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MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

RAINHILL
HIGH SCHOOL

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TEACHER OF SCIENCE
(Maternity cover)

RECRUITMENT PACK

RAINHILL HIGH SCHOOL
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2022-25 BRONZE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH AWARD
DUAL CAREER ACCREDITED lass
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LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY
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Artsmark Platinum Award Awarded by Arts Council England
Rainbow TEACHING SCHOOL HUB
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Believe, together.

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.

J. Thorogood

Mrs J Thorogood
Principal

ROLE OVERVIEW

COMMENCING:
November 2026

CONTRACT:
Full time
Fixed term Maternity cover
Approx 3 terms

CLOSING DATE:
9am on Monday 2nd November 2026

INTERVIEW DATE:
Friday 6th November 2026

SALARY:
STPC MPR/UPR

LOCATION:
Rainhill High School, Merseyside
(Stephenson Multi Academy Trust)

Prospective candidates are warmly encouraged to visit the school. To arrange a visit, please call

01744 677205

Please return application form to

jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk

Are you passionate about Science and can deliver high-quality lessons and excellent outcomes for pupils?

We are looking for an enthusiastic Teacher of Science, with a biology specialism, to join our high-performing team. You will teach KS3 and KS4 Science, in a forward-thinking school that values innovation, collaboration, and professional growth.

This post is offered on a full time, fixed term contract, to cover a maternity leave from November 2026.

The successful candidate will have the capacity to enthuse, engage and inspire our pupils through strong subject knowledge and have excellent interpersonal skills with a genuine commitment to teaching and the ability to develop our pupils' love of learning in Science subjects.

Why Join Us?

- **'Good' Ofsted-rated school (2023)** – Part of Stephenson MAT
- **Fixed term, full-time role – Open to experienced & early career teachers**
- **Supportive environment** – Reduced workload, tech investment & career development
- **Excellent partnerships** – Hope University, Ambition Institute, Rainbow Teaching School Hub and more

As a member of Rainhill High School, we expect our staff to embody the following values and attitudes:

- Commitment to fostering a positive learning environment for students
- Dedication to continuous professional development
- Respect for diversity and inclusion within the school community

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.

For further information and to apply, please visit Vacancies | Rainhill High School or contact jobs@rainhillhigh.org.uk

Rainhill High School and Sixth Form is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people as well as promoting equality of opportunity and community cohesion; where the diversity of different backgrounds and circumstances is appreciated and positively valued and expects all staff, volunteers and other workers to share in this commitment.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosing & Barring Certificate and online searches as part of our Safer Recruitment & Selection procedures.

"The culture of improvement is something I love about working for Stephenson Academy Trust. At Rainhill High School, we have a bespoke approach to CPD for all staff members from ECT to Senior leader. Each member of staff is supported to work on their teaching pedagogy through a collaborative approach that meets the needs of the teacher at all stages of their practice. I feel that this quality of education centred approach supports the wellbeing of the staff and allows teachers to make significant and measurable improvements to their teaching and learning pedagogy which in turn supports the students."
Rainhill Teacher

"Helping my child to be the best they can be."
Parent

"A dedicated teacher who encourages and guides my child in lessons. Makes the lessons enjoyable and provides positive feedback. An excellent teacher."
Parent

"Because from the caretaker to the headteacher, all the staff are amazing. Thank you."
Parent

"Knowing that my child feels happy/safe whilst eager to learn around her."
Parent

"Fantastic, great communication with parents and great educators, making learning fun and getting results."
Parent

"I couldn't have asked for a better form tutor for my son. It's really reassuring to know that there is someone there to support him and check in with him daily. He has thrived since starting high school and I am very grateful for her kindness and reassurance."
Parent

JOB DESCRIPTION

TEACHER OF SCIENCE

Trust:	**Stephenson Multi Academy Trust Rainhill High School**
Grade:	**STPCD MPR/UPR**
Contract:	**Full time, Fixed term maternity cover**
Start date:	**November 2026**
Responsible to:	**Head of Faculty: Science**

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 extend the knowledge and understanding pupils have acquired.
4. Reflect systematically on the effectiveness of lessons and approaches to teaching.
5. 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
Teaching and Qualifications		
Qualified Teacher Status/ QTLS	E	A
Degree in related subject	E	A
Recent participation in relevant In-Service Training	D	A
Professional knowledge and understanding		
Subject National Curriculum – All Key Stages	E	A/I/T
Assessment	E	A
Teaching and Learning strategies	E	A/I/T
Ability to teach subject to GCSE	E	A/I
Ability to teach subject to BTEC/ A-Level	D	A
Willingness to assist in delivery of extracurricular activities	E	A/T
An awareness of safeguarding children issues	E	A/I
Personal Skills and Attributes		
Ability to understand and demonstrate commitment to equality and diversity	E	A/I
High level of communication and Interpersonal Skills	E	A/T
Personal motivation	E	I
Ability to motivate pupils	E	I
Excellent organisation and administration skills	E	I
Excellent ICT Skills	E	I
Work as part of a team	E	A/I

E = Essential requirement of the role D = Desirable requirement of the role A = Assessed via the application form

I = Assessed at interview T = Task

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STEPHENSON TRUST

Stephenson Trust is based in Rainhill, Merseyside and is currently a single school in a multi academy trust. We have several external partners, including Hope University, Ambition Institute, SSAT, Rainbow teaching school hub and the educational endowment fund.

We are now seeking to expand in the next couple of years with those who share our desire to provide an excellent education

In our trust, our vision is one of excellence for everyone, pupils and staff. We believe that by working together, we can make a positive difference to children`s lives. We place emphasis on wellbeing, collaboration and professional development for our staff, underpinned by research. Our aim is to ensure our students finish their education with us as well-rounded, well-grounded individuals who will make a positive contribution to society, which is partly achieved by ensuring our workforce is supported and professionally challenged, underpinned by comprehensive CPD programmes and wellbeing initiatives. We offer the following benefits, designed to promote your wellbeing and make your role enjoyable and rewarding.

For the right candidate there will be additional opportunities based on potential, ability and capacity to make a difference across the team and the school.

BENEFITS OF WORKING FOR STEPHENSON TRUST

- A culture that actively promotes a positive work-life balance
- Teachers Pension Scheme with a generous employer contribution
- Flexible and Family Friendly Policies
- Continued Professional Development
- Lifestyle benefits and discounts
- Competitive salaries
- Free on-site parking
- On-site catering facilities

HOW TO APPLY

https://rainhillhighschool.org.uk/about/rhs-vacancies

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.

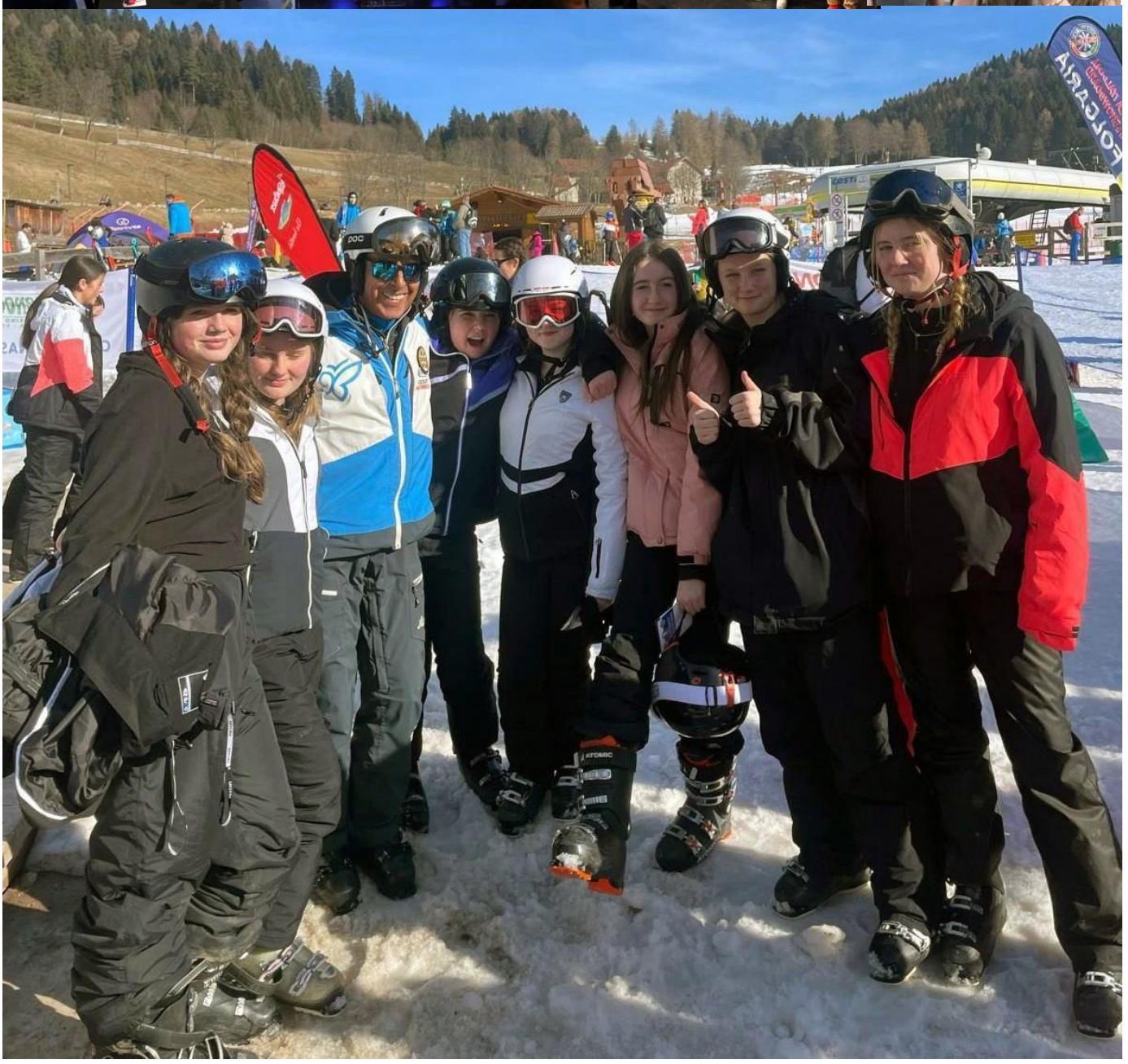
Section 14: In line with the statutory guidance document Keeping Children Safe in Education (2024) the trust will conduct online searches after the shortlisting process for any candidates who accept an invitation to interview.

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**



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