



Greater **results!** Greater **facilities!** Greater **opportunities!**



Welcome

Welcome to Great Sankey High School. Our ten core values are the cornerstone of our happy, purposeful and thriving school. Learning is the central focus of all that is done at school and we are committed to inspiring each and every child to discover and develop their individual talents.

We encourage our pupils to believe that with hard work, anything is possible, and we expect the highest standards of behaviour and academic effort – and the utmost dedication from our teaching and support staff. We are committed to giving pupils rewarding experiences in and beyond the classroom. We offer outstanding opportunities essential for personal, intellectual, emotional and social growth and provide a huge range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities.

Our aim is to ensure that our pupils aspire to achieve great things and fulfil their potential, so that when they leave school

they are not only prepared academically, but also inspired to make a proactive, positive and lasting contribution to society and live happy, healthy and fulfilled lives.

Great Sankey is a dynamic and constantly improving school, where all members of our community are encouraged to work in an atmosphere of mutual respect. All our pupils are supported by a strong pastoral system, which ensures they receive the individual care and attention they need. As a result, Great Sankey has an exceptional reputation for high educational standards and academic success.

The positive relationships we build with parents are a real strength of our school and the support they give us contributes significantly to our success.

This prospectus can only provide you with a brief introduction to the school. The best way to appreciate what Great Sankey High School has to offer is to see the school on a working day. If you wish to visit, please telephone for an appointment; you will be very welcome.

‘Great in name, greatest together’

John Shannon, Headteacher

Hi, my name is Ellie and as Head Girl it is my pleasure to welcome you to Great Sankey High School. I'm very excited to meet you all at our Open Evening and I can't wait to see those of you in Year 6 who will be joining us in September 2020.

Moving up to high school may seem scary at first, but my personal favourite part of our school is that we have a massive sense of community and I can promise you that you will make great friends and be having fun in no time. I also love our range of extra-curricular activities; I enjoy music and maths and both are amazing here. Whatever your interests are, there are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved.

I hope you all have a great time at our Open Evening and you see just how great Great Sankey High School really is!

Ellie, Head Girl

Hello and a very warm welcome to Great Sankey High School. My name is Harrison, Head Boy here at Great Sankey, and I would like to let you know you have nothing to worry about in making the transition from your Primary Schools to High School. In fact, you should be super excited!

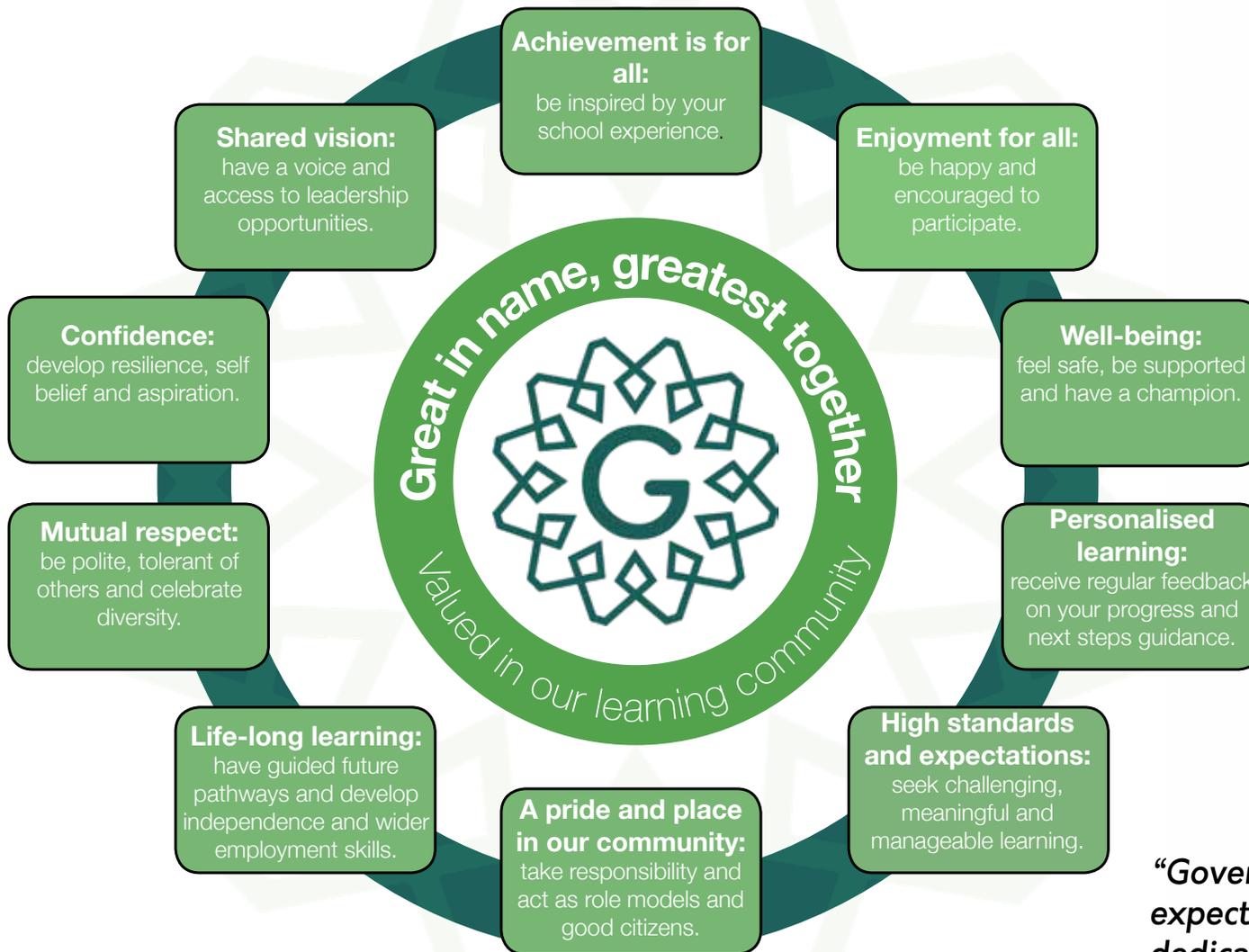
Great Sankey High School is a great place to learn and our staff are so supportive - there is no other school I would rather go to! The extra-curricular opportunities are amazing and although I am involved in after school boosters preparing for my GCSE's, I still enjoy being involved with our Rugby team.

I personally think this is the best school, after all it's in our name, GREAT Sankey, and our school is definitely one of a kind with a super supportive community. I am looking forward to meeting those of you who join us in Year 7 in September 2020 and I hope you enjoy our Open Evening.

Harrison, Head Boy



Vision and Values



The Great Sankey learning community provides excellent teaching and learning with passion and purpose, based on core values, devised with our students. Working in a warm and welcoming, yet purposeful environment, our mission is for everyone to be happy and inspired by their school experience. We empower students to harness their own creativity, to raise their aspirations and to achieve their potential. Working together, they gain confidence and pride to take their place in our community.

“Governors and leaders have high expectations of staff and pupils and are dedicated to providing the highest quality education for all pupils.”

OFSTED

Teaching and Learning

We want pupils to leave Great Sankey each day feeling proud of what they have learnt. They can only do this if they have also engaged with the purpose of what they have learnt. If pupils know why they are learning a particular topic or skill, or why they are going on a particular trip, then they are much more likely to engage and enjoy and thus, much more likely to remember what they've learnt and be able to use it again in the future.

Curriculum Vision

At Great Sankey High School the foundation for our curriculum is the schools 10 core values: Achievement is for all; Enjoyment for all; Well-being; Personalised learning; High standards and expectations; A pride and place in our community; Life long learning; Mutual respect; Confidence and a Shared vision. Our intention is to deliver a curriculum which:

- Creates an aspirational high achievement culture.
- Takes into account individual needs.
- Allows everyone to experience success.
- Raises standards of attainment for all (including our most vulnerable students).

“Pupils benefit from teaching which pushes them to achieve their best.” OFSTED



“Senior leaders and governors are committed to ensuring that pupils receive a first rate education.” OFSTED

Opportunities and Achievements

“Pupils are encouraged to join a wide range of extra-curricular activities.”
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Our students have great opportunities to discover and develop whatever their interests and talents may be. The enrichment programme here at Great Sankey High School is wide and covers all areas of the curriculum and beyond, we have a myriad of activities and clubs from Dungeons and Dragons to Coding Club and an array of sport, music, performing arts and academic work shops.

Every child has a supported opportunity to experience the Duke Of Edinburgh Bronze in Year 9 as well as a range of residential experiences and trips abroad.

Facilities across the all subject areas give students an environment in which they can thrive. The school is to shortly open brand new learning spaces and facilities on the recently expanded school site, a £2.5million science block, £1.6 million sports hall and a £500,000 catering block will ensure that the school continues to meet the needs of our students.

We are very proud of the achievements of our students both in and outside of school, and regularly celebrate and share their success with the wider school community.



“The number of pupils involved in the Duke Of Edinburgh’s Award is impressive. Leaders and staff are committed to inclusion and ensuring that all pupils benefit from high-quality extra-curricular provision.”
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Relationships and Support

“Pupils and teachers have positive relationships, underpinned by mutual respect.”
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We aim to inspire our students' future success, ensuring both achievement and enjoyment. It is therefore vital that an effective partnership between school and parents is maintained to ensure all students' success. Research has shown that parental involvement in their child's education can impact on their achievement by at least one grade. To support this partnership there are regular parent evenings, termly reports and parent voice sessions.

Excellent Relationships between staff and students are the foundation of our supportive school community. Ofsted highlighted this as a strength of the school.

To support students, we have a dedicated team of pastoral staff who work closely with each student as they progress through the school. Each child has a dedicated form tutor and head of house who are always available should the need arise. Where appropriate we have further staff dedicated to supporting students with more complex needs.

Our student council and school leadership body represent their fellow students and are a driver of school improvement. Students are supportive of each other and an ethos of mutual collaboration and respect runs throughout the school community.



“Strong systems are in place to support pupils who need guidance. Leaders' personalised approach to each pupil makes sure that individuals receive appropriate targeted help quickly.” OFSTED

Community

Great Sankey High School is at the heart of the local community, and the school prides itself on having a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Our students are the best ambassadors for the school and repeatedly mention community as one of their top priorities. The work done by students raising money for charities and in the local area is an inspiration to us all.

Students and parents make glowing remarks about their experience of Great Sankey High School, especially following transition in Year 7. We have an excellent local reputation and are a National Teaching School, responsible for training the next generation of teachers. The sense of community continues in our 6th form, Barrow Hall College, with many of our students choosing to further their studies with us.

Being a member of the Omega Multi Academy Trust enables fantastic collaborative opportunities between the high school and partner primary schools. Students from all schools benefit from projects such as subject specialist support, peer mentoring, sporting tournaments and concerts.

It is important to note that we treat all of our prospective students equally. No matter which primary school they have attended you can be assured your child will not be disadvantaged.

“Links with primary schools are strong and support the curriculum and the smooth transition of pupils into secondary school.”
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