



Achieving Greatness Together

Great Sankey

High School

Prospectus

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Welcome from the Executive Principal

It is my pleasure to welcome you to **Great Sankey High School** – a vibrant, ambitious and inclusive school where we are proud of our students, our staff and the community we serve.

At the heart of our school are our **GREAT values: Growth, Respect, Excellence, Aspiration and Teamwork.**

These values shape our culture, our expectations and our commitment to ensuring every young person feels known, valued, supported and inspired to succeed.

Our ambition is simple: **every student deserves an excellent education and the opportunity to build an exceptional future.** This is reflected in our commitment to **Great People, Great Teaching and Great Futures.**

We combine an ambitious curriculum and high-quality teaching with strong relationships, high expectations and exceptional opportunities beyond the classroom. We want our students to achieve academically while developing the confidence, character, resilience and aspiration to make the most of every opportunity ahead.

Great Sankey is a school with a proud history and an exciting future. By working together with students, staff, families and our wider community, we will continue to build on our strengths and **Achieve Greatness Together.**

I warmly invite you to visit us, meet our students and staff, and experience the Great Sankey High School community for yourself.



Dan Whieldon
Executive Principal



Welcome from the Head of School

It is a privilege to welcome you to **Great Sankey High School**, a school where every young person is encouraged to aim high, embrace opportunity and play an active part in our community.

As Head of School, my focus is on ensuring that our vision is experienced by students every day. We want Great Sankey High School to be a place where young people feel they **belong**, where they are known and supported as individuals, and where they are challenged to become the very best version of themselves.

Our **GREAT values – Growth, Respect, Excellence, Aspiration and Teamwork** – can be seen throughout school life: in our classrooms, in the relationships between students and staff, and in the many opportunities our young people have to discover their talents and broaden their horizons.

We have high expectations because we believe in the potential of every student. Through **Great Teaching**, excellent pastoral care and a rich range of experiences beyond the classroom, we encourage our students to be curious, confident and resilient – developing both the knowledge and character they need for **Great Futures**.

What makes Great Sankey High School particularly special is its people. Our students bring energy, personality and ambition to our school, supported by dedicated staff and families who share our determination to see them thrive.

I hope this prospectus gives you a sense of what it means to be part of Great Sankey High School. I look forward to welcoming you into our school and sharing with you the community of which we are so proud.



Rachael Wardle
Head of School



Our Values & Ethos

Achieving Greatness Together

At Great Sankey High School, our vision is clear and ambitious: Achieving Greatness Together.

We are a safe, inclusive and ambitious community where excellent teaching and learning combined with outstanding pastoral care enable every student to grow, succeed and realise their potential. We celebrate diversity, encourage active learning and inspire young people to have the confidence and aspiration to shape their own futures.

At the heart of everything we do are our GREAT values. They define who we are, how we treat one another and the kind of young people we want our students to become.

Our GREAT Values

GROWTH

We embrace challenge, learn from our experiences and develop the confidence and resilience to keep moving forward.

RESPECT

We value ourselves, each other and our environment. We celebrate difference and ensure everyone feels welcomed, included and valued.

EXCELLENCE

We set high standards and strive to be the best we can be – in the classroom, across school and beyond.

ASPIRATION

We aim high, believe in what is possible and encourage every member of our community to have ambitious hopes for the future.

TEAMWORK

We support one another and recognise that by working together, contributing and sharing responsibility, we can achieve more.

Great People. Great Teaching. Great Futures.

Our values come to life every day through the choices we make, the relationships we build and the expectations we set.

Together, they create a community where everyone can belong, everyone can contribute and everyone has the opportunity to achieve greatness.



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Great Teaching Great Learning Great Futures

At Great Sankey High School, we believe that Great Teaching enables Great Futures.

Our ambitious, knowledge-rich curriculum is designed to inspire curiosity, build confidence and give every student the knowledge, skills and experiences they need to succeed – at school and far beyond it.

Building Knowledge. Raising Ambition.

From their very first lessons in Year 7, students are encouraged to think deeply, ask questions and embrace challenge.

In **English, Mathematics and Science**, learning builds purposefully on the foundations established at primary school, allowing students to move confidently into new and increasingly challenging ideas.

Across the wider curriculum, we carefully identify the essential knowledge students need to understand each subject and achieve success. Learning is deliberately connected, helping students see the bigger picture, understand the relevance of what they are studying and recognise where their knowledge could take them next.

What students learn today can open doors tomorrow.

A Curriculum for Everyone

We believe that every student is entitled to an ambitious education.

Our teachers know their students and are skilled at adapting their teaching so that everyone can succeed within the curriculum. At the same time, we set high expectations for all, providing the stretch and challenge that encourages every young person to achieve their very best.

Our aim is not simply to prepare students for their next examination. We want to equip them with the knowledge, confidence and ambition to make informed choices about their future – whether that takes them to our Sixth Form, college, an apprenticeship, university or the world of work.

Bringing Learning to Life

Great learning doesn't stop at the classroom door. External speakers, educational visits, enrichment opportunities and extracurricular clubs help students experience their subjects in new and exciting ways. These opportunities make learning memorable, encourage students to explore their interests and reveal how classroom knowledge connects with the wider world.

From **Key Stage 3 through to Key Stages 4 and 5**, our curriculum provides a journey that becomes increasingly challenging, rewarding and purposeful.

We teach for more than great results. We teach to create Great Futures.







..... Opportunities & Achievements

**Discover a passion. Try something new.
Take on a challenge. Achieve something extraordinary.**

At Great Sankey High School, education reaches far beyond the classroom. We want every student to discover what excites them, develop their skills and talents and enjoy experiences that build confidence, independence and ambition.

Something for Everyone

Our extensive Scholars Enrichment Programme opens the door to a huge variety of activities across the curriculum and beyond. From STEM and creative writing to sport, music, performing arts and academic workshops, there are opportunities for every student to explore their interests, develop new skills and discover talents they never knew they had.

Whether performing on stage, representing the school in sport, solving a scientific challenge or developing a new creative passion, we encourage every student to get involved and have a go.



Experiences to Remember

Some of the most powerful learning happens beyond the school gates.

We are committed to giving our students experiences that broaden their horizons and create lasting memories. Students can take on the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards from Year 9, participate in residential experiences and enjoy an exciting programme of educational visits.

Our students have travelled further afield too – experiencing destinations such as Paris and Iceland, taking part in a rugby tour to Australia, and even spending a month in Kenya with Camps International.

These experiences are about much more than travel. They encourage students to become curious, resilient and independent young people, ready to embrace the wider world.

Space to Learn, Create & Thrive

Students benefit from a range of specialised classrooms including our fully equipped science block, two sports halls and extensive outdoor sporting facilities, providing spaces where they can experiment, create, compete and flourish.

Celebrating Success

We celebrate achievement in all its forms – academic, creative, sporting and personal – encouraging every student to get involved, challenge themselves and experience the pride of thinking “**I can do this**”.



Supporting Every Student to Thrive

Every young person deserves to feel known, valued and supported. At Great Sankey High School, outstanding relationships between students, staff and families create the foundations for achievement, enjoyment and future success.

Working Together

We work closely with families, keeping you informed through progress evenings, reports and the MCAS communication tool. We value your feedback and believe working together helps every child thrive.

Known, Valued, Supported

Our calm, positive school environment helps students feel safe, confident and ready to learn. Every student has a Form Tutor, supported by dedicated pastoral and academic teams, with additional help available when needed. Whether your child has an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP), receives SEND support, or you simply have concerns about their learning or wellbeing, our experienced learning support team is here to help.

Wellbeing Matters

Students have access to dedicated counsellors, our school nurse, safeguarding specialists and pastoral staff, alongside external support where appropriate.

A Welcome for Everyone

We are an inclusive school, with dedicated support for students who may have English as an additional language.

From the first day of school to the moment they take their next steps beyond Great Sankey High School, our students know there are people beside them – encouraging them, challenging them and helping them become the very best they can be.





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At the Heart of Our Community

For 50 years, Great Sankey High School has been at the heart of its local community – a place where young people are welcomed, supported and inspired to thrive.

We are proud of the friendly and inclusive atmosphere that defines our school. From the moment students join us, they become part of a community where relationships matter, everyone is valued and there is a genuine sense of belonging.

Our students are our greatest ambassadors. They take pride in their school and understand the importance of making a positive contribution to the world around them. Whether raising money for charities, supporting local initiatives or giving their time to help others, their enthusiasm, generosity and community spirit are an inspiration.

Stronger together

Working alongside our Trust, Great Sankey High School benefits from fantastic opportunities to collaborate with our partner primary schools. Young people across the Trust come together through subject-specialist projects, peer mentoring, sporting tournaments, concerts and many other shared experiences.

Whatever school your child currently attends, they will receive the warmest of welcomes and an abundance of opportunities at Great Sankey High School.

Every prospective student is treated equally, and every young person has the opportunity to belong, contribute and succeed.





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Your Journey Starts Here

A new school. New friendships. New opportunities. And plenty of support every step of the way.

Moving from primary to secondary school is an exciting milestone. We also understand that joining a large high school – complete with a vibrant Sixth Form – can feel like a big step, even for the most confident young person.

That's why our transition programme begins long before the first day of Year 7. Our aim is simple: **for every child to arrive in September feeling confident, excited and ready to belong.**

Getting to Know Your Child

Once places are confirmed, our Transition Team works closely with primary schools and families to understand each child's strengths, interests and individual needs, ensuring the right support is in place from the start.

Discover Great Sankey High School

During our two Transition Days, students meet their Form Tutor and Year Team, make new friends, explore the school and experience life at Great Sankey before September.

Supporting Families

Our Year 7 Parents' Information Evening helps families learn more about school life, meet key staff and ask questions. Our Transition Team including our Learning Support department is also available to support families before their child joins us.

By September, Great Sankey won't simply be their new school – it will already be starting to feel like their school.



..... Your Seven-Year Journey

From Great Sankey to Barrow Hall College

At Great Sankey High School, we want every student to have the opportunity to continue their journey with us from Year 7 through to Year 13 – seven years of growing, achieving and preparing for a Great Future.

As the Sixth Form of Great Sankey High School, Barrow Hall College offers a natural next step after Key Stage 4: greater independence and new opportunities, while retaining the strong relationships, high expectations and sense of belonging that students experience throughout Great Sankey.

The Next Step, Not a New Start

At Barrow Hall College, students are known as individuals, not numbers. Small class sizes, specialist 16–18 teaching and a dedicated tutor team provide the academic challenge, guidance and personal support students need to thrive.

A broad range of academic and vocational courses is complemented by the High Achievers Programme, Aspiring Professionals Programme, Executive Shadowing, leadership opportunities and an extensive enrichment programme – helping students turn their interests and ambitions into meaningful next steps.

Students progress from Barrow Hall College to universities, apprenticeships and employment across the UK, equipped with the qualifications, confidence and experiences to pursue their chosen futures.

Seven Years. One Community. Great Futures.

From that first day in Year 7 to the final steps beyond Year 13, Great Sankey and Barrow Hall College offer a seven-year journey of opportunity, support and ambition – Achieving Greatness Together.





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