



**GRANGE ACADEMY BULLETIN**

22.10.18

## LANGUAGES IN ACTION

Pupils had a great time at Prestwick Airport last week taking part in a business brunch organised by SCILT, Scotland's National Centre for Languages.

Never forget how many extra career pathways open up to you if you are fluent in an additional language.

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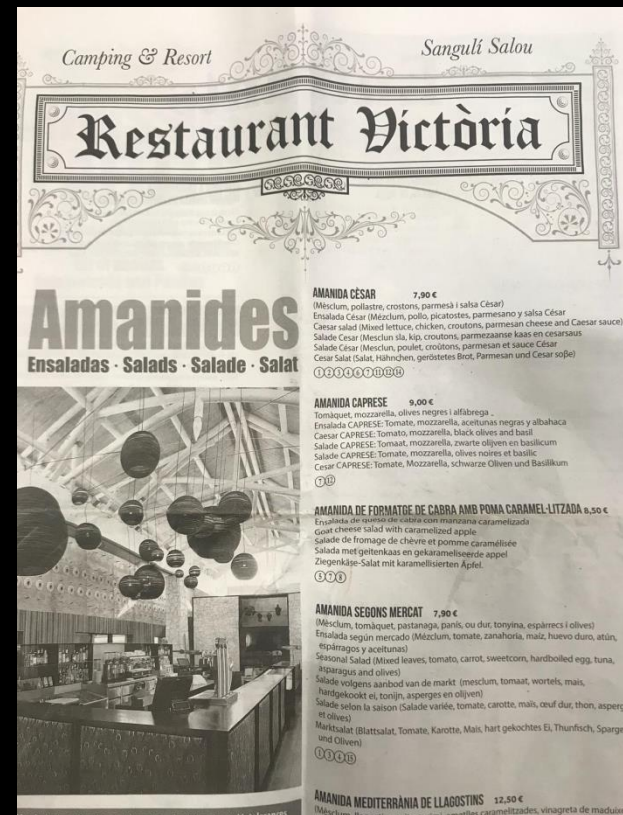
# LANGUAGES IN ACTION

...And becoming fluent is all about practice, practice, practice.

Jack Robertson, S2, brought this menu back from Salou, having had a go at practising the Spanish he had learned in class with a Spanish waiter in Spain.

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## BIOINFORMATICS

Thank you to Dr Daniel Barker of Edinburgh University and his team who delivered a series of excellent workshops on Bioinformatics (the power of computers in Biology) to our Higher Biology students this week. Pupils had the opportunity to use ICT to identify mutations, match DNA sequences across genomes and reflect on the evolution of an enzyme. This was a brilliant end to our unit 1.



**CHELSEA**

Congratulations to Chelsea Miller who has earned a place in the School of Football programme!

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BEN

Congratulations to Ben Stitt of 1B1. He has been chosen to represent Scotland at the world kickboxing championships in Athens at the end of October!

What an achievement!

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## POLICE WORK EXPERIENCE

On the week of 1st – 5th October 2018 four S4 pupils attended Police Work Experience. They went through a tough application and interview process and it was a very difficult decision on who was successful. They spent the week visiting different departments within Police Scotland and partner agencies seeing what it is like to be part of the Police Scotland. We visited the Police Scotland College – Jackton, Kilmarnock Sheriff Court, Mounted Unit, Dog Unit and the Dive and Marine unit brought their boat along to the school where they provided an input on what they do. Kate, Amy, Gordon and Cody had a great week and I look forward to next year!

PC McKenna



## ANTI-SECTARIANISM

Jamie, Kailin and Erin were interviewed last week about their Belfast anti-sectarianism project. This will air on Freeview Channel 8 in the very near future.

We're proud of you!

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## SQA STAR

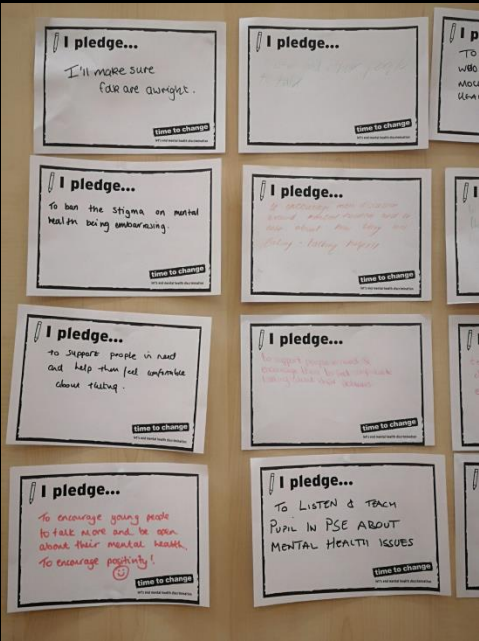
Congratulations to Cameron Raeside, last year's Head Boy, who is a finalist in the 2018 SQA Star Awards.



# WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Thanks to everyone who popped into the event last week.

#TalkAboutIt



## EQUALITIES COMMITTEE

This is Grange Academy's fantastic  
Equalities Committee.

Thank you for your continuing work  
around the school and for your  
support of the World Mental Health  
Day event.

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## SKI CHAMPS

Huge congratulations to Heidi, Jasmine and Millie on their success in the recent ski competition.

They have now qualified for the Scottish finals at Braehead in November.

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## ACTIVE GIRLS DAY

Well done to all who participated in  
Active Girls Day.

Special thanks to the S6 girls who  
helped to lead this. S1-3 girls at  
Grange are lucky to have such  
excellent senior role models.

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## SPORTS LEADERS

Excellent leadership skills were on display from our Sports Leaders last week as they worked with P7 pupils from Gargieston Primary.

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## BILLY

Thank you to former pupil, Billy Gilmour, for popping in to see our S1 SFA Performance School team.

His work ethic and excellent manners make him a fantastic role model.

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## YOUNG CARERS

Some of our pupils here at Grange are responsible for caring for adults and siblings in the home. They are some of this school's quietest heroes.

Many of them know Eilidh from East Ayrshire Young Carers Centre who left last week to take up a new post.

A big thank you to Eilidh for all her support of Grange's young carers over the years.





## MATHS CONFERENCE

You should have seen these pupils in full flow last week at the Scottish Mathematical Association Conference for Maths teachers at Stirling University.

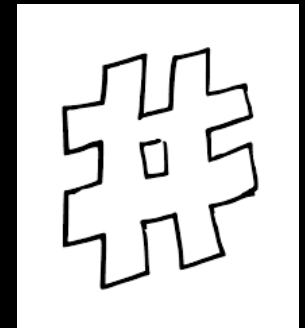
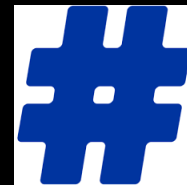
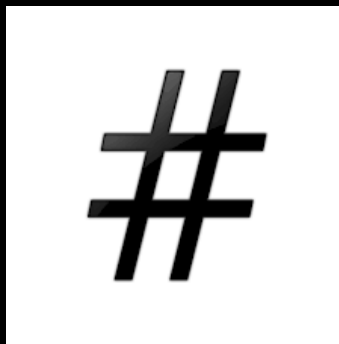
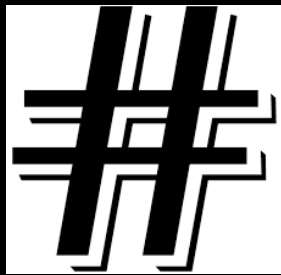
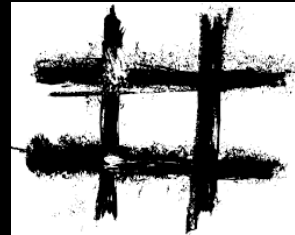
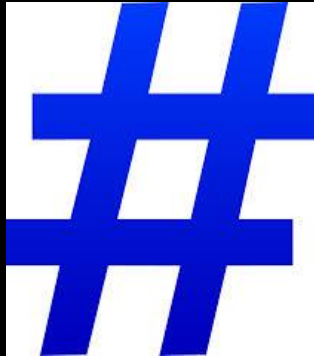
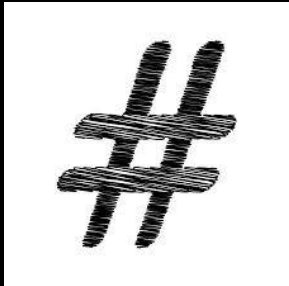
Their presentations were outstanding!

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A SLIDE ESPECIALLY FOR MR  
MCPHERSON'S CLASS



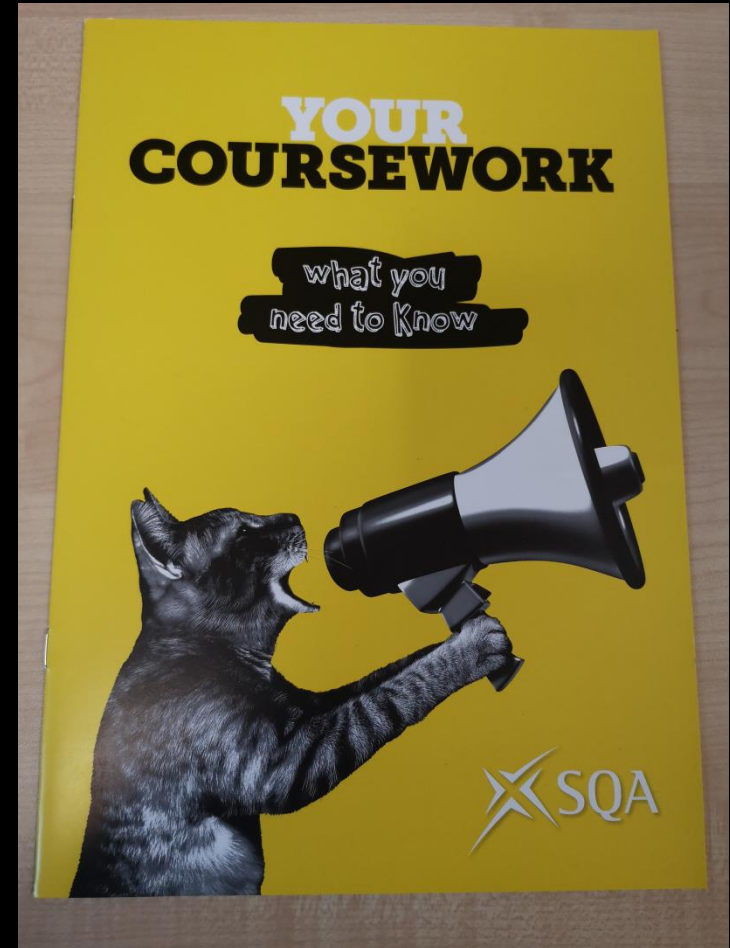
## SQA: YOUR COURSEWORK

All Senior pupils received this SQA booklet the week before the holidays.

It explains the SQA's rules about submitting assignments, AVUs, folios etc. as part of your qualification.

Understanding your responsibilities as an SQA candidate is important. Cheating and plagiarism always get caught.

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## YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION

*Grange Academy Young Musician Competition.*

*This will take place on Wednesday 7th November at 19:00. Participation is invited from pupils who play an orchestral instrument (string, woodwind, brass, percussion) or sing and are roughly at Associated Board Grade 4/Higher standard. The winners of each category will go forward to represent Grange Academy in the Kilmarnock District round which will take place at the Laigh Kirk on Wednesday 21st November at 19:00.*

*The sign up sheet for the competition is on the noticeboard in the Music Department corridor.*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Would all S4 and S5 pupils who have been given a login to the WorkIt site please select a work placement or complete the self found request by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

If you have any questions, please see Miss McBride on FO67

## MALAWI

Could all pupils attending the Malawi trip please meet in G175 at 1:30 this  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

## FOOTBALL

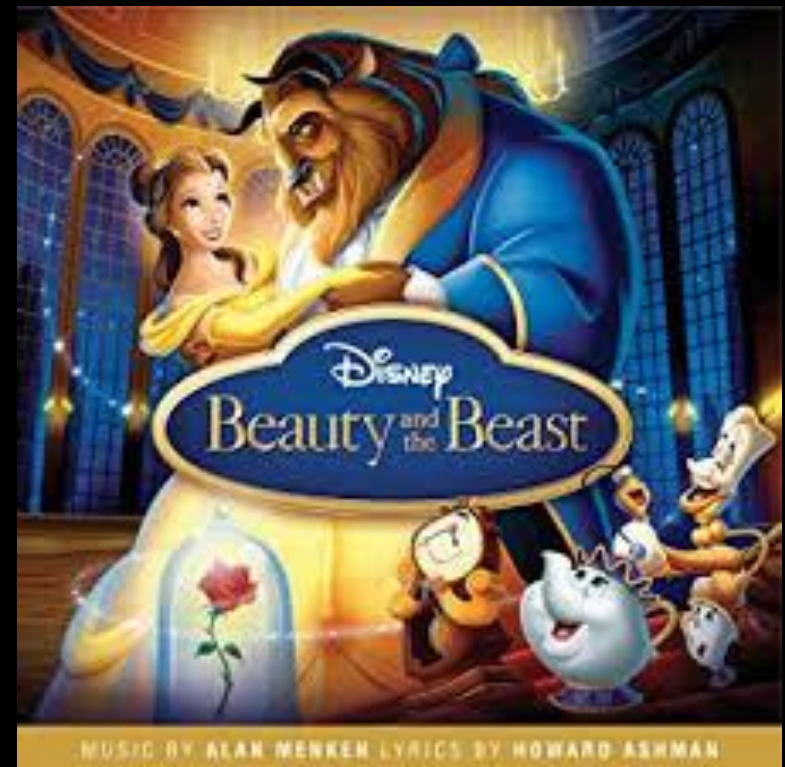
The S1 and S2 football team will be playing Loudoun Academy on Tuesday 23rd October. It's a 4pm kick off.

Best of luck!

## SCHOOL SHOW

The school show has been cast and rehearsals start on Thursday the 25th of October in the Music Department, 3.35pm-5pm.

There is still time to get involved in the show. If you would like to be in the chorus/ensemble all you need to do is sign up to the list on the noticeboard outside Miss Gemmell's room and attend rehearsals on the Thursday. Everyone is welcome!





**S6 PROM 2019**

**Prom will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

At

**Dumfries Arms, Cumnock**

Tickets will be £50 to attend. You do not need to pay anything yet.

If you have any questions, see Miss Clark in the Technical Department

## S6 PROM

Attendance at Prom requires you to have a 95% attendance at school. Please note that in previous years pupils have not been allowed to attend as their attendance dipped below this figure.

If you attend either college or another school we are provided with that information and one of the Office staff update that on our records. Your Guidance teacher can give you an update on your current percentage attendance. If you are absent from school it is vital that your parent/carer phones us to make us aware of that so that the correct code is entered.

## FILM CLUB

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

Feel free to bring your lunch.

Open to S1 & S2 pupils only, please.

First meeting will be **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October**



AND FINALLY...

Have a great week, Grange.

Work hard.

Be kind.