

## We also...

Grange Academy offers a huge range of lunchtime and after school activities run by dedicated staff. This includes many interests such as; sports, dance, cheerleading, music, choirs, a library club and many more. Many subjects also offer supported study classes to pupils who are nearing exams. All pupils are welcome to attend any of these clubs/ classes.

The HI department also:

- Run lunchtime signing classes for S1 and S2 pupils.
- Work with Park School Duke of Edinburgh to learn BSL.
- Facilitate visits from deaf organisations for workshops to discuss relevant issues with deaf learners.
- Invite speakers such as Police Scotland to work with deaf young people.
- Help prepare deaf young people for college interviews.
- Arrange an interpreter to provide signing at school shows/ presentations.

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# GRANGE ACADEMY HEARING IMPAIRED DEPARTMENT

Information for Pupils, Parents and  
Carers, and Schools



# Who we are

## Hearing Impaired Staff

Mrs K Clannachan

*Principal Teacher*

Mrs F Grant *Teacher*

Miss L Nicholls *Teacher*

Mrs E Smith *Teacher*

Mrs L Tait *BSL Assistant*

## Our Department

Grange Academy Hearing Impaired Department (HI) works with deaf young people with varying degrees of hearing loss. Some pupils use BSL, others use a combination of oral and signed support and some pupils are oral. All pupils use hearing aids or cochlear implants to help them access/ boost sound. Grange Academy provides sound Field systems in most teaching rooms and we also use Roger Pens and FM Systems to help some of our pupils access lessons more fully.

The department is located in the heart of the school and provides a friendly, nurturing environment for our pupils to support their learning and their social and emotional wellbeing.

# What we do

Pupils are supported in class by HI staff in subjects across the school. The amount of support varies depending on the needs of individual pupils. Classroom support can be in the form of communication support, notetaking, differentiating materials and assessments etc.

Pupils are also supported in the HI department where staff work with pupils to consolidate new subject knowledge, new subject specific vocabulary and new concepts.

Support provided is flexible and geared towards meeting the needs of individual pupils as they move up the school. We are very proud of the attainment and achievements of our pupils leading to positive destinations when they leave Grange.

## Extra Curricular Activities

As well as supporting pupils across the school, Grange Academy Hearing Impaired Department offers pupils the opportunity to meet with deaf peers from other schools at various activities which has included the Easter/ Christmas Services at Deaf Connections, signed pantomimes at Christmas time (*usually with an opportunity to go Christmas shopping*) and taking part in the annual WSDCS Deaf Football Tournament, in June. We also regularly provide pupils with information about other important events taking place across Scotland to ensure they can maintain relationships with their deaf peers should they wish to do so.

Pupils are also encouraged and supported to take a full and active part in the wider aspects of school life e.g. after school activities, school events and trips, becoming prefects etc.