‘Strong relationships between staff and pupils help to keep pupils safe, promote their personal development and raise their achievement’. Ofsted 2016
Welcome to our Sixth Form

Rainham School for Girls is an inclusive mixed sixth form that engages students in a learning journey which will challenge and inspire them. Students have an extensive choice of both academic and vocational subjects in a setting that will support, stretch and motivate them to realise their full potential.

We pride ourselves on offering a post 16 education that balances academic challenge and support for each student, whilst developing independence and preparing them for their future careers.

The bespoke pastoral programme ensures that all students make informed decisions about future pathways, including higher education, apprenticeships and employment.

As a member of Rainham School for Girls’ sixth form, you will experience:

- High expectations, high aspirations and success
- An outstanding learning experience
- An exciting, inspiring curriculum
- Enthusiastic, dedicated and highly professional staff
- Excellent facilities and learning resources

‘The school has provided me with an opportunity to excel in my learning. There is a network of supporters as well as a scheme dedicated to the progression of our employability skills’.

Libby Year 13

‘Teachers with considerable subject expertise have the highest expectations of their students and provide them with activities which deepen their knowledge and understanding’. Ofsted 2016
High aspirations

We are proud of the high standards of teaching and learning that our students experience.

Within sixth form lessons, students can expect inspiring teaching from subject experts.

Pathways have been established to ensure students are on courses that are appropriate for them as an individual, preparing them for progression into the wider world.

Our results demonstrate a high level of success, with the majority of our students achieving grades that ensure they secure their first choice of university.

The careers guidance that students receive is of a high quality, with links established with many different higher education institutions including The Russell Group universities. Ambassadors from these universities frequently visit our school to provide information and guidance on the admissions process.

‘The school has an effective programme of careers guidance once students are in the sixth form. This includes advice about apprenticeships as well as university applications. All students who left the school in 2015 went on to sustained destinations’. Ofsted 2016

‘During my time at RSG I was able to excel both in academic and extra-curricular activities. The teachers are all so motivational and the lessons engaging, they encouraged me to reach my full potential. I now study Geography, Politics and International Relations at Royal Holloway, University of London and I know I wouldn’t be where I am today without the endless support I received whilst at RSG. I attained 18 A* - C at GCSE and 4A* - C at A level which paved the way for me to take a degree which will enhance my career prospects in the outside world’.

Philippa
Former Deputy Head Girl
As a non-selective school, we are keen to ensure we offer a truly comprehensive sixth form. Our curriculum caters for diverse interests and abilities through personalised pathways.

We offer a variety of A-Levels, Applied A-Levels, and Technical qualifications to allow students a breadth of study. Curriculum time is structured to optimise teacher-student interaction enabling access to the complexity of the new A-Level specifications.

Subjects offered:
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Applied Science
- English Literature, English Language and Literature and Media
- Mathematics, Economics, Finance and Accounting
- Art, Photography, Textiles and Graphics
- Geography, History, Government and Politics, Travel and Tourism
- Business, ICT, Enterprise
- Psychology, Sociology, Law, Criminology, Health and Social Care, Philosophy and Ethics
- Physical Education, Drama, Dance and Music

Our ethos of excellence is reflected in our broad and balanced curriculum offer.

Choosing the right courses for you

When choosing subjects, you will need to consider:
- What subjects you are passionate about and interested in?
- What subjects did you do well in at key stage 4?
- What are the entry criteria for both sixth form and the individual subjects?
- Does the assessment suit your style of learning?
- Is there a particular university course or career you have in mind?
- What subjects will complement each other?

If you do not have an idea of a future career at present, aim for a range of options that will allow you flexibility for the future. Seek advice so that your choices are made on the basis of research and knowledge.
Support and guidance

Support for sixth formers is distinctively different to the main school, but does reflect the same rigour and embedded high expectations.

We expect all our students to enhance their CVs with additional learning and community activities during their studies.

A dedicated sixth form team delivers a bespoke pastoral programme to all students to ensure they become confident, resilient and independent learners. The sixth form team works exceptionally hard to develop and maintain strong partnerships with parents, external agencies and the local community.

Prior to entry to the sixth form all students have a 1:1 guidance meeting to ensure they are on the correct pathways and studying an appropriately challenging and balanced curriculum. All students will be part of a form group where their tutor will provide advice and support as well as monitoring their academic performance throughout their time in sixth form.

They will guide students through the UCAS process, as well as running frequent seminars and workshops to embed essential skills.

Students will be supported on their educational journey with specialist sessions aimed at developing the key characteristics and mind set for success during post-16 study.

‘The Head of sixth form and her team ensure that all students are cared for and nurtured. The leader makes sure that students in difficulty receive support and counselling and expert advice about health-related concerns’. Ofsted 2016
Enrichment

Our broad range of extra-curricular activities ensures students are able to develop their individual interests and provide opportunities to extend learning beyond the classroom.

Students have the opportunity to take on a variety of leadership roles including subject ambassadors, mentors, senior students or even the ambitious and challenging role of Head Girl / Boy. Educational visits are a major feature of our enrichment programme.

The school offers a range of cultural and study trips, including water sports, museums, theatres, sports fixtures, numerous trips to destinations within the UK and internationally including New York and Africa.

Students have the opportunity to complete a work experience placement, and many of our students are able to try out careers that they are interested in. Our students have had placements at Saatchi Advertising, Barclays at Canary Wharf, Deutsche Bank, Museum of London, HM Courts and Tribunal Service and many others.

‘Students enjoy the sixth form. They provide excellent role models for younger pupils. Students are very involved in the broader life of the school. Many use their non-contact time to support lower-school pupils through reading and mentoring programmes and run the school council’. Ofsted 2016

Higher education and careers

Sixth form students have the opportunity to visit a number of universities and choices of courses are discussed carefully throughout mentoring sessions. They will have the opportunity to access UniFrog which is an award winning destination platform that supports applications to both higher education and apprenticeships.

In addition, higher and degree level apprenticeships are explained by our careers guidance professionals, and students who express an interest in apprenticeships are offered advice to support their applications.

There are a number of opportunities for students to take taster sessions and to talk to university students about student life. We invite Oxford and Cambridge outreach ambassadors to advise our sixth form about applying to prestigious universities.
Sixth Form facilities

At Rainham School for Girls we are dedicated to ensuring that the learning environment created for the sixth form allows students to become confident, independent learners.

Students will benefit from a purpose-built sixth form centre including sixth form classrooms, a large common room, with dedicated study facilities that allow students time to work on their own in a positive and engaging learning environment.

Students also have full access to school facilities, which include the independent learning research centre, a fully equipped sports hall and gymnasium, as well as numerous computer rooms, classrooms, and an inspiring Creative Art block.

‘We would like to say a big thank you to all of the teachers who have supported and encouraged our two daughters over the last seven years.

The teachers have been inspirational with their guidance and commitment, being there for them both during and after school’.

Mrs Mace, parent of Lorna and Rebecca, Year 13
Applying to the Sixth Form

The process of applying for sixth form starts with open evening in November.

During this evening you will have the chance to speak to individual subject staff about the specific level 3 courses.

Applications to the sixth form should be made using the paper application form in the prospectus or by downloading an application form from the school website www.rainhamgirls-tkat.org.

The information booklet will detail all the courses that we run and will detail the specific entry criteria required.

All applicants will be invited to attend a guidance meeting to discuss their proposed courses.

Conditional offers will then be made. These are based on students’ predicted GCSE or equivalent grades.

‘Ever since I started Year 7 I have been extremely determined and I have strived to achieve the best results I can, with outstanding support from all my teachers. I am passionate about this school and very proud to be Head Girl’.
Sophia, Head Girl
‘Teachers and senior leaders are passionate about the wellbeing of every student and aim to support them well. A high proportion progress from Year 11 into the sixth form. One student spoke for many when she said she ‘couldn’t imagine going anywhere else!’

Ofsted 2016