Manager	Miss Hill/Mrs Martin	**Y7 Progress Leader**	Mr Shoebridge
Y8 Student Manager	Mr Moran	**Y8 Progress Leader**	Mrs Haselden
Y9 Student Manager	Mrs Jackson	**Y9 Progress Leader**	Miss Rangel
Y10 Student Manager	Miss Gordon	**Y10 Progress Leader**	Mr Barry
Y11 Student Manager	Mrs Foster	**Y11 Progress Leader**	Mr Giles

Communications Policy

Please **click here** to view our new communications policy.