

Grange Academy Bulletin

14th September 2020

Mrs McGregor

We wish a warm goodbye to Mrs McGregor who, after 21 years at Grange, is moving to the highlands to work as an outdoor educator and advocate. We thank her for all her work in Drama and for her outstanding leadership of Duke of Edinburgh.



Mr Ramsay

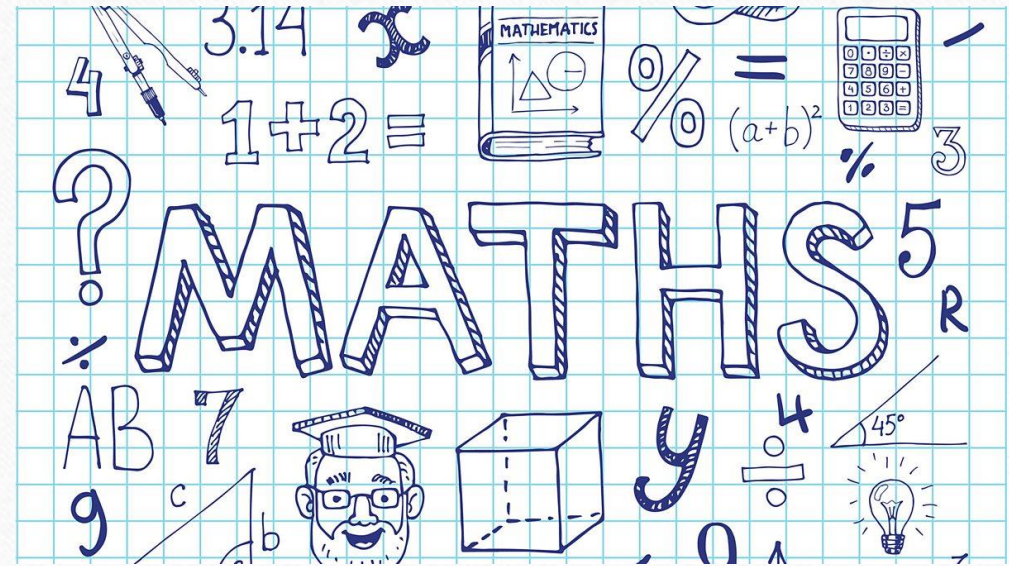
Congratulations to Mr Ramsay who has been awarded the rank of Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE) following his recent submission. (Teachers study too!)

Mr Ramsay has also just been appointed Depute Principal Assessor for National 5 Music by SQA.



Well done

Congratulations to everyone who received a positive phone call home last week in recognition of the quality of their Maths work during lockdown.



Join in with our decision-making!

In PSE this week, your teacher will be leading you through a discussion of our plans for 20-21. It's so important that you help the teachers to make decisions about what our priorities should be as a school. Your parents and carers are also having their say via the survey on Twitter, the App and the school website. Join in!



STEM Homework Club

Scott Campbell, S6, is running a lunchtime club for any S4-6 pupils who are studying Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths. You can bring your homework along for a quiet place to complete it. If you are stuck on anything, Scott will be able to help.

The club will be held during S4-6 lunchtime on a Tuesday and Thursday.

Come along to S009 (Science).

Starts this week!

Face Coverings

On the whole, you have been showing a wonderful sense of responsibility regarding face coverings in school. Thank you for that.

However, a proportion of you are still playing the game of putting it on only when prompted or only for as long as it takes for a teacher to turn away. Folks, that won't help us get rid of Covid. Your mask protects other people from disease. A reminder: face coverings should be worn in the corridors, on the stairs, in The Street and in the Assembly Hall (once you've finished eating.)

Swearing in P.E.

We do understand that when you are mid-game, excitement and competitiveness is a good thing. However, the PE teachers have reported a real problem with bad language during S4-6 P.E. lessons. Quite often, it is from pupils who would never in a million years swear in a Maths or Technical or Science classroom! Please take care. We need appropriate language in all areas of the school please. Thank you.

Behaviour in the Community

Sadly, Mr Johnston has been receiving multiple complaints from members of the public about the behaviour of Grange pupils at intervals and lunchtimes. The complaints are about pupils not wearing face coverings in shops; dropping litter on the way back from shops; swearing; and some examples of rowdy group behaviour.

This is embarrassing for your families and the school. We don't want members of the public to be ashamed of you. We want them to see your brilliant qualities. Show our neighbours who you really are. The adults who know you well see the side of you that's kind, smart and responsible. Don't make the Kilmarnock public think the opposite.

Message from Rebecca, our Careers Advisor

There are some virtual university and college open days coming up. If you're interested, you can find out more on the My World of Work website.

(Some of the dates are quite soon.)

September Break

A quick reminder: school is closed on Thursday, Friday and Monday.

Have a great week, Grange.

Work hard.

Be kind.