



**RAINHILL
HIGH SCHOOL**



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RECRUITMENT PACK

Teacher of Digital Media and Computing



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WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Thank you for your interest in Rainhill High School. I hope you find this information pack helpful. If you would like to know more about us before you apply please see our website rainhillhighschool.org.uk or alternatively contact jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk

Our school has a long and strong record of academic success. The destinations that our students move onto are strong. Our continued focus is on raising the aspirations, achievements and confidence of all our students to ensure they have the best life chances; that all of our students leave us ready to take on the world with conviction and self-assurance. We make no apologies for having the highest expectations of all our students.

Our curriculum is ambitious. Students are expected to work hard, and this is complemented by our excellent pastoral care, support and guidance. You will find the staff here are determined to support academic achievement but also provide a wide range of enrichment and extra-curricular activities both within and beyond the classroom, ranging from trips to New York to football teams in school; all of which are important in building the confidence, resilience and experiences of every child.

Our school's mission is 'In Pursuit of Excellence' in everything that we do and our core values; Learn, Think, Contribute, Care, embody our determination to ensure that all our students receive a first-class education that enables them to take their place in society with confidence. We are a popular and high achieving school on the edge of Merseyside with a very strong reputation locally and significantly oversubscribed.

I am very proud of the continued success of Rainhill High School.

Mrs J Thorogood
Principal

Teacher of Digital Media and Computing 0.8

Role Overview

DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO:
Head of Faculty,
Media, IT and Computing

Are you passionate about Digital Media, IT and Computing and you can deliver high-quality lessons and excellent outcomes for students? Then come and join a high-performing and forward-thinking Digital Media, IT and Computing team at Rainhill High School, including Rainhill Sixth.

COMMENCING:
September 2025

Rainhill High was graded as 'Good' by Ofsted in February 2023.

The report states, 'Leaders have ensured that all pupils, including students in the sixth form, benefit from a suitably ambitious curriculum' and 'Students in the sixth form can study a wide range of academic and vocational courses' The report also states that *'staff are proud to work at the school'*

CLOSING DATE:
Thursday 23rd January 2025
9am

We are seeking to appoint a dynamic, ambitious and inspirational candidate to join our team for September 2025, on a part time 0.8 contract. You will teach KS3 Computing, KS4 Creative iMedia, and Post 16 Digital Media. There may also be the opportunity to teach GCSE and A Level Computer Science. The successful candidate will have the capacity to enthuse, engage and inspire our pupils through strong subject knowledge; someone who thrives on collaboration and teamwork; a committed professional with high levels of personal motivation and ambition.

Applications are welcome from both experienced and newly qualified teachers.

INTERVIEW DATE:
Thursday 30th January 2025

Prospective candidates can visit the school by prior appointment by calling 01744 677205

You will need to have excellent interpersonal skills with a genuine commitment to teaching and the ability to develop our students' love of learning in Media, IT and Computing. If you believe you have the skills and dedication to meet our standards, and be part of our pursuit of excellence, then we are the school for you.

Please return application forms To
jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk

The Academy is working hard to make a difference to staff workloads by investing time, technology, and support to make Rainhill an attractive place to work. For the right candidate, there would be additional opportunities based on potential, ability, and capacity to make a difference across the team and the school.



“Staff felt that leaders are supportive of their well-being and cognisant of their workload”
OFSTED

***“When I started I thought the school was massive and that I would get lost every day
but you soon find your way, I really enjoy it here”***

Year 7 student

***“I go to Zoology club to learn about animals and how to look after them.
The school has loads of opportunities for you to get involved in”***

Year 8 student

***“My teachers are all really helpful,
if you get stuck they help you to understand”***

Year 9 student

“Leaders follow up on any concerns quickly and effectively”
OFSTED



Post Teacher of Digital Media and Computing

Grade STPCD MPR UPR

Responsible to Head of Faculty: Media, IT and Computing

Set high expectations which inspire, motivate and challenge pupils;

1. Establish a safe and stimulating environment for pupils, rooted in mutual respect
2. Set goals that stretch and challenge pupils of all backgrounds, abilities and dispositions
3. Demonstrate consistently the positive attitudes, values and behaviour which are expected of pupils.

Promote good progress and outcomes by pupils

1. Be accountable for pupils' attainment, progress and outcomes
2. Plan teaching to build on pupils' capabilities and prior knowledge guide pupils to reflect on the progress they have made and their emerging needs
3. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how pupils learn and how this impacts on teaching
4. Encourage pupils to take a responsible and conscientious attitude to their own work and study.

Demonstrate good subject and curriculum knowledge

1. Have a secure knowledge of the relevant subject(s) and curriculum areas, foster and maintain pupils' interest in the subject, and address misunderstandings
2. Demonstrate a critical understanding of developments in the subject and curriculum areas, and promote the value of scholarship
3. Demonstrate an understanding of and take responsibility for promoting high standards of literacy, articulacy and the correct use of standard English, whatever the teacher's specialist subject

Plan and teach well-structured lessons

1. Impart knowledge and develop understanding through effective use of lesson time
2. Promote a love of learning and children's intellectual curiosity
3. Set homework and plan other out-of-class activities to consolidate and
4. Extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired
5. Reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching
6. Contribute to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum within the relevant subject area(s).

Adapt teaching to respond to the strengths and needs of all pupils

1. Know when and how to differentiate appropriately, using approaches which enable pupils to be taught effectively
2. Have a secure understanding of how a range of factors can inhibit pupils' ability to learn, and how best to overcome these demonstrate an awareness of the physical, social and intellectual development of children, and know how to adapt teaching to support pupils' education at different stages of development
3. Have a clear understanding of the needs of all pupils, including those with special educational needs; those of high ability; those with English as an additional language; those with disabilities; and be able to use and evaluate distinctive teaching approaches to engage and support them.

Make accurate and productive use of assessment

1. Know and understand how to assess the relevant subject and curriculum areas, including statutory assessment requirements
2. Make use of formative and summative assessment to secure pupils' progress
3. Use relevant data to monitor progress, set targets, and plan subsequent lessons
4. Give pupils regular feedback, both orally and through accurate marking, and encourage pupils to respond to the feedback.

Manage behaviour effectively to ensure a good and safe learning environment

1. Have clear rules and routines for behaviour in classrooms, and take responsibility for promoting good and courteous behaviour both in classrooms and around the school, in accordance with the school's behaviour policy
2. Have high expectations of behaviour, and establish a framework for discipline with a range of strategies, using praise, sanctions and rewards consistently and fairly manage classes effectively, using approaches which are appropriate to pupils' needs in order to involve and motivate them
3. Maintain good relationships with pupils, exercise appropriate authority, and act decisively when necessary.

Fulfil wider professional responsibilities

1. Make a positive contribution to the wider life and ethos of the school
2. Develop effective professional relationships with colleagues, knowing how and when to draw on advice and specialist support
3. Deploy support staff effectively
4. Take responsibility for improving teaching through appropriate professional development, responding to advice and feedback from colleagues communicate effectively with parents with regard to pupils' achievements and well-being.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

A teacher is expected to demonstrate consistently high standards of personal and professional conduct. The following statements define the behaviour and attitudes which set the required standard for conduct throughout a teacher's career.

1. Teachers uphold public trust in the profession and maintain high standards of ethics and behaviour, within and outside school, by:
2. Treating pupils with dignity, building relationships rooted in mutual respect, and at all times observing proper boundaries appropriate to a teacher's professional position having regard for the need to safeguard pupils' well-being, in accordance with statutory provisions
3. Showing tolerance of and respect for the rights of others
4. Not undermining fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs
5. Ensuring that personal beliefs are not expressed in ways which exploit pupils' vulnerability or might lead them to break the law.
6. Teachers must have proper and professional regard for the ethos, policies and practices of the school in which they teach, and maintain high standards in their own attendance and punctuality.
7. Teachers must have an understanding of, and always act within, the statutory frameworks which set out their professional duties and responsibilities.

PERSON SPECIFICATION



Criteria	E/D	A/I
Experience Pupil Progress		
Familiarity with the Cambridge Technical syllabus requirement for Digital Media	E	A/I
Familiarity with Cambridge National syllabus requirement for Creative iMedia	E	A/I
Track record of expertise and raising achievement and securing improvement	E	A/I
Qualifications Skills and Abilities		
Good Degree in relevant subject area	E	A
PGCE in relevant subject area	E	A
QTS/QTLS	E	A
Relevant, recent experience of working in an 11-16 or 11-18 school	E	A/I
Experience of teaching across the ability spectrum	E	A/I
Enthusiasm and ability to motivate and inspire students and staff	E	A/I
Excellent written and oral communication skills	E	A/I
Evidence of further professional development at Masters level	D	A
Quality of Teaching		
Experience of teaching iMedia at KS4 and Digital Media at KS5	E	A/I
Experience of teaching Computing at KS3	E	A/I
Experience of teaching Computer Science at KS4 and 5	D	A/I
Evidence of excellent teaching – at least Good judgments	E	A/I
Evidence of “Outstanding” practice	D	A/I
National Standards		
Evidence all of the Teaching Standards in routine practice	E	A/I
Understanding of GCSE reforms across Computing and Media	E	A/I
Commitment to Equal Opportunities		
Ability to understand and demonstrate commitment to equality and diversity	E	A/I

E = Essential requirement of the role A = Assessed via the application form P = Presentation D = Desirable requirement of the role
I = Assessed at Interview T = Task

COMPUTER SCIENCE, ICT AND MEDIA FACULTY

Aims:

The faculty has highly supportive, hard-working staff, committed to helping pupils achieve their full potential. The aims of the faculty fully support those of the school, whilst striving to:

- *Develop a sense of passion and commitment to computer science, ICT, and media*
- *Promote enjoyment of learning, where pupils are encouraged to become independent, multi-skilled learners that achieve highly.*
- *Employ a range of teaching techniques providing equal opportunities to all students.*
- *Ensure all pupils reach their full potential and foster a lifelong interest in computer science, ICT, and media.*
- *Enable young people to make sense of the modern world, "the global village", helping them to become valuable citizens and provide the context and background for all other human activity.*

Facilities:

The faculty has four full-size dedicated computing suites in the main school, all of which are equipped with computers and interactive screens. The Faculty has also invested in robotics, virtual reality headsets, 3D printers and mini-programmable computers in order to enhance the teaching of computing.

Curriculum:

Computer Science, Creative iMedia, IT and Digital Media are increasingly popular subjects with our pupils, with options offered at GCSE and A-level.

In Key Stage 3

All pupils are provided 2 hours per fortnight of computer Science, digital literacy, and ICT.

In Key Stage 4:

Rainhill students take their options in Y9 and start GCSE in Year 10. We offer the following subjects:

- OCR GCSE Computer Science
- OCR Cambridge National in Creative iMedia
- OCR Cambridge National in Information Technology

Sixth Form:

Our faculty is a popular one and this year has seen increasing numbers of students joining the KS5 courses. Digital Media is a popular subject that, as detailed above, has recently been added to the Computing Faculty. It is a successful subject, with healthy cohorts, currently following the OCR Cambridge Technical in Digital Media. Computer Science A-level was offered for the first time from September 2017 and now, also, has a very healthy cohort. In addition, the Faculty currently offers the Cambridge Technical Level 3 in IT qualification (Emerging Practitioners Pathway), providing an alternative pathway for students keen to develop their skills in ICT. Small classes allow us to offer personalized support.

Exam Results KS4 2024

GCSE Computer Science

- 18.1% grades 9-7
- 49% grades 9-4
- -0.55 SPI
- Average Grade: 4=

Cambridge National Creative iMedia Level 2

- 19.5% grades D*-D
- 78% grades D*-P
- 1.09 SPI
- Average Grade: Pass

Exam Results KS5 2024

SUBJECT	Pupils	VA	Residual	GRADE AVG
IT	7	NA	6.43	Merit+
Media	8	- 0.99	-3.40	Pass
Computer Science	8	- 1.03	-8.54	D

Extra-curricular:

Our students have the opportunity to attend extra-curricular sessions in 3D printing, robotics, virtual reality and coding. The faculty also runs D&D clubs each evening.

Students are a welcome presence in the Faculty, to enhance their ICT skills and develop new computing skills, with an open door policy before school, at lunchtime and after school.

Computing Faculty Staff list:

Personnel	Position in Faculty
Laura Johnson	Head of Faculty
Aaron Cowley	Teacher/Curriculum Lead of Computer Science/IT/Media/
Gemma Curphey	Teacher of Computer Science/IT/Media/
<i>Vacancy</i>	<i>Teacher of Media/IT/Computer Science 0.8</i>

Mrs Wendy Segal
Vice Principal

GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

Your application form should be submitted to the school by email to the school's job vacancies email address provided, or by hard copy to the school postal address. Your application consists of two parts; the application form and the optional Equal Opportunities form.

Your application form will be used to measure you against the essential criteria as identified on the person specification. This is your opportunity to sell your skills, abilities and experience. It is important that you read the job description and person specification carefully and ensure that your application is tailored to the role you are applying for. You may also wish to submit a covering letter outlining how your career to date has prepared you for the post.

Take time to check your application form to ensure that you have completed all sections. Also check for any spelling and grammatical mistakes.

The Equal Opportunities form will be used to assist in monitoring the effects of the school's equal opportunities policy in recruitment and selection and will help us to develop and improve.

If you are applying for a post that includes working with children or vulnerable adults please include the date that you left secondary education. We may contact any of your previous employers to confirm information provided in your application.

Section 6: This is your opportunity to demonstrate to the shortlisting panel how you meet the essential criteria of the person specification. Use specific examples and evidence of your skills, abilities and experience to demonstrate how you meet the criteria.

Section 7: Please provide details of two referees, one of whom must be your current or most recent employer. Referees cannot be relatives or people writing solely in the capacity of friends. If you are applying for a post which involves working with children or vulnerable adults and you are not currently working with children or vulnerable adults, but have done so in the past, please provide details of the most recent employer of this type of employment.

Section 14: In line with the statutory guidance document Keeping Children Safe in Education (2023) the trust will conduct online searches after the shortlisting process for any candidates who accept an invitation to interview.

You are required to sign the form to confirm that the information you have provided is accurate and true. Providing false or misleading information could result in your application being rejected, a conditional offer being withdrawn or lead to disciplinary proceedings which may result in dismissal. If you send your application by email, it will be deemed that you have signed the declaration. You will be required to sign a copy of your application form if you are invited for interview or if you are offered the post subject to further checks.

Application forms should be returned to jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk

Please note it is our policy to retain all application forms for unsuccessful applicants for a period of six months, after which time they are securely destroyed.

Click here for the [Teacher application form](#)