



# Grange Academy Bulletin

1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

# Mr Adams

Congratulations to Mr Adams (pictured) who has completed a 56 mile sponsored cycle around the Isle of Arran. He has raised money for the charity Motor Neuron Disease, Scotland.

We're proud of you, Mr A!

#responsibility #ambition



# Modern Studies

National 5 and Higher Modern Studies pupils benefited last week from a visit by Tom Fox, Head of Corporate Affairs at the Scottish Prison Service.



# Welcome back, Andrew!

It was wonderful to welcome former pupil, Andrew Scanlon, back to Grange to speak with Mandarin pupils. He is currently studying Mandarin and Business at Oxford University.



# Speaking of Former Pupils...

Grange Academy is developing a reputation as a producer of writing talent! Congratulations to Liam MacIlvanney, Graeme Macrae Burnett and Zoe Strachan on their achievements. See Twitter for more details. #excellence #ambition



# Cross-country

Congratulations to all our runners at last week's cross-country. We won 1<sup>st</sup> place team prizes for S1 girls, S1 boys, S2 girls, S2 boys, S3 girls, S3 boys and Senior girls! Wow!  
#excellence #ambition



# Sectarianism and Diversity

Well done to the group of Senior Modern Studies pupils who met Jack McConnell last week and delivered a presentation about their time in Belfast.

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# Mentors in Violence Prevention

A group of seniors joined PC McKenna at the Grand Hall last week as part of their training.

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#resilience





# Enigma

There was a lot of excitement last week when Dr James Grime brought an Enigma machine into school.

Codebreaking! History!

Computing!

Mathematics!



# Assembly Hall

Astonishingly, S1 pupils continued to leave litter in the assembly hall every single day at intervals and lunchtimes despite several reminders. The consequence of this choice is that S1 have now lost the privilege of that space and must use The Street instead.

Starting today, all S4, S5 and S6 pupils should use the hall. All S1, S2 and S3 pupils should remain in The Street. #responsibility

# Mental Health First Aid Kits

This is a new initiative being introduced to East Ayrshire schools this year. Each school has been given resources to be used by pupils who are struggling with any kind of issue which may be having a negative effect on their mental health.

The resources (including books, movies, leaflets and more) are kept in the library, and each kit is personal to the pupil using it. You can go to the library and see Miss Cooper yourself or with your guidance teacher, and together you will go through the available resources and choose what you think will be of benefit to you.

If you are struggling with a certain issue, you can read stories about someone else going through the same thing or watch a movie about it. Sometimes you just need something to take your mind off what's bothering you, so you will also be able to borrow colouring and drawing supplies, stress balls, Lego kits and more.

If anyone feels like they would benefit from using a kit, or would just like some more information please see Miss Cooper in the library and she will be happy to help.

# School Nurse

The school nurse will resume her duties on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

Anyone wishing to speak with the nurse should make their way to the nurse's room along from the Guidance base at morning interval.

# Malawi

Any S5 pupils who would like to go on the Malawi trip must hand in their expressions of interest forms to Miss Clark in the Technical Department today (Monday). If you don't have it with you, you must speak to Miss Clark today.

Would those pupils who have signed up for the Malawi trip please attend a meeting this Wednesday at 1.25 in G175 in Technical.

# Dancing in London

West End shows, Pineapple Dance Studios, boat tour, shopping and lots more! If that sounds like your kind of trip, or you would like to know more about the 2019 Dance Trip, please come down to the Games Hall for a short meeting tomorrow (Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October) at interval time.

**Please note: there are only 30 spaces available and they will be issued on a first come, first served basis.**

# Rights Respecting Schools

There will be a meeting of the Rights Respecting schools group on Monday lunchtime in G148 with Mrs Jackson.

Pupils in this group have quite a bit of power to influence the Grange culture so join up and make your voice heard!



# Film Club

Come along to Miss Murtagh's room (Modern Languages) on a Thursday lunchtime to relax and watch a film.

Feel free to bring your lunch as long as you pay attention to litter.

Open to S1 & S2 pupils only.

First meeting will be Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September.





Art Club is running every Thursday after school!

(3:35pm-4:35pm, Miss Sharpe's classroom)

You can work on your own projects, catch up on homework or work on fun group activities such as fashion design, sculpture, jewellery making...the list is endless!

**If you are in S1 and attending Art Club you must bring written consent from your parent/guardian stating that you will be picked up from school or allowed to make your own way home.**

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# STEM Club

S1 and S2  
Monday Lunchtimes from 1<sup>st</sup>  
October  
S024  
Enter competitions!





Supporting integrated children's services in East Ayrshire

**FUN  
&  
FRIENDLY**

**S1 LUNCH CLUB**

**OPEN AREA AT COMMUNITY ROOM  
(outside Library)**

**EVERY TUESDAY 1.10 pm – 1.55 pm**  
Feel free to bring your lunch along

*Chill and Chat, Meet New Friends, Play Games, Art Activities.*

*Everyone Welcome*



**THE SCOTTISH  
ATTAINMENT  
CHALLENGE**

**If you need to get in touch, contact:-**  
Name: Lesley or Irene  
Grange Academy - Room F023

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COMMUNITIES

# Active Girls Day

Active Girls Day is on [Wednesday 3rd October](#).

All S1 -S3 girls will take part.

Period 2: S3 girls

Period 5: S2 girls

Period 6: S1 girls

Girls can wear PE kit to school on this day.



# GRANGE ACADEMY EQUALITIES COMMITTEE

If you have an interest in the schools community approach to equality and diversity among issues such as: race, gender, disability, religion and sexual orientation then please come along to attend the **Equalities Committee** meeting.

Meetings will take place every **Wednesday** from 1:20 – 1:55.

Feel free to bring your lunch!

**Miss Sharpe – Art Department**



**EQUAL PEOPLE    EQUAL RIGHTS    EQUAL LOVE**





Have a great week, Grange!

Work hard.

Be kind.