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Charity Fundraising

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our food bank Friday appeal. Your generous donations of food and toiletries will go a long way to support families in need over this festive period.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Inset Day

Monday 5th of January.
Students back in school 6th January

Year 9 Curriculum Evening

Thursday 22nd January A great opportunity for students and parents to come and see the courses we offer for GCSE's.

Parents' Evenings

Thursday 29th January Year 11 at school.
Thursday 12th February Year 13 at school.

School Production

Shrek the Musical is here on Tuesday 3rd til Friday 6th February.



School Events

A Magical Evening at our Christmas Fayre...

This year's Christmas Fayre was a wonderful celebration of festive spirit and community. Families were welcomed into Santa's Grotto, where Santa and Mrs Claus spent time meeting our younger visitors and spreading plenty of Christmas cheer.

One of the biggest hits of the evening was the ever-popular Bottle Stall, which proved so successful that it sold out within the first hour! Alongside it, a variety of beautifully decorated festive stalls offered handmade gifts, sweet treats, and seasonal surprises for everyone to enjoy. Adding to the sparkle of the event were our talented music students, whose brilliant performances created a joyful atmosphere throughout the fayre. Their hard work and enthusiasm helped make the evening truly special.

Thanks to the fantastic support from our school community, this year's event was another great success. All proceeds will go towards supporting our local charities, helping to spread kindness well beyond our school gates.



Letter from Mr Young

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this term, I want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements and experiences that have brought our school community together since September. It has been a term full of energy, creativity, and kindness—qualities that make Rainford High such a special place. Here are just a few highlights from our Instagram that showcase the spirit of our school:

- Our Year 8 boys' rugby team began their defence as National Champions, demonstrating teamwork, resilience, and pride in representing Rainford High.
- Our Christmas Music performance filled the hall with festive cheer and showcased the amazing talent of our students.
- In early December, we welcomed over 1,000 visitors to our Christmas Fayre, complete with stalls, live performances, and a grotto—a true celebration of community.
- The Santa Dash was a fantastic House Event, bringing energy and excitement to the end of term.
- Our Christmas Doors Competition added festive creativity across the school, and we look forward to revealing the winners at the end of term!
- Our Year 12 trip to Lille gave students the chance to experience European festive traditions and strengthen cultural awareness.
- Finally, thanks to your generosity, we raised over £5,600 for local charities, donated 300 toys to the St Helens Christmas Gift Appeal, 2,000 items to the foodbank—making a real difference to families in need

Communities are really important in the world we live as Idowu Koyneikan said: *“There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work toward the same goals.”* This perfectly reflects what we strive for at Rainford High.

Everyone Matters – Be Polite, Kind and Respectful

Every student is part of our Rainford family, and we thank you for helping us maintain the high standards that create a sense of pride and belonging. Please support us by ensuring:

- Students wear their blazers to show they are part of our community.
- Only one pair of stud earrings is worn.
- Minimal make-up is applied.
- School shoes meet the criteria outlined in our policy.

These expectations help us create an environment where everyone feels equal and respected.

Everyone Helps – Make Sensible Choices

Our ethos is built on shared responsibility. One area where we need your help is the school car park. Unfortunately, the situation has worsened, creating health and safety concerns. From January we will be closing the car park at the start and the end of the school day so that only those who require access to the car park will be catered for.

Everyone Succeeds – Work Hard and Be Resilient

Together, we have achieved so much this term. Success comes from effort, resilience, and the support of those around us. Thank you for encouraging your child to work hard and overcome challenges, helping them live out our ethos: Everyone Matters, Everyone Helps, Everyone Succeeds.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you and your family a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting term.

Yours sincerely,
Ian Young
Principal

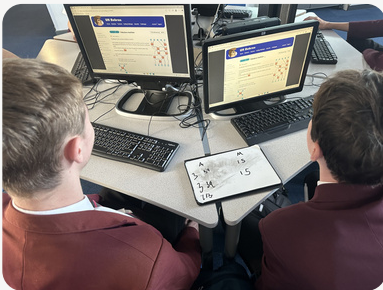
Rainford 6th Form Trip to Lille



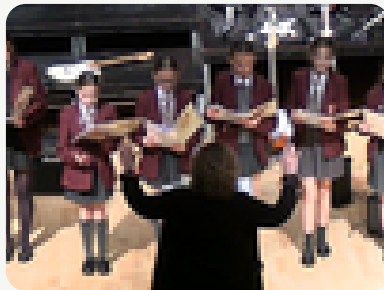
Recently, our Sixth Form students enjoyed an exciting trip to Lille, France, combining culture, creativity, and festive fun. One of the highlights was visiting Lille's famous Christmas Market, where students explored traditional stalls, sampled seasonal treats,

and experienced the magical atmosphere of a European winter celebration. The trip also included a visit to the local art gallery, giving students the opportunity to engage with a variety of artworks and learn more about French culture and history. To end the day on a sweet note, students toured a chocolate factory, discovering how chocolate is made and, of course, enjoying some delicious samples. Overall, the trip was a memorable and enriching experience, allowing students to learn outside the classroom while creating lasting memories with friends.

This term in Pictures



Bebras Coding Challenge – Students in all year groups competed in a global algorithmic thinking challenge. The winners will be announced in the new year.



Music Christmas Concert – Our wonderfully gifted musicians put on a brilliant concert performing all the Christmas classics from Jingle Bell Rock to Winter Wonderland!



A Level Physics Trip to the University of Birmingham to attend A-Level Physics Live! They experienced lectures from five professors at the forefronts of their fields.



Drama Performance – Year 10 Drama students put on a brilliant performance of 'Things I know to be True'. From their set text GCSE coursework.

House Competitions



It has been a busy term for our house competitions from pumpkin carving, El dia de los muertos designs, Christmas door decorations, House Orienteering, Rainford's Got Talent and the Santa Dash – there has been something for everyone to get involved in earning points for the houses. The end of term points totals will be revealed on the last day.



RE Edge Hill trip – yr 10 & 12 students went to the launch of the 'Teaching Through Division' project. Students presented their ideas on what they wish for the future in their communities.



BBC bitesize – students were treated to a brilliant live Q&A session with the BBC about careers and opportunities in the media sector. A brilliant interactive session for all.

Climate Conference



With the annual COP climate conference (COP30) being held in Belem, Brazil in November. Rainford High hosted its annual Mock UN Climate conference for students and local Primaries.

In total 9 schools joined the conference, representing different countries around the world and outlining how climate change was affecting them and what they are doing to try and cope with the effects and reduce their contributions to the problem. The delegates had the opportunity to address the assembly, vote on motions and question other countries about their climate action in a structured debate, some making compelling arguments for the need for stronger and unified action on climate change.

We also welcomed 4 guest speakers from Liverpool ONE, St Helens Council, Zero Waste Liverpool and Vinci, who spoke to delegates about the role they play in sustainable development and their hopes for the future of climate action.

In the afternoon the delegates worked with students from Rainford's Climate Action Group to identify a range of environmental problems and solutions and formulated climate action plans to implement in their schools

It was an incredible day of positivity, inspiration and unity for action on climate change, empowering young people to use their voice in politics and make positive changes for all our futures.

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—Mrs. Robinson (head of Geography)



Sports



Rugby - After a brilliant season as National Schools Rugby champions and a brilliant victory at Wembley. Our year 8's have now embarked upon a mission to defend their title. Now competing in the National Cup, North west Counties Cup and St. Helens Cup, Our boys have a lot of work ahead of them with their first match against Irlam being a 62-0 victory they have certainly started the season in a strong position.



Netball - Year 8 Girls started the season with a brilliant win against St. Cuthberts. Year 9 Girls are aiming to compete in the County Tournament starting next term and year 7 played Rainhill and won 12-4 and are now in the semi-finals of the Town Cup - Well done everyone!!

Football - The Year 8 boys football team are flying the flag for Rainford by getting to Round 5 of the English National Schools Cup after beating West Derby, All Saints, Halewood and Neston High School along the way. Out of 674 schools entered Rainford are down to the last 64 with the next match throwing up a St Helens Derby against Rainhill. Good luck boys!