



## November Update

Dear Parent/Carer

After a two week break it was fantastic to see such a positive return to lessons and learning across the school. During half term Year 11 and 13 attended revision sessions across 13 different subjects and we had record numbers of students attending. Additionally, students have attended extended revision sessions in subjects ranging from statistics to food technology. We would like to praise our students for their hard work and thank our staff for their dedication to our students. More sessions are taking place this half term.

As we approach mock exams season for Year 11 and Year 13 revision materials have been shared with students and are available on our website; we very much value the support from parents in encouraging students to revise and prepare thoroughly. For those in other year groups students are encouraged to revise using their knowledge organisers and class notes for their end of term assessments.

Parents of KS3 students should now be familiar with our knowledge organiser quizzes. Students complete fortnightly questions, the results of which are shared with parents via email. Your support with encouraging your child to use their knowledge organiser regularly is very much appreciated and helps support the development of independent study skills. Our next step is to identify and work with those students who have not secured strong scores by providing support after school in their next test. We hope to pilot this within the next few weeks.

It was lovely to see so many students and parents at BHC college open evening. This successful event was followed by a taster day on the 11<sup>th</sup> November where Year 11 students took part in an engaging day of taster lessons enabling students to experience a typical sixth form day. Feedback from both students and staff was overwhelmingly positive. Our Year 11 students were particularly impressed by our recently remodelled LRC which provides an excellent independent study area, staffed by a dedicated sixth form mentor. If you were unable to attend our open evening, we have a virtual version on our website available at the link here <https://sites.google.com/greatsankey.org/bhc-open-evening/home>.

Our Library has been a hive of activity with a group of Year 7 students regularly reading to their Year 12 'reading buddy' each week and on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November we are looking forward to welcoming Curtis Jobling our patron of reading to work with our Year 7 students. Ms Walton, our Literacy TA has been working closely with some of our young people to develop their reading & literacy skills as part of our rigorous curriculum recovery programme, the students participating have made excellent progress so far and we would like to commend them for their hard work.

On Remembrance Day, all of our students participated in a dedicated form activity and 2 minutes silence to commemorate this important date. As we would expect from Great Sankey students, this was approached in a respectful and reflective manner by all and the sounds of the Last Post echoing around the corridors was quite moving.



Our annual Children In Need charity event is scheduled for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Year Groups will be running a number of activities and stalls, we would encourage students to bring a small amount of change within them to support their peers with this charity event.

The GSHS annual community awards event to celebrate our students who contribute to the wider community is preparing for its inaugural ceremony and our legacy Scholars Awards are due to be presented to successful applicants before the end of term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who have been responding to our fortnightly 'Friday Five' survey. Your answers to these questions are incredibly important with helping shape what we do and we will continue to ask for your invaluable feedback.

Finally, a reminder that the last day of term is Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, students will leave school at 12.10 pm, and return to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. I. Kane', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Kane

Deputy Headteacher

