



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

### **2022 Year 6 Transition to GSHS**

It is our great pleasure to officially welcome you to Great Sankey High School, where we are looking forward to working with you in supporting your child's education over the next seven years and encouraging them to **Dare for Greatness**. My name is Mrs Katrina Masher, Head of Key Stage 3, and, working closely with Mr Ian McNulty, Assistant Headteacher Pastoral, we are delighted to have been informed that your child has been allocated one of our places and will be joining us here as a Year 7 student from September 2022.

#### **What will the Transition process look like this year?**

We are planning our Year 7 Transition programme for students and parents in July. This will consist of **Taster days** in school and our **Year 7 welcome evening**, where students and parents will have the opportunity to meet with their form tutor and year team. The Transition team will be visiting most of the Primary schools to deliver a presentation about life in their new school and to alleviate any concerns or worries they may have. Our absolute priority is to help support you and your child around the transition period.

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**

Whilst all of this information from the Primary Schools is critical to us, it is imperative that we gather information from families too, to 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 '**2022 Transition Support**' section of Student Support and this will be available from **Monday 11th April**. We please ask that this be completed by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May** and completed as fully and accurately as possible, including full titles of names, to allow us to hold accurate and important information about your child.

We would also appreciate you and your child completing our online '**Transition 2022 Passport**', which we can share with your child's Head of Year and Form Tutor.



### **SEND provision at Great Sankey High School**

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 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, where you will receive regular updates from school and key links to information shared with parents: You can find us on 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 Shannon, 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*

Mrs Katrina Masher  
Head of Key Stage 3

Mr Ian McNulty  
Assistant Headteacher Pastoral