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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your family had a good break and are ready for the year ahead.

The new term has begun with a myriad of events and activities and I thought I would give you a flavour of what has been going on so far.

Following the Year 11 mock results day and subsequent parents evening, the students attended our first ever sixth form open morning for their Barrowhall College interviews. Intervention sessions to ensure coursework and revision is completed are now in full swing and the details of our annual Easter school will be issued in plenty of time during the next half term. Just prior to the Christmas break, it was wonderful to receive a certificate from GCSE Pod congratulating Great Sankey High School students on viewing the most revision clips in the UK.

The new pastoral team have settled in very well following the expansion of the House team. We have also appointed a new full time safe guarding administration officer and a dedicated attendance officer to work with pastoral leads.

I am pleased to announce that from Monday 27 January the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) will open 30 minutes earlier each day at 7:45am, we are also investigating the possibility of providing free toast and cereal before school for all students.

Our Drop Everything and Read project (DEAR) has had a successful start with students and teachers in Year 7 & 8 spending one lesson per week reading. With the publishing of our second knowledge organisers we are in the process of demonstrating to students how to complete their fortnightly 'Read, Cover, Write, Check' homeworks.

Year 9 option evening was well attended and the presentations from departments were well received.



Mr Masher is currently organising our new Scholars Project which will recognise and reward those students who demonstrate a continued commitment to our extra-curricular provision and this is due to be launched this term.

Finally, I have now had the opportunity to visit the new science block and while it is frustrating that they are not quite ready for use, once they do become available the facilities will be a significant asset to the school.

Yours faithfully

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

John Shannon

Headteacher