



# YEAR TEAMS NEWSLETTER



December 2024

This half term's newsletter contains information on the rewards system, support and guidance for a range of pastoral matters, as well as key information and updates from each of the year teams. We continually post regular updates about students and the school on our social media platforms. All past updates can be viewed here [Latest News | Great Sankey High School](#). Please follow us to stay up to date.



There has been a lot of Christmas spirit around Great Sankey High School this half term. Our fabulous catering staff served HUNDREDS over Christmas dinners over two days, providing a little party pack with

crackers, treats and icecream!



And our staff even brushed off their aprons and rose to the challenge for our annual staff bake off with some amazing, delicious treats (Well done to Mrs Bremner who was crowned the winner, with Mrs Lines and Mr Evans as worthy runner-ups).



We also had the karaoke out at lunchtime as part of our Feel-Good Friday with Warrington Youth Zone. What a fabulous end to the term, with Mr Byrne leading the way!

**Merry Christmas Everyone.**



Our amazing Junior Leadership Team have been Santa's little helpers, putting up and decorating our Christmas trees, and collecting little messages of thanks from our student body to share with our amazing staff.



# CAMP KENYA UPDATE



You may recall in our last newsletter we spoke about our amazing students who are embarking on a once in a life-time event next summer, where twenty-four of our students will go to Kenya as part of a Camps International expedition. Our students will live and work alongside local people and get involved in a range of sustainable projects, from community development to environmental conservation. They will also have the exciting opportunity to be taught traditional skills from the local villages, meet with the world-famous Maasai Tribe and experience the magic of a safari at Tsavo East National Park.

To take part in the expedition, students must fundraise the cost of the trip which is £4330.00. Our students are really going the extra mile with their fundraising completing challenges such as Amy in Y12 who has completed the Edale Skyline route – walking an impressive 21 miles. And Bedarra, Zach, Connor and Jack who have all rolled their sleeves up and got stuck into a range of activities such as car boot sales, car washes, pizza making, climbing Snowdon and a 60s/70s fundraising evening. We are so very proud of all the efforts our students are putting in to achieving their once in a lifetime expedition.

If you feel you can support in any way please contact

[r.miller@gshs.omegamat.co.uk](mailto:r.miller@gshs.omegamat.co.uk) or [a.amiri@gshs.omegamat.co.uk](mailto:a.amiri@gshs.omegamat.co.uk) who will be able to liaise between you and the students.



## NON-UNIFORM DAY



On Friday 13 December, we held a non-uniform day in support of Warrington Foodbank. Students were asked to voluntarily donate items and they in turn could choose to wear non-uniform. Their response was overwhelming.

With the Junior Leadership and College ambassadors support, staff sorted through hundreds of items. When all sorted and categorized the next mammoth task was transporting to Warrington Foodbank itself, Our donations filled two full minibuses.,



But it didn't stop there, throughout the day the odd donations made their way to reception, and we were able to offer additional donations to Warrington Youth Zone's Christmas appeal. With a few families donating money we also visited a local supermarket at the weekend and made further donations to our community totally over £30.

As many of our students will know our HPL focus this half term has been Concern for Society and it is clear to see from the fantastic response our students and their families really do care for our community. We believe this has been THE MOST SUCCESSFUL foodbank donation Great Sankey and Barrow Hall College students have made to date. Well done to everyone involved.



## GEOGRAPHY VISIT TO NAPLES



Over half term our KS4 and KS5 students experienced an incredible adventure in Naples, Italy. From the ancient ruins of Herculaneum and Pompeii to the breathtaking views from Capri, each day was packed with unforgettable moments, history, and local culture.



The trip included visits to iconic sites like Mount Vesuvius and Paestum, a taste of freshly made mozzarella, a boat tour of Capri, and plenty of gelato stops! Thank you to the students for being excellent ambassadors, and to the staff for dedicating their holidays to providing such an amazing experience.

## JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Junior Leadership team have had a busy couple of weeks helping to chair the first Great Sankey Year group council meetings! They have presented their own agenda items to their form representatives and the feedback from all form groups has been shared with Senior staff. Students have also been a huge help with our food bank campaign and have supported our 'thank a staff member' campaign in school. A big thank you to all JLT members for their work this term!

## Y11 CONSENT DAY



At the beginning of December, all Year 11 students took part in a Consent workshop delivered by Mr Wilkinson (PSHE Coordinator), Mrs Kent (Senior Deputy Safeguarding Lead) and Mrs Wardle (Deputy Safeguarding Lead). Consent.

It starts with a conversation is an initiative by Cheshire Constabulary. Sexual abuse and violence devastate lives, and for young people understanding true consent is key to forming caring, loving relationships where everyone is safe and valued.

It's vital that young people are educated on the importance of consent, the benefits of talking about consent and the long-lasting consequences both to the victim and the offender if consent is not willingly given.

The consent campaign aims to empower young people to talk openly and shift the societal attitudes that conversations around sexual activity are taboo. Our Year 11 students showed respect and maturity throughout the workshop and were also signposted to a number of internal and external support systems if they required further assistance or support, including the Report Remove tool (further details can be found on the Childline website).



# THE HIVE 🐝 🐝 🐝 🐝 🐝 🐝



On the 6 December, the Hive hosted its first coffee morning, and it was a resounding success. The Hive, which assists learners who have been struggling to access mainstream learning, invited staff and parents in to view the student's work and celebrate the achievements of the students so far this year. The morning was filled with positive conversations between parents,

staff and students, and in the days leading up to it a number of Hive members helped prepare sweet treats and work displays. Thank you to everyone that came!



We have had a fantastic start to the academic year in the Hive, and all students who access the room should be proud of all they have achieved. I hope everyone has a lovely break over Christmas, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in January.



## BOOK FAIR

Mrs Clemson organized a fabulous book fair at the beginning of December. Highlights included: a recording breaking year for book purchases! An amazing showcase of talent in the Foyle Poetry Competition entries, Bauble Book reviews, Michael Morpurgo



wordsearches and fabulous creative writing in our 'Fight or Flight' and 'The Magical Map' stories. In Year 7 and 8 many of our students made progress towards their Literacy certificates. It is brilliant that our students make such fantastic use of our library resources and are developing a true love of reading and books!!

## SPORTS AWARD EVENING

This special event celebrated the outstanding achievements and dedication of our students throughout the last academic year. With numerous awards presented, including the prestigious Team of the Year to our Under 14s Girls Football Team and Sports Personalities of the Year across all age groups, it was an evening filled with pride and inspiration.

A special congratulations to all our award winners and participants for their exceptional commitment and sportsmanship. Your efforts set the standard for excellence and inspire our school community! Further details can be found in the Year pages later in this newsletter



# PERFORMING ARTS

It has been another busy term for the Performing Arts. In the first half term, our Year 11 students all performed their GCSE solo and ensemble pieces for examination in concert for their parents and friends. We are so proud of them; this completed 30% of their GCSE in Music. We also took 50 students from Y7-13 to the Bridgewater Hall to see a narrated concert, performed by the Halle orchestra "Music Through the Ages", this was the first time some of our students had seen a live orchestra; I am sure this won't be their last.



During half term, we took our Year 10 Performing Arts students to London, to watch "Hamilton", "Stranger Things" and see to the sights. We also attended the most amazing singing and body combat workshops at the Pineapple Dance Studios delivered by the cast of Hamilton. What an experience for us all!



It is with great pleasure we can announce that Alison Wong in Year 13 successfully auditioned for the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM) earlier this month. This is a HUGE achievement. Alison will begin studying the violin there in September 2025.

This is testament to her work ethic, commitment, and talent.

This half term has been busy with rehearsals for this evening's concert. We had the one and only Matt Head, a French Horn player at the Halle, deliver a masterclass workshop with our orchestra last week, giving our students explicit detailed constructive feedback on how they can focus their practice and work more collaboratively to achieve an improved balance.



The choir and orchestra also performed at Livewire for members of the public. The orchestra also performed in all the year celebration assemblies at the end of term. We also ran a whole school trip to Aladdin the Disney Musical at Liverpool Empire on Wednesday 18th December; It was such a rewarding way to end the school year.



Have a great Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you in 2025 at one of our Performing Arts events.

## **Dates for the Diary: 2024-2025**

**High School Musical 2– Tues 11th, Weds 12th  
and Thurs 13th February.**

**Hamilton Trip– Tues 20th May afternoon**

**MAT Factor– Thurs 5th June 6pm**

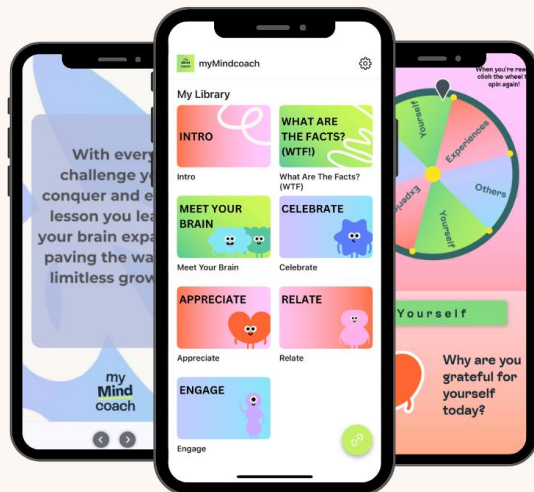
**Summer Showcase– Thurs 19th June 6pm**

# WELLBEING - myMindCoach

We are delighted to have partnered with myMindCoach programme. As a whole school programme grounded in science and dedicated to building positive mental well-being, myMindcoach helps young people understand how their brains work and creates a culture that helps them build their resilience, confidence, and self-esteem. MyMindcoach also teaches young people how to self-regulate and manage their emotions in stressful times, allowing them to be their very best selves! Learn more here: <http://mymindcoach.org/> To access this support please go to the sign-up page <https://mymindcoach.mykajabi.com/login> or scan the code below and use our specific school code that has been sent to you via your MCAS platforms.

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# WELLBEING – KOOTH



**Please find below a letter from Kooth about wellbeing support for students and families during the holiday period.**

With the winter break fast approaching, at Kooth Digital Health we appreciate there will be some young people who may struggle during the holidays without the access to the daily pastoral support, teaching staff and friends that the school community provides. Seasonal illness and the closure of many services at this time of year can also lead to extended wait times for support across both adult and young people's NHS and community services. **WE ARE STILL HERE.**

Kooth Digital Health offers free and anonymous therapeutic mental health and wellbeing support to young people in Warrington aged between 11-18. Funded and endorsed by the NHS, our services remain available over the winter period, offering 'on the day' wellbeing support from the comfort of your own home, via any web-enabled device via the following website-



Ages 11-18 in Warrington [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

Kooth offers free access to online text-based practitioner chats, self-help tools and activities, journal spaces and advice from our non-judgemental, safe and moderated peer: peer communities.

With no threshold, waiting list or referral process, young people can access support for ANY issues they may be experiencing. These may include body image, self-esteem, loneliness, bereavement, academic pressures, stress, anxiety, friendships, sexuality, life changes etc.

The registration process is quick, anonymous and safe, simply by registering at [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) using non-identifiable information.

Kooth delivers 1000's of online wellbeing sessions each year in Local Authorities across the UK. As 50% of referrals to CAMHS are unfortunately deemed inappropriate to their criteria, Kooth gives schools, professionals and families an alternative way of ensuring children and young people can access free support when they need it, in a way that they find comfortable to access, via any web-enabled device.

If you have any questions regarding the service, please your child's year team. Or if you would prefer to contact Kooth directly, simply email [parents@kooth.com](mailto:parents@kooth.com). A selection of Parent/Carer resources can be accessed using this link: [Kooth. Parent & Carer resources](#)

# ATTENDANCE

Well done to all our students for their attendance last half term. We have run several initiatives to support our students and families over the past few months to ensure that they can engage as much as possible with their learning. One of our successful challenges was our 15 days 100%. We are

delighted that **1153 students** were still in the running on day 15 and all were placed in a random prize draw. 20 of our students received a fantastic prize of an annual pass and 5 free visits to Warrington Youth Zone. A massive thank you to WYZ for your support and kind donation.

Well done to Lilly M(11), Lewis D (Y11), Isabel C (Y11), Alfie R (Y11), Isabelle T (Y10), Annabelle H (Y10), George G (Y10), Iris B (Y10), Emily S (Y9), Bella N (Y9), Oliver P (Y9) Dylan M (Y9), Christopher B (Y8), Jack M (Y8), Isabelle W (Y8) Lucas B Y8), Daisy M (Y7) Alex C (Y7), Hattie (Y7) and Serena M (Y7).

A special prize draw of a free prom ticket went to Martha B (Y11).

We also present Jasper L (Y8) with a £50 prize voucher from the top achievement point draw and Rhiannon V (Y11) with a free prom pass for top Y11 achievement points.



**W/C 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Week B**

**Monday 6 January – INSET day  
school closed to students**

**Tuesday 7 January – school opens.  
Site open from 8am. Students to be  
in form for 8.20am**

**Wednesday 8 January Y8 HPV  
Vaccinations**

**W/C 13 January – Y7, 10 and 12  
Assessment fortnight commences**

**14 January Y11 Mock Results**

**15 January Y8 HPV Vaccinations**

**16 January Y11 Progress Evening**

**22 January Y8 HPV Vaccinations**

**23 January Y13 Progress Evening  
and Y9 Options Evening**

**W/C 27 January Y11 College Subject  
experience fortnight commences  
and Y11 MFL mock speaking tests**

**6 February Y9 Progress Evening**

**7 February Y7 Author visit**

**11, 12, 13 February High School  
Musical – school production**

**Fri 14 February School closes  
2.50pm for half term and reopens 24  
February**



## SCHOOL NURSE WEEKLY DROP INS



Emma is Great Sankey High School's school nurse and is available to support and advise students every week. Her hours are Week A Drop in for those students who are on first lunch 12.10-12.40. Week B Drop in for those students on second lunch will be 1.15-1.45 She can be located in the small meeting room at the front of reception. Further information on the school health offer can be found here [Warrington School Health – Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#)

## SCHOOL LINK MENTAL HEALTH TEAM

We are absolutely delighted that we have been able to develop a partnership with the Schools Link Mental Health Team. This NHS supported service will seek to improve children and young people's emotional and mental health, not only within Great Sankey High School but across all schools in Warrington. The team will work directly with children and young people, offering therapeutic engagement and evidence-based informed approaches, as well as supporting our wellbeing ambassadors and staff. The team will help children and young people build resilience by giving them the skills to help them take care of their mental wellbeing and will complement the mental health programme offered within school and beyond. We look forward to sharing further information in our next newsletter.

## EARLY HELP

For some the mention of Early Help can cause anxiety and concern but Early Help is one of the many services in place to support individuals and families. The purpose of Early Help is to support families at the earliest



opportunity to enable families to reach their full potential. Any professional working with a child, young person and family, such as those based in schools, health services, or in voluntary sector organisations, can provide early help services by responding to identified needs in order to offer advice and guidance, support and intervention. Early Help works best when it is offered at the right time to the whole family and when services are delivered jointly by professionals. Early Help is everyone's business.

Diane is Great Sankey High School's partnership link worker. If you wish to speak with her please contact a member of the year team.

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# HAF

## Holiday Activities and Food

Are your children  
on benefit related  
free school meals?

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If yes, they can attend fully funded holiday activities at Easter, Summer and Christmas. Register your interest now at [warrington.gov.uk/haf](http://warrington.gov.uk/haf) or email [haf@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:haf@warrington.gov.uk) to find out more.

### Not eligible?

Many clubs offer paid places at a reduced rate.



# SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

## BOWLING

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> we held another bowling event this time for Year 7s. It was an excellent turn out and any mars bar fans were in luck as it was the last chocolate in the box. There was also cause for celebration as we got our first ever student score of 100- you know who you are well done!!!



These events are beneficial for all involved, for parents to form relationships with other parents, for students to form friendships and for staff to spend time with our SEND students in a different environment.

## DROP-INS

On the final week of term Year 11 parents were invited to an online drop in, this is a new initiative aimed at keeping in contact with and working together with our parents.

Thanks to all parents who attended, and we will be offering the same to SEND parents in other years early in the new year!

## THINKING READING

At Great Sankey High School, we are very proud of our Thinking Reading intervention which focuses on decoding. When students complete the program and become 'graduates' we reward them with a certificate and a book voucher to recognise their hard work. Congratulations to those that have graduated this term, don't worry you haven't seen

the back of us yet- we will see you in 12 months for your graduate retest.

## DISABILITY AWARENESS

It was a privilege to be invited to lead assemblies to celebrate disability awareness day on the week commencing December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The focus of disability awareness day this year was "amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future."

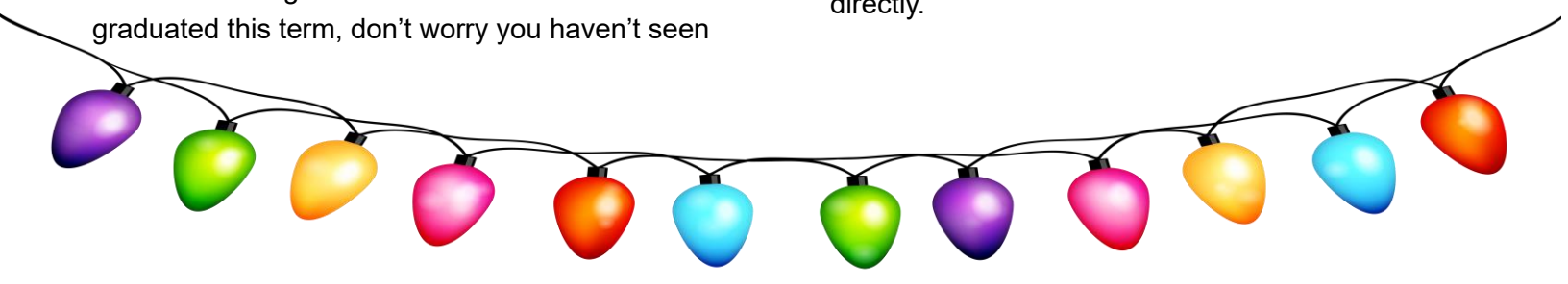
During the assembly we looked at how attitudes towards disability have positively changed; what support is available; and celebration of celebrities with disabilities such as Ellie Simmonds (paralympic swimmer); Dan Ackroyd (who is autistic and whose obsession with ghosts led to his involvement in the Ghostbusters franchise) and George Williams (CBeebies first presenter).

Students realised that through increased awareness we can challenge attitudes and stigmas and support change. We also tied the assembly to the school values of 'aspiration' and 'respect'.

## PROGRESS EVENINGS

Supporting your child and their progress in school is our priority, which is why either Miss Edwards (SENDCO) and/or Mr Jepson are always available at every progress evening. To book an appointment you can ask the year team or email [sendco@greatsankey.org](mailto:sendco@greatsankey.org)

However, we encourage our families to contact the department directly as soon as you become concerned, or if you would like further advice or information. Please do not hesitate to email us directly.



# Year 11 Notices

[Intake2020@greatsankey.org](mailto:Intake2020@greatsankey.org)

Pastoral Leader: **Mrs G Rodgers**

Assistant Pastoral Leader: **Mrs L Woodroffe**

Progress Leader: **Mrs N Lee**

Assistant Head/ Director of Key Stage: **Mr A McCann**



## Mock Results Information and Progress Evening

Year 11s have now completed their second set of mock exams. Behaviour was very good and students approached the exams with a positive attitude. The Year 11s will receive their exam results on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Senior staff will be available to discuss the results with students.

Year 11 Progress Evening takes place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025. This is an ideal opportunity to meet with subject teachers to discuss progress and how best to support your child. Details regarding how to book appointments will be published on our return to school in January.

## Revision Support & Intervention

The Year 11 after school study sessions will resume in the new year. Week A is dedicated to the core subjects whilst Week B focuses on the Option subjects. It is encouraging to see the number of Year 11s who have committed to the sessions. I am confident that the revision being put in place now will have a positive impact once the GCSE exams actually begin. Although the mock exams have now finished Year 11s should build on the revision that was done in preparation for those exams as revision is an ongoing process. As part of the weekly form time programme, Year 11s receive advice regarding different revision strategies and techniques, post-16 advice and emotional well-being.

## Rewards

What a successful half term for our Year 11 students. Each half term we offer a range of challenges to keep our students focused, motivated and achieving. Wyatt S (11N2), Jalal S (11B2), Charlie G (11B2), Bella R (11A2) and Lucy K (11B1) all won early lunch passes for **having no negative behaviour points** – amazing achievement.

11P1 were treated to a form breakfast for being the **form with the highest attendance**. Well done all!

Our **punctuality** winners were Oliver K (11A1) and Eleanor M (11P2) who each one a sweet treat

selection box – demonstrating fantastic employability skills.

This half term we had an astounding 183 students (almost half the year group) with **attendance that was 97% or above**. Everyone was entered into a prize draw to win a £10 Love2Shop voucher. Well done to Spencer B (11B1) for being the lucky winner.

The year group's final reward of the half term was the highly anticipated form film reward – this is awarded to the form group with the **highest positive points**. A huge well done to 11T2 who

will spend an afternoon this week watching a Christmas movie and being treated to popcorn and treats.

Rhiannon V (11T2) also won a free ticket to Prom for having the highest number of achievement points. More golden tickets to prom will be available over the next few half terms.

As part of the whole school rewards, we also saw the **15 day attendance challenge**. Two students from each year group were randomly

drawn, and Lily M, Lewis D, Isabel C, and Alfie R were the winners of an annual pass to Warrington Youth Zone, with 5 free visits. But a further bonus prize was on offer to Year 11 with a golden ticket to the prom (subject to behaviour and attendance) This golden ticket provides one person with a free ticket to Prom! The winner was Martha B Watch out for more free tickets over the coming weeks.

Well done to everyone

## Subject Awards

A massive well done to all the students below who were nominated by their subject teachers.

Subject	Outstanding PROGRESS	Outstanding EFFORT
Maths	Thomas A (11A1)	Matthew J (11S2)
English	Ella O (11A2)	Ben E (11S1)
Biology	Joshua M (11T1)	Ella O (11A2)
Chemistry	Doris C (11T2)	Phoebe V (11N2)
Physics	Sol H (11B2)	Thomas H (11A2)
History	Tayla D (11B1)	Danny R (11N2)
MFL	Cameron C (11A2)	Ella O (11A2)
Art	Clare M (11N1)	Evie R (11T1)
Music	Sharon N (11P1)	Georgie H (11A2)
Music Technology	Max H (11P1)	Charlie N (11P2)
Drama	Sophie H (11S2)	Katie B (11P2)
DT	Alfie B (11S1)	Eden L (11P1)
Business	Imogen S (11N2)	Isabelle C (11S1)
Computer Science	Torres I (11P1)	Oliver K (11A1)
IT	Jayden S (11T1)	Judy A (11B2)
GCSE PE	Charlie B (11A1)	Jamie E (11T2)
Geography	Ellie M (11A1)	Ella H (11P2)
RS	Faith W (11B1)	Man T (11N1)
Graphics	Eden L (11P1)	Phoebe C (11S1)
Photography	Man T (11N1)	Neve G (11N2)
Textiles	Lucy K (11B1)	Jack D (11T1)
Food	Kayla C (11A2)	Isabel C (11B2)
Psychology	Evie R (11T1)	Lucy N (11A2)
H&S	Emma W (11P1)	Millie R (11B2)
Media Studies	Allegra H (S2)	Eleanor M (11P2)

## Stars of the Form

Our form tutors each nominated one student they feel has shone in PDR this year. Well done and very well deserved :

11A1	Jack L	11P1	Sharon N
11A2	Chloe W	11P2	Lily W
11B1	Tayla D	11S1	Teya R
11B2	Sol H	11S2	Jared M
11N1	Teya R	11T1	Jack D
11N2	Harriet I	11T2	Tyler M

## Core Values Awards

The following students were awarded with a certificate and selection box for encompassing our **core values** of Growth, Respect, Excellence, Aspiration and Teamwork. The winners were – Max H (11P1), Milli H (11T2), Thomas H(11A2), Emily D (11S2) and Alex T (11T2).

## Pastoral Awards

Ryan M (11A2) was awarded the Progress Leader Award, Laura C (11S1) won the Pastoral Leader Award and Katie S (11N2) was the winner of the Assistant Pastoral Leader Award. Well done all for an amazing term.

Rhiannon V (11T2) was awarded the Achievement Award for having the most achievement points this term. She won a complimentary ticket to the Year 11 prom.

3 Form Classes celebrated their combined successes with a big box of chocolates. A massive well done to :

11T2 – **Top Achievement Points**

11T1 – **Highest Attendance**

11P2 – **Quiz Masters**

Charlotte P (11N1) , Liam M (11P2), Nicholas B (11A2), AJ S (11T1) and Benedict U (11N1) were recognised and recieved a sweet treat for the time they give up each week to be **reading buddies** with younger students.

We ended a really positive assembly with a **£50 Prize Draw** for all students who attended the Barrow Hall College Open Evening. Well done to the lucky winner Yehor N (11P2) who won a Love2Shop voucher.



# Year 11 Stars in the Spotlight



Lewis is on a winning streak! Not only has Lewis been crowned a winner at the prestigious Warrington Wolves Foundation 'Made of Steel', Lewis was also chosen as the Overall Sports Personality at our own Sports Presentation Evening.

This award is given to students who consistently uphold the highest standards of sportsmanship,

leadership and act as an exemplary role model for their peers. Their contribution both on and off the field sets a benchmark for future athletes. Well done Lewis for exhibiting such exemplary behaviours.

We are very proud that on Remembrance Sunday Harriet I (11N2) was chosen to represent St John's Ambulance Cadets and marched at the Cenotaph in London on Remembrance Sunday. Only 3 cadets from the North West had the amazing opportunity to attend and were selected from a raffle. Harriet travelled down to London with her parents on the Saturday. She spent 2 hours on the clay parade ground at Horseguard practicing marching ahead of the parade.

Harriet was up bright and early and in her full cadet uniform and down to breakfast by 7am on the Sunday, and then straight back at Horseguards parade ground by 8am. Here she stood for the ceremony on Whitehall from around 9am until 12pm when they started the march past the cenotaph. There was a lot of standing and waiting what a fantastic experience from one of our brilliant students – a true ambassador for the school.



## END OF YEAR PREPARATIONS



Unique ID: 25555YR11

Hoodies will be available to collect the last week before Easter



## Post-16 Education and careers

Y11s have had a busy assembly program this term focusing on careers post-16 and their next steps. Students have had talks from several post-16 providers and also Edge Hill University to give them insight into their next steps. Thank you so our guest speaker Felicity Hannah who rounded off the term with an inspiring talk about careers.

All y11 students should have applied to at least one post-16 provider by Christmas. If you haven't already, please discuss colleges with your child and make sure they have made an application to college asap as several colleges are already at capacity for certain courses. If you have any questions or need some advice please contact our careers advisor Stacey ([s.lowe@gshs.omegamat.co.uk](mailto:s.lowe@gshs.omegamat.co.uk)).



### Messages for Year 11

We have had almost 230 applications so far from Great Sankey and other external year 11 applicants and by Christmas we plan to have interviewed everyone who has applied.

Applications will remain open into the new year before we invite year 11 pupils to Barrow Hall College to take part in Subject Experience sessions at the end of January where they can take part in a year 12 lesson of their choice.

If you would like to apply to study with us next September, please use the link below and we will be in touch with you to arrange a guidance interview. <https://www.greatsankey.org/college/apply-now>





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Assistant Pastoral Leader: **Ms E Peers**

Progress Leader: **Mrs K Burgess**

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## Academic update

Year 10 had their GCSE Study Skills Session on 28<sup>th</sup> November, it was lovely to welcome parents into school to discuss the best ways they can support their children with their revision both for the upcoming assessments and their GCSE courses as a whole.

If you require any further information with what was discussed, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Burgess who will be happy to review the information provided.

Below is a copy of the January exam timetable. Year 10 will also have a Progress Evening on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and all correspondence will be sent out in January.

## Upcoming Assessments & Revision

Date	Subject	Period
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Mathematics: non-calculator	2 – 10b 3 – 10a and 10c
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	English Language: Section A	1 – 10b 2 – 10a 3 – 10c
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	10c Options	5
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	10a Options	2
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	10d Options	4
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Biology	1 – 10b and 10c 4 – 10 a
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	English Language: Section B	3 – 10a and 10b 4 – 10c
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Chemistry	1 -10a 2 – 10c 3 – 10b
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	10b Options	4
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Mathematics: calculator	2 – 10b 3 – 10a and 10c
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	English Literature: A Christmas Carol	1 – 10a and 10b 3 – 10c
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Physics	3



Year 10 Revision lists are available on the school website for all subjects. These can be accessed via this link: [Home Learning & Revision | Great Sankey High School](#) As can our [Curriculum Guides by Year | Great Sankey High School](#) and [Knowledge Organisers | Great Sankey High School](#)

If you, or your child, have any questions about the upcoming examinations please check the website or contact the Year Team.

## Year Council

This term students have been volunteering for the year group student council, form tutors then selected two to represent their forms. There was a session where students discussed as a form the priorities that were raised, and we met as a whole year group council last week.

Both Mrs Burgess and Mr Brighthouse were impressed with how students communicated their forms views, how they listened to each other and were keen to go back to their forms to share what was discussed.

We look forward to meeting again next half term.

## Rewards

Well done to all our students for their efforts and hard work. Below are some of the rewards that were given out last half term.

Form Breakfast for the **Highest attendance** to date winners **10T2**

Jump the queue pass winners: **Maya R, Heidi R-D, Anson C, Ava P & Luca I**



Chocolate Treats for **No late marks to date** winners **Micah A & Connor H**

Love 2 Shop Voucher for the **Highest Positive points** this term Winner: **Sienna F**



Form Film Afternoon Christmas Chronicals Winners **10P1**



It's not too early to start thinking about your plans for after year 11.

Feel free to come over to college to speak to any of the college pastoral team if you have any early questions about studying with us in 2026.

## Year 10 Stars in the spotlight



A remarkable success story is Jasmine B, who has been selected to represent Merseyside U15 Academy following a successful series of trials. Jasmine's determination and commitment have shone brightly, and her selection underscores the depth of talent among our students. We are incredibly proud of her accomplishment and look forward to watching her thrive in county competition.

Lucy G (Year 10) stands out for her dual accomplishment this season. After rigorous trials, she has been selected to join the Cheshire County Academy's U15 Player Development Programme (PDP). This program is part of the England Netball Pathway, a crucial steppingstone for players with aspirations to progress within the national netball structure. Lucy's selection for the PDP highlights her hard work and skill, marking her as a player to watch in the years to come.



In addition to her place in the PDP, Lucy has also secured a spot at Nottingham Forest Netball Club's U16 Forest Performance Centre (FPC). This is an extraordinary achievement, as Nottingham Forest is a brand-new Super League Netball Franchise, and her inclusion in the FPC showcases her talent at a national level. Balancing commitments to both the PDP and the Forest Performance Centre will undoubtedly challenge and further develop Lucy's abilities, and we are excited to support her on this journey.



We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Imogen, who has been accepted into the HarrisonJCollective for an upcoming performance in London.

Imogen will showcase her talent at Move It 2025, the largest dance convention in Europe and one of the most prestigious dance events worldwide.

Well done Hudson at the *Sports Personalities of the Year* awards. These accolades were given to students who consistently upheld the highest standards of sportsmanship, leadership, and acted as exemplary role models for their peers. Their contributions both on and off the field set a benchmark for future athletes in the school.



Well done to Hayden who was nominated for a Warrington Wolves 'Made of Steel' award, recognising the best player in their individual age groups within the town. Hayden went on to win the 'Made of steel' award, which is a fantastic achievement.

# Year 9 Notices

**Intake2022@greatsankey.org**

**Pastoral Leader: Mr A Prescott**

**Assistant Pastoral Leader: Mrs R Cowell**

**Progress Leader: Mr B Evans**

**Assistant Head/ Director of Key Stage: Mrs K Masher**



## Curriculum Information

### Year 9 Learning Highlights – Term 2

Welcome to an exciting Term 2 for our Year 9 students at Great Sankey High School!

As we progress through the academic year, our learners will dive deeper into thought-provoking topics and develop critical skills across the curriculum.

Here's a glimpse of what's in store but for further information please go to our website or use the link here: [Curriculum Guides by Year | Great Sankey High School](#) or our knowledge organisers which can be found here: [Knowledge Organisers | Great Sankey High School](#)

**English** - Students will explore the world of Charles Dickens through *Great Expectations*, delving into character growth, societal context, and the novel's impact on readers. Alongside this, they'll master the art of rhetoric by analysing persuasive techniques used in historical speeches and modern texts, building skills in crafting arguments and understanding diverse perspectives.

**Mathematics** - This term focuses on vital mathematical concepts:

- **Algebra:** From solving linear equations to plotting graphs and understanding key properties of lines.
- **Ratio & Proportion:** Practical applications such as scaling, recipes, and direct/indirect proportionality.
- **Statistics:** Students will refine skills in interpreting data and understanding averages through visual and numerical analysis.

**Science** - Science lessons will bridge theory and practice with topics including:

- **Biology:** The intricacies of the digestive system, linking previous knowledge about cellular transport to physical and chemical digestion.
- **Chemistry:** Hands-on exploration of reaction rates, energy changes, and sustainable practices for Earth's resources.
- **Physics:** Forces, motion, and waves – understanding their principles and real-world applications.

**Geography** - Students will examine urban and rural regeneration, using case studies like the London Olympic site. Later, they'll study ecosystems, with a focus on the Sahara Desert and Amazon Rainforest, learning how plants and animals adapt to these extreme environments.

**History** - Our historians will analyse life during the interwar years, exploring the economic boom and Great Depression, the rise of the Nazi Party, and how these events shaped society. Critical thinking and source analysis will be key skills honed in this term.

**Languages (French and Spanish)** - Students will enhance communication skills, discussing topics like school life, hobbies, and career aspirations. They'll tackle more complex grammar, including verb tenses and sentence structures, setting a solid foundation for GCSE success.

## Year 9 Options

Next term Y9 will be choosing their options choices for KS4. All the information you need about this process will be sent out early in January and you are invited to our Options evening to learn more about the process and the subjects on offer on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. All the relevant key dates are below and on our Options page on our school website.

[Year 9 Guided Options | Great Sankey High School](#)

### Year 9 Options Key Dates

<b>January 2025</b>	<b>Y9 Options assembly (Students only)</b> This will give an overview of the process to students. The Options booklet will be sent home for you to review the Options available to you.
<b>Thursday 23rd January 2025</b>	<b>Y9 Option evening Time 4.30pm - 7.00pm (Students and Parents)</b> You and your parents will be welcome into school and will have the opportunity to discuss the Options process and hear from subject leaders. We will also have representatives from universities and colleges there to support your decision-making process.
<b>Friday 24th January 2025</b>	<b>Options choices open</b> The Options window is now open and you can select your chosen options on the MCAS app.
<b>Thursday 6th February 2025</b>	<b>Y9 Parent's evening (Students and Parents)</b> This will give you the opportunity to discuss your academic progress with your teachers. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions about your suitability for the Options choices you are considering.
<b>Monday 10th February 2025</b>	<b>Options window closes</b>

## Rewards

### Subject Awards

Students were nominated by subjects and received either an Outstanding Effort or Outstanding Progress award. Each received a certificate and a Christmas sweet bag. Well done to all



Subject	Outstanding Progress	Outstanding Effort	Subject	Outstanding Progress	Outstanding Effort
Maths	Alfie L 9P2	Willow D 9P2	Drama	Saim A 9T1	Clayton K 9B1
English	Alfie C 9N2	Ayda B 9B2	DT	Ellis M 9S1	Alfie 9P2
Science	Ho Long T 9S2	Austin 9A2	Computer Science	Arun P 9A1	Isaac H 9S1
History	Isabelle G 9N1	Alvin L 9N2	PE	Andes C 9S2	Chantelle C 9S1
MFL	Ella W 9B1	Amethyst C 9A2	Geography	Sophie W 9T2	Andrew W 9S1
Art	Gabriella O 9T1	Daisy W 9N1	RS	Kelsea H 9N1	Benjamin H 9B2
Music	Isobel RB 9P1	Damen L 9N1	Food Tech	Ho Long T 9S2	Lucy P 9A2



### Values Awards

The following students were awarded with a certificate and treat bag for encompassing our **core values** of Growth, Respect, Excellence, Aspiration and Teamwork. The winners were – Violet B (9P2), Hollie W (9P1), Daisy W (9N1), Emily T (9N2) and Oliver L (9T1).



### Pastoral Awards

The following students achieved a pastoral award for going above and beyond in the following categories:

**Highest points** – Saim A (9T1), **Positive**

**Engagement** – Dominic M (9P2), **Outstanding**

**Homework** – Chantelle C (9S1), **Excellence in Extra**

**Curricular** – Lewis A (9S1), **Outstanding Effort in Lessons** – Mia K (9T2), **Excellence in**

**Practical Lessons** – Ethan J (9T1)



## Extra Special Awards

These two awards are for the highest achievers and awarded by our Pastoral and Progress Leaders

**Pastoral Leader Award** – Jessie B 9S2,

**Progress Leader Award** – Ho LT 9S2

## Stars of the Form

Each form tutor awarded a student in their form who has gone above and beyond in different areas:

Noah W (9A1), Eryn B(9A2), Sam P (9B1), Ayda B (9B2), Paige H (9N1), Evie X (9N2) Jess M (9P1), Maham Y (9P2), Isaac H (9S1), Hailey C (9S2), Charlize W (9T1), Harry R (9T2)



**Christmas Film Afternoon** This was won by 9P1, and they enjoyed their popcorn and drinks watching The Grinch Stole Christmas!

**£10 Gift Voucher** The top 75 students with the **highest reward points** were entered into a draw to win a £10 gift card. The winner was Charlie B (9A1)

## Christmas Quiz

The Year 9 Christmas Quiz was as popular as ever and the following won a prize.

**1<sup>st</sup> prize** of a Chocolate Hamper – Maisie W (9N2), **2<sup>nd</sup> prize** of a Sweet treat bundle – Huda F (9S2)

**12 runners** up were – Lucy P (9A2), Alex S (9T2), Emma S (9T2), Lilly A (9A1), King C (9T2), Rex L (9B1), Hayden C (9B1), Regan E (9B2), Willow D (9P2), Max B (9A1), Summer W (9P1) and Ching K (9B1).

## Fond Farewell for 9B1



Mr Craven, 9B1's form tutor has sadly left GSHS for pastures new. Students wrote some lovely words that were passed onto Mr Craven and a form photo was taken as a long-lasting memory of their time together.

We wish Mr Craven every success for the future.

## HPL/Skills for life focus

This term students have been exploring the theme of 'hard working'. This part of our drive to embed the attitudes, values and attributes that act as the ingredients of High-Performance Learners. This term, the focus has been on fostering resilience, perseverance and encouraging students to actively engage in structured practice. Students who have demonstrated these skills have been nominated by members of staff to acknowledge their outstanding efforts and hard-working attitude. Please join us in congratulating the students below for making excellent progress in their journey to become High-Performance Learners!

Ash C (9T2), Issy R (9T1), Hailey C (9S2), Kyle L (9T1), Vania S (9N1), Arthur H (9B2), Coen L-T (9P1), Daniel B (9T2), Billy F (9B1), Ella W (9B1), Shane C (9T1), Amelie W (9A1), Tyler W (9B2), Kelsea H (9N1), Ashley W (9N2), Annabel B (9P1), Amelie C (9B2), Daisy W (9N1), Willow D (9P2), Paige H (9N1), Alvin L (9Z), Rachel W (9A2), Annabel B (9P1), Hazel F (9S1), Katrina W (9S2), Mia K (8T2), Michael C (9S2), Gabriella O (9T1), Henry H (9P1).

## Year Stars in the Spotlight



Well done Jasmine at the **Sports Personality of the Year** awards. The awards were given to students who consistently upheld the highest standards of sportsmanship, leadership, and acted as exemplary role models for their peers. Their contributions both on and off the field set a benchmark for future athletes in the school.

**Superstar in Gymnastics!** Charlotte L 9T1 has recently competed in a Gymnastics event against competitors from Germany, USA, Portugal, Switzerland and Japan. Despite a recent injury, she came **1<sup>st</sup> on Vault, 2<sup>nd</sup> on Beam and 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall Champion**. Their team also received **1<sup>st</sup> place overall Champions**. Well done, Charlotte!





# Year 8 Notices

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Pastoral Leader: **Miss H Bate-Argent**

Assistant Pastoral Leader: **Miss E Butler**

Progress Leader: **Mrs S Gallagher**

Assistant Head/ Director of Key Stage: **Mrs K Masher**



## Curriculum Information

As we move into Term 2, we are excited to share the learning journey your children will embark on across their subjects. Below is an overview of the engaging and enriching topics planned for this term.

**English Short Stories & Shakespeare** Students will explore short stories and William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*. Key themes include justice, change, and action. Through critical literacy and narrative analysis, students will delve into Shakespeare's tragic conventions, focusing on Shylock's hubris and downfall, while examining gender, racial, and religious stereotypes.

### Maths Key Topics:

- Number & Percentages: Real-life applications, including reverse percentages.
- Prime Factorisation, Indices & Standard Form: Foundations for science and engineering.
- Geometry: Transformations and proof.
- Algebra: Solving equations, rearranging formulas, and inequalities.
- Graphing Equations: Understanding gradients and intercepts ( $y = mx + c$ ).

This term, students will deepen their problem-solving skills, with cross-curricular connections to sciences and practical scenarios.

**Science Ecosystem Processes, Metals & Acids, The Earth, and Energy Building on prior knowledge, students will:**

- Examine biochemical processes in ecosystems.
- Explore chemical reactions with metals and acids.
- Study sustainability and environmental issues in *The Earth* topic.
- Begin applying energy equations that will reappear in GCSE topic.

**Geography Population & Tectonics** Students will focus on population and migration, using case studies like India and China. Later, they will study tectonics, plate boundaries, and the effects of natural disasters, with a focus on real-world case studies.

**History The British Empire & Victorian Britain** Students will explore the legacy of the British Empire, including the Slave Trade, colonisation in India and Africa, and resistance movements.

**Religious Studies - Moral Decision-Making & Buddhism** Students will investigate ethical approaches, such as utilitarianism and natural moral law, and apply these to topics like genetic engineering and forgiveness. They will also study Buddhist beliefs, practices, and their modern-day influence.

**Languages Media, Technology & Holidays** - Students will learn to discuss TV, music, cinema, social media, and holidays, using complex grammar such as object pronouns and past tense. They will also focus on expressing opinions and tackling GCSE-style tasks like photo cards.

**Computing Networks & Data Representation** - Students will learn how computer network's function and practice binary and hexadecimal conversions. These skills lay the groundwork for those interested in GCSE Computer Science.

**Drama The Terrible Fate of Humpty Dumpty** - Through this play, students will explore the impact of bullying and themes like community and morality, while building their script-analysis skills.

**Physical Education** - Lessons will emphasise key skills and techniques in each sport, links between physical activity, mental health, and well-being, understanding the short- and long-term effects of exercise.

We hope your child enjoys this term's learning and look forward to supporting their academic and personal growth. If you require any further information please take a look at both our [Curriculum Guides by Year | Great Sankey High School](#) and [Knowledge Organisers | Great Sankey High School](#)

## Homework

### Year 8 Homework Schedule 24-25



- This guide will help inform your study timetable and assist you in organising your week.
- Homework club is available in the LRC Monday-Friday until 3:30pm.
- English homework club is available every Monday.
- Sparx club is available every Wednesday in IT5.



Subject	Platform	Due Date
English	Educake	Set and due every Monday
History	Educake	Set and due every Tuesday Week B
Maths	Sparx	Set and due every Wednesday
Geography	Educake	Set and due every Thursday Week B
French	Language Nut	Set and due Friday Week A
Spanish	Language Nut	Set and due Friday Week B
Science	Educake	Week A literacy task Week B Educake
Music & Drama	Teams	Set Monday Week B and due Friday week B
Computer Science	Educake & Teams	Centralised Educake quiz and 2 tasks on Microsoft Teams, every half term.
P.E	Teams	One quiz, every half term.
Art	Choice Board	Complete three tasks from the choice board, every term.

Completing your homework shows **growth** in your learning, **respect** for your education, and a commitment to **excellence**. By aiming high with **aspiration** and supporting each other through **teamwork**, we all succeed together!

## HPL/Skills for life focus

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Jacey W (8B2), Oliver W (8B1), Ilyas S (8S2), Lillie S (8S2), Elizabeth W (8B1), Elliot W (8B2), Sebastian W (8A2), Sophie P (8S1), Eleanor W (8P2), Albie C (8B2), Agamjot S (8A1), Benjamin R (8N1), Tiffany C (8B2), Evie-May E (8B1), Faye C (8P1), Rosanne L (8A1), Sophy Y (8A2), Elijah A (8S2), Megan H (8P1), Uzair R (8T1), Isabella W (8P1), Aidan P (8T1), Alvin C (8N1), Isabella W (8N1), Holly L (8T1), Lexi C

(8B2), Summer B (8N2), Jorgie C (8B2), Preston W (8B1), Niamh B (8N1), Cameron A (8S2), Ellie D (8T2), Bella W (8S2), Yulia S (8A1), Emma S (8A2), Isla R (8A1), Holly D (8A2), Stella C (8B1), Henry D (8P1), Ellie S (8N1), Alana B (8P1), Luke F (8S1), Zac W (8P2), Benjamin T-T (8P2), Niamh S (8P1), James S (8P2), Belle W (8S1), Adam R (8S1), Arabella McG (8A1), Macy A (8B2), Zoe B (8B1), Esme B

(8B1), Oscar W (8T2), Kaidenveer T (8P2), Jack M (8N2), Titus T (8N2), Amelia D (8P2), Dylan H (8S2), Lucy C (8T2), Sophia A (8T2), Grace B (8N1), Charlie E (8N2), Olive L (8P1), Cranberry C (8T2), Hailey L (8S2), James A (8P2), Hayden S (8P1), Kaitlyn W (8T2), Melody H (8P2), Lillian D (8S1), Delilah H (8B1), Karl I (8T1), Addison C (8S1), Halima L (8P1), Benjamin P (8P1), Blake F (8P1).

## Extracurricular update

We are so proud of all the extra-curricular activities that our Year 8s have engaged in this term, well done for going above and beyond and taking every opportunity to grow!

Year 8 students have been working hard over the past few weeks in Geography club, creating an incredible model volcano! Their creativity and effort have been excellent to see.



This week, a group of talented Year 8 computer scientists participated in the CyberFirst MEGA Event at the iconic Jodrell Bank Observatory, accompanied by Mr. Kerr and Mrs. Almond. This prestigious event brought together 300 girls from schools across the North-West to engage in a series of exciting space-themed cybersecurity and codebreaking challenges. The nine students selected to

represent our school showcased exceptional teamwork, determination, and analytical thinking. They confidently tackled each challenge to a high standard, using their logical reasoning and problem-solving skills

to race against the clock. The challenges tested their ability to work under pressure while encouraging creativity and collaboration.

The enthusiasm, dedication, and camaraderie demonstrated by our students were truly commendable. We are incredibly proud of Bella, Charlotte, Niamh W., Isabella, Niamh S., Ellie, Josie, Megan, and Isla for representing our school so admirably and embracing the challenges with such enthusiasm.

Congratulations to all involved, and we look forward to seeing where their passion for computer science takes them in the future!

## Rewards

This term we have had the privilege of acknowledging the efforts of so many students with rewards! We hope that they keep up the good work as the year progresses.

Congratulations to our **Head Teacher Award** winners: Benjamin R – 8N1, Isla B – 8S2, Mason W – 8T1, Lucy C – 8T2, Yulia S – 8A1, Romaysa S – 8A1, Josie T – 8S1, and Madison D-W (8S2).

Congratulations to those who won prizes on our Rewards Pyramid! 8N2 – won both a movie afternoon and a breakfast for being the form with the **highest attendance and the most positive points**. Double success!

Holly D – winning a £10 Love 2 Shop voucher for her **high achievement points**!

James A (8P2) and Isla S (8A2) - winning chocolate hampers for having **0 lates to lessons**. Perfect punctuality!

Liam L (8B1), Niamh W (8N1), Lexi A (8A2), Bobby C (8A1), and Darragh G (8T2) - winning skip the queue passes for having **0 negative points**. Positively on track!

Congratulations to all students who received recognition or won an award in our Christmas Awards Assembly.

**Progress Leader's Award:** Isla S (8A2).

**Pastoral Leader's Award:** Sophie P (8S1).

**Assistant Pastoral Leader's Award:** Addison C (8S1).

**Core value winners:** Leo I (8A2), Hailey W (8N1), Katie R (8N2), Harry G (8T1), Jasper L (8N1).

**Extra-Curricular Promise Award:** Benjamin T-T (8P2).

**Maths** – Niamh B (8N1) and Elliot W (8B2)

**English** – Benjamin R (8N1) and Jorgie C (8B2)

**Science** – Alysia M (8N1) and Eleanor W (8P2)

**History** – Lexi A (8A2) and Edmund W (8N1)

**MFL** – Summer B (8N2) and Jasmine Y (8P1)

**Art** – Elizabeth W (8B1) and Romaysa S (8A1)

**Music** – Amelie D (8T2) and Tiffany C (8B2)

**Drama** – Faye C (8P1) and Ruby A (8A1)

**DT** – Ellie S (8N1) and Ellie D (8T2)  
W (8P1)

**Computer Science** – Phillip B (8B1) and Isabella W (8P1)

**PE** – Holly D (8A2) and Zac W (8P2)

**Geography** – Maisy D (8A1) and Evie-May E (8B1)

**RS** – Megan H (8P1) and Jack M (8N2)

**Food Tech** – Dylan S (8N2) and Holly T (8B2)



## Year Stars in the Spotlight



**We are so proud of both the success that our Year students are making inside school and outside!**

Huge congratulations to Addison C (8S1) for making his debut in Hollyoaks!

Congratulations to Joe P (8T2) for winning the Warrington Wolves Foundation Man of Steel U12s Award. Keep up the excellent work!

Well done Lily K (8T1) at the *Sports Personalities of the Year* awards. These accolades were given to students who consistently upheld the highest standards of sportsmanship and leadership and acted as exemplary role models for their peers. Their contributions both on and off the field set a benchmark for future athletes in the school.

We are so proud to celebrate the achievements of Macy A (8A2) and Holly D (8A2) in securing their place on the Pathway to Success with Warrington Town Netball Club. Superb work!



# Year 7 Notices

**Intake2024@greatsankey.org**

**Pastoral Leader: Mr L Guatella**

**Assistant Pastoral Leader: Mrs S Mather**

**Progress Leader: Miss N Dorkin**

**Assistant Head/ Director of Key Stage: Mrs K Masher**



## Meet the Tutor Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents and guardians attend the event in October. This gave you the opportunity to meet the key staff who interact with your children daily, along with allowing us to explain how much of an amazing start the students have had since arriving in September.

Plenty of feedback was given, which we have considered and have acted accordingly.

Thank you to those who attended the Y7 Study Skills Evening too, it was great to be able to share information about how your children learn, how they can revise and how to support their wellbeing through assessment periods with you. For those unable to attend, I sent out the PowerPoint to you so you can look through the information at your leisure.

## Academic update

Well done to all pupils in Y7 for completing their first term at Great Sankey High School, they have covered lots of different content in their subjects and have taken to school life well.

This term we have focused on Concern for Society and Hardworking skills to develop High Performance Learners. In form time, pupils have learnt how to learn well and how to revise.

Revision techniques focused on 3 key techniques: Cornell notes, Mind Mapping and Flash cards. Pupils can use these on the build up to their assessments in January to ensure they are prepared.

With this knowledge and mindset, we believe GSHS pupils have the best chance to succeed.

## Curriculum Information

Please see the curriculum content for term 2 for each subject, follow the link below for more information on each topic:

<b>English</b>	Crafting Characters 21 <sup>st</sup> Century novel: 'The House with Chicken Legs' by Sophie Anderson
<b>Maths</b>	Geomerty 2 – angles properties Number 3 – working with fractions & finding percentages Algebra 2 – Solving equations and graphs
<b>Science</b>	Body systems, Elements, Sound and Acids & Alkalis.
<b>Geography</b>	Development and Rivers

<b>History</b>	How did life in the Medieval period compare to life in England today?  Life in Medieval England. Life in the Islamic Empire The Crusades The Black Death The death of Thomas Beckett Magna Carta Origins of Parliament Peasants Revolt
<b>RS</b>	Students explore and examine how religion changes the world in which we live. The key beliefs and practices in Christianity.
<b>MFL: French</b>	School uniform, subjects and opinions, school facilities, descriptions of teachers and adjectives. Home, places in town, asking for and giving directions.
<b>MFL: Spanish</b>	Physical descriptions: hair/eye colour, hair style, physical appearance, character descriptions, language for family members. Opinions, hobbies/sport, weather.
<b>Music, Drama, DT, PE and Art</b> as creative subjects, each class will study the same units throughout the year but at different times. Speak to your teacher to see which unit you will study in term 2.	

Don't forget further information is available on our websites. Here you can find [Curriculum Guides by Year | Great Sankey High School](#) and our [Knowledge Organisers | Great Sankey High School](#)

## Upcoming Assessments & Revision Lists

In January, Y7 have their first assessments, starting the week of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, the timetable is below and the content to be revised can be found in the revision booklet that was sent home via Bromcom and a hard copy with each pupil.

Year 7 Revision Lists for January 2025 can be found on the school website and this link: [Home Learning & Revision | Great Sankey High School](#)

Any support you can give your child to prepare for their assessments will be valuable. My message to them has been to practice, practice, practice. They are not expected to be experts at revision right now, this is when they practice, so that when it comes to Y11, revising is not a shock for them.

Here is the timetable for the assessments, we will give pupils more information when they return about logistics of these dates and times:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	P3	Science
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	P2	English
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	P3 7a P5 7b	Maths
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	P3	History
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	P1	French
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	P3	RS
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	P3	Geography
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	P2	Spanish

# HPL/Skills for life focus

This term we have learnt:

**Behavior and expectations:** Wearing uniform correctly, Strong start, Perfect punctuality, Positive interactions, Respect warnings.

**Mindset:** Willingness, Active listening, Mindful learning, Mindful with others, Resilience.

**Study Skills:** Organisation, Revision timetable, Cornell notes, Flash Cards, Mind maps, Mindset, Perseverance.

## Rewards

Our students attended an assembly on the final day prior to leaving for the Christmas period, in order to celebrate the achievements of our amazing year group as a whole. It was surprises all around when the students found out that the subject staff had nominated individuals for outstanding progress and effort within their subjects. After careful consideration the following students received certificates in the following subjects.

Maths – William H and Max P

English – Eva P and Cerys L

Science – Leo M and Charlie E

History – Elizabeth D and Izzy H

MFL – Aiden S and Abel M

Art – Hei Sui C and Owen P

Music – Mohammad S and Keaton S

Drama – Ewan M and Sophie G

DT – Isla M and Sammy L

Computer Science – Samuel R and Faith C

PE – Izzy H and Abel M

Geography – Izzy B and Jacob L

RS – Zainab W and Max H

Food Tech – Maverick T and Aoife M

### Stars of the form

7A1 – Anya W

7A2 – Serena C

7B1 – Charlotte P

7B2 – Emilie R

7N1 – Oliver J

7N2 – Hani N

7P1 – Skye R

7P2 – Carrie L

7S1 – Abel N M

7S2 – Colin L

7T1 – Kary L

7T2 – Beatrice G

The **Progress Leader Award** went to Isabelle A

The **Pastoral Leader Award** went to Hajrah M

The **Assistant Pastoral Leader** award went to Jacob C

Our core value awards are split into five categories, with the following students being awarded for the following. Award for **Growth** – Max B; Award for **Respect** – Ali A; Award for **Excellence** – Penny L; Award for **Aspiration** – Ava L; and Award for **Teamwork** – Beatrice G



Each Friday the winners of our prize pyramid are announced, with the following winners this term are as follows: Gabby L, Hallie H, Rafael O, Charlie Q and Elliot M all won a jump the queue pass for **not receiving a negative point**

7S2 won the much sort after form breakfast for having the **highest attendance** within our year group.

Georgia S and Rory L won a large selection of sweet treats for **not receiving any late marks** to date

Hei Sui C was selected at random for being in the **top 75% of the year group for positive points**, winning a £10 Love2shop voucher

The roof nearly came off our main hall when 7B1 were announced as the winners of the film afternoon for having the **highest form points**.

## High Achievers Session



10 pupils were chosen to attend the High Achievers Session, they had a talk from Miss Dorkin on a High Achievers mindset and met our previous Head girl, Bethan J. Bethan shared her education journey and her experience at Cambridge university, including tips on how to keep calm during stressful exam periods through sport, exercise and keeping a balanced lifestyle.



## Year 7 Stars in the Spotlight



Well done on Evie J, who recently attended a Royal Ballet Audition. Good luck Evie!

Izzy H has competed in many events already this term, including the schools trampolining, she is participating in the British Gym championship in March, Good Luck Izzy!





Huge congratulations to Beatrice who was recently signed to the Everton Elite Academy and FA future Lionesses Goalkeeping Programme.

The creative skills of Daisy M were on show, standing out from the rest to be selected to feature on the 2025 calendar for a local charity. Room at the Inn is a local charity which supports homelessness in Warrington, with our very own Daisy skills on show from all to see. Congratulations Daisy.



Well done to Laura M and Lucie W who have been selected for the Pathway to success in U12 Netball Cheshire.



# College Notices

**Intake2022@greatsankey.org**

Head of College: **Mrs H Stones**

Head of Y13: **Miss K Turner**

Head of Y12: **Mr M Pickwell**

College office manager: **Mrs H Donson-Jones**

KS5 academic mentor: **Mrs L Canning**

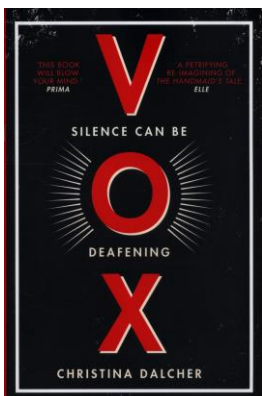


## Fond Farewell for Mrs. Hughes

Mrs. Hughes, Teacher of Health and Social Care and College Tutor is leaving us at Christmas. She has been an excellent addition to the college team and will be missed. We wish her every success in her new role!



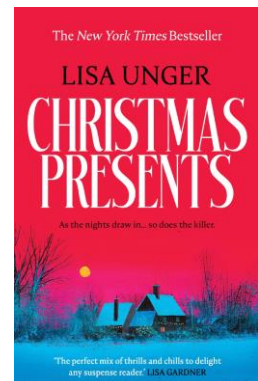
## Barrow Hall College Book Club



Once a month students and staff meet to discuss a book (often recommended by someone in the group)

We have just completed Vox; a dystopian thriller where women and girls are only allowed to speak 100 words a day! Well worth the read, it had us all gripped from the first page.

We are looking forwards to our Christmas read from Lisa Unger.



# Children in Need



College students embraced the challenge to support Children in Need by raising over £200.



A range of fundraising activities took place including an alternative non-uniform event where they wore their pyjamas for the day,; a 'Pay & Play' afternoon where they gave money to play a variety of games for an hour in the afternoon - some got very competitive, and an amazing cake sale – not only producing some lovely handmade treats but selling them to staff and students.

Well done to everyone involved – whether you were a fundraiser or contributed.



# College Open Evening

Open evening was a great success with over 160 students attending from Great Sankey and other local schools and colleges.

Prospective students were able to tour our facilities, speak to staff and students about our different courses and explore the vast

range of extracurricular activities on offer including the EPQ, HE+ programme and Aspiring Professionals.

As part of the evening, we held a raffle where Yehor in year 11 won a £50 "Love to Shop Voucher" just in time for Christmas!

# College Christmas Lunch

The college cafe closed on Thursday for our annual college Christmas Lunch where students were waited on by their tutors.

With over 120 students and tutors in attendance (double previous years) it was a great event with Christmas



jumpers, selection box raffles, a food bank collection (not of our leftovers), and plenty of sprouts!

# Christmas week at Barrow Hall College



**Monday:** Santa Raffle- Santa beamed in live from the North Pole and did a video raffle draw with the sixth form. Winning tickets came down to Santa's grotto in the college reception where they collected their prize!

**Tuesday:** Christmas Quiz- The sixth form have been involved in a two-day interform quiz. Winners to be announced in our Christmas assembly Thursday P5



**Wednesday:** Over 60 Candy Canes were delivered by Santas helpers with messages for their chosen friends. Always a big success!

**Thursday:** Annual whole college assembly BHT Christmas rewards assembly including, quiz winners, student of the week awards, 100% attendance, golden ticket raffle, subject and community scholarships, Secret Santa and some musical performances.



**Friday:** Early finish



# Students nominated for student of the week this term were:



Isabell 12	Alexander 12	Beatrice 12	Peter 12
Alexander 12	Conor 12	Joshua12	Jacob 12
Thomas 12	Peter 13	Charlie 12	Dylan 12
Alex 12	Jacob 12	Molly 12	Emily 12
Dylan 12	Alison 13	Kinvara 13	Alex 12
Emily 12	Peter 12	Niamh 13	Ellis 12
Cesar 12	Jacob 12	Steven 13	Ayan 12
Alison 13	Dylan 12	Courtney 12	Shani 12
Aaron 13	Emily 12	Holly 13	Nicole 12
Ralfie 12	Alex 12	Siena 12	Alexander 12
Josh 13	Ellis 12	Marielle 12	Lucy 12
Katie 13	Phoenix 12	Jacob 13	Cesar 12
Alexander 12	Ayan 12	Alison 13	Alexander 12
Alex 12	Shani 12	Carly 13	Josh 12
Grace 12	Lucy 12	Charlie 13	Katie 13
Anna 12	Nicole 12	Josh 13	Abigail 13
Thomas 13	Lynn 12	Harshaan 13	Olivia 12
Mollie 13	Harry 13	Sam 13	Lily 12
Charley 13	Heather 13	Joshua12	Peter 13
Alison 13	Lily 12	John 13	Joseph12
Ellie 12	Cesar 12	Richard 12	Heather 13
Chloe 12	Zara 12	Alison 13	Thomas 12

## Y13 Information

The UCAS deadline is January 29<sup>th</sup>. We have now sent off around 50 applications with most students receiving most or all of their conditional offers back. May we wish anyone who is required for interview in the New Year the very best of luck!

Year 13 get their mock results Thursday morning from 8:20am in the college cafe, from their form tutor. Full reports will be sent home via BROMCOM before the Christmas break.

## 100% attendance this term

Well done to all our students who have achieved 100% attendance this term. Your dedication and resilience are excellent skills to support your future success. Don't forget if you are struggling to attend, please do speak to a member of the college staff.

Well done to: Lewis B, Laura D, Tyler K, Joshua L, Rafael M, Jack M, Gilian N, Prabhnoor R, Mollie S, Charlie M, Jason M, Heather R

# Y12 Information



## Year 12 assessments

From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January Year 12 will have 2 weeks of internal assessments.

These will be completed during normal lesson time and students have already been given a revision list by their teachers.

	Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th
1	IT diploma Art Maths (Mr Morgan)	English Language	Maths(Miss Turner)	Business Studies History (Mr Evans) Photography	
2	Geography	Art Maths (Mr Simcock) Physics (Miss Warne)	Further Maths	Spanish History (Ms Giles) Product Design	Photography Spanish
3	H & S BTEC Sport Graphics				Psychology (Miss Riley P3) Graphics (P3 only)
4	Textiles (P4 only)  Music Tech	Physics (Mr Ball P4)  Music Tech	Biology (Mr Davies) English Language Law	Economics	Chemistry(P3) Economics (P3)  English Literature Music
5	Psychology (Miss Riley P5 only)	Biology (Mrs McKeever P5 only) Textiles (P5 only)		Graphics Politics	History (Mr Amiri P4 only)
	Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th
1	IT diploma Art Psychology (Miss Kennedy)	Sociology Maths (Mr Hay) Physics (Mr G)			
2	Geography Sociology	Art Biology (Mrs Stones)			
3	H & S BTEC Sport Maths (Mrs Giles)	Maths (Miss Boyd)			
4	Psychology (Mr Pickwell P4)  Drama	Biology (Ms Donlan P4 only)  Food Music Tech		Music	
5		Physics (Mr G P5)		BTEC Sport (P5)	Business Studies

## Scholarship winners

In Year 12 we award scholarships for academic subjects and also two separate ones for Elite Sports and community award. This year's winners are:

**Elite Sports:** Lily Mc for her trampolining and gymnastics

**Community:** Beatrice H for her work coaching younger children



## Subject Scholars

**Business Studies:** Lynn S  
**Computer Science:** Joe Mc  
**Creative Arts:** Mai-xi T  
**DT:** Nikki P  
**English:** Brooke A  
**Geography:** Alfie A

**Maths:** Calum A  
**Spanish:** Kirsty Mc  
**Music:** Alex S  
**Biology:** Zara AP  
**Chemistry:** Caitlyn H  
**Physics:** Cerys P

**Health & Social:** Olivia B  
**Social Sciences:** Anna T  
**Sport:** Georgia DB  
**History:** Ella D  
**Philosophy:** Jacob G  
**Theatre Studies:** Rebekah S

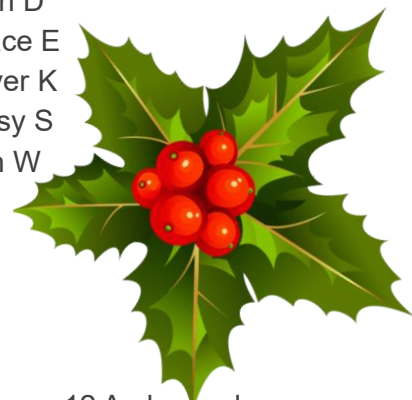
## 100% attendance this term

Calum A  
Amelia C  
Peter D  
Jacob G  
Joe Mc  
Emily M  
Bailey V  
Simi B  
Josh B

Jane-Princess M  
Natalie L  
Chloe M  
Nikki P  
Anna T  
Oliver W  
Alex B  
Ben B  
Isabel C

Nora L  
Lily Mc  
Archie N  
Jenna-Mai R  
Rebekah S  
Leah B  
Lily D  
Marielle L  
Lynn S

Ella D  
Ella G  
Cesar J  
Josh D  
Grace E  
Oliver K  
Daisy S  
Erin W



## Christmas Markets



On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December the year 12 Ambassador team visited the Christmas Markets in Liverpool.

A great time was had by everyone, and we came back with lots of presents and full of festive food!

