

Tuesday 30th May 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

### Re: Year 6 Transition Information and Events

It is our absolute pleasure to welcome you to Great Sankey High School and we are looking forward to working with you in supporting your child's education over the next seven years. We are delighted your child has been allocated one of our places and will be joining us here as a Year 7 student from September 2023.

#### Transition Key Dates

We are planning our Year 7 Transition programme for students and parents in July. This will consist of **Pupil Taster days** in school on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of July** and our **Year 7 Parent Welcome Evening on 5<sup>th</sup> July 5 - 7pm**, where parents will have the opportunity to meet with their form tutor and year team. Further details will be sent closer to the date.

Our absolute priority is to help support you and your child around the transition period, and with this in mind, we are running support sessions for families on the following dates at Barrow Hall Theatre, in the main school building.

- SEND support – **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 5-6pm** with Jen Edwards (SENCO) and ADHD Foundation, SENDIASS and ADD Solutions
- English as an Additional Language support (EAL) – **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 5-6pm** with Trish Cheung (EAL Coordinator)
- How to support your child's literacy and numeracy at secondary school - **15<sup>th</sup> June 5-6pm** with Faye Pugh (Head of Year 7 English) and Michael Hay (Head of Mathematics)
- Mental Health Wellbeing support – **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 5-6pm** with Katie Rhodes and Gill Buchan (school counsellors)
- ICT Safety Online support – **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 5-6pm** with Chris Wilson (Head of BEICT), Dan Kerr (Head of computing) and Stephanie Kent (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Details of how to book onto these sessions can be found on Eventbrite – [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) and search 'Great Sankey High School'

The Transition team have already begun visiting all the Primary schools to deliver a presentation about life in their new school and to alleviate any concerns or worries they may have. In preparation for your child joining us in September, we are working closely with your child's Year 6 teachers to gather as much information as possible to help us get to know your child and ensure a successful start to life at GSHS. The details we receive include academic information, who your child works well with, details of hobbies, interests and talents, as well as any Pastoral, Safeguarding or SEND information that we need to be aware of to best support your child.

### **Admissions Data Collection and Medical Information Booklet**

Alongside the information from Primary school, we must ensure we have accurate emergency contact details and medical information for your child, as well as ensuring that we are compliant from a GDPR perspective. This will be gathered via our **Admissions Data Collection and Medical Information Booklet**.

You will find this document on [www.greatsankey.org](http://www.greatsankey.org), under the '**2023 Transition Support**' section of Student Support. We please ask that this be completed by **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** and completed as fully and accurately as possible.

We would also appreciate you and your child completing our online '**Transition 2023 Document**', which we can share with your child's Head of Year and Form Tutor.

### **SEND Provision**

Throughout our Transition Programme, our SENDCo, Miss Edwards, and the SEND Team will be liaising directly with your child's Primary SENDCo to discuss what provision is necessary to best support your child. If you wish to directly discuss any SEND concerns you may have, please contact our SEND Team at [sendco@greatsankey.org](mailto:sendco@greatsankey.org)

We appreciate that you may have many questions at this stage and on our school website, <https://www.greatsankey.org/> it will provide the key information you will need, such as our school day, our curriculum, our uniform policy, our standards & expectations, the extra-curricular opportunities available, key staff to contact and much more. Can we also please encourage you to follow our social media feeds and join our Year 6 Transition 2023 Facebook group where you will receive regular updates from school and key links to information shared with parents.

- Facebook – GSHS Class of 2028 – a specific closed group for parents/carers of Y6 students starting in September
- Facebook – Great Sankey High School
- Twitter - @GreatSankeyHS

In the meantime, if you do have any queries or concerns surrounding your child's transition to GSHS which you wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact us via our Transition Team email at [transition@greatsankey.org](mailto:transition@greatsankey.org) or via telephone on 01925 724118.

Again, it is our great pleasure, on behalf of Mr Evans, Headteacher, and all GSHS staff, to welcome you and your child to the supportive, vibrant and inspiring learning community of Great Sankey High School. We look forward to meeting you and we are confident that we will engage in a successful journey together to ensure the brightest future for your child.

Yours sincerely,

*Katrina Masher*

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