



Grange Academy Bulletin

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Remembrance Day 2020



We held a two minute silence on Wednesday to remember those who have lost their lives – civilian and military – through war and conflict.

We thought about wars past and present.



In History and English classes, some pupils were reading war poetry and learning about the symbolism of the poppy.

Modern Studies

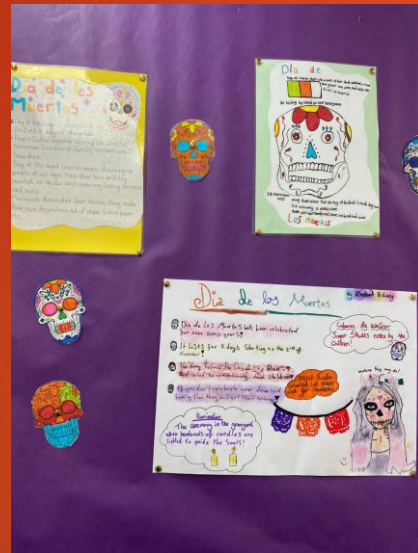
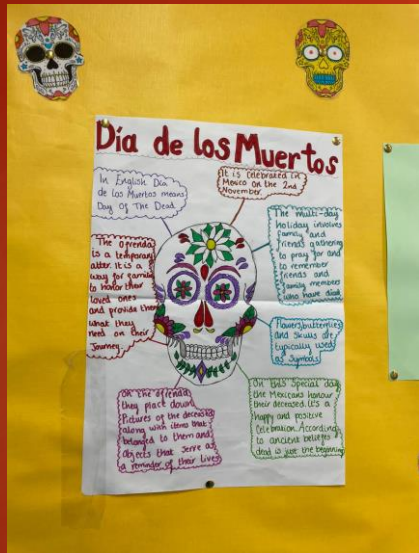


S1 pupils were learning about politics last week. They had a famous visitor helping them with their mock elections!

She even participated in the Social Subjects Department's TikTok in aid of Children in Need.

#MillionsOfSelfies

Spanish



In Spanish last week, S2 pupils were learning about the Mexican festival 'Día de los Muertos'.

Children in Need 2020

Well done to our brilliant S6s who led Children In Need this year. They had so many safety restrictions on them which made lots of the usual activities impossible this year, and yet they led with flair and fun.

We will announce the total money raised as soon as we have it.

Thanks and well done to everyone who dressed up or donated!



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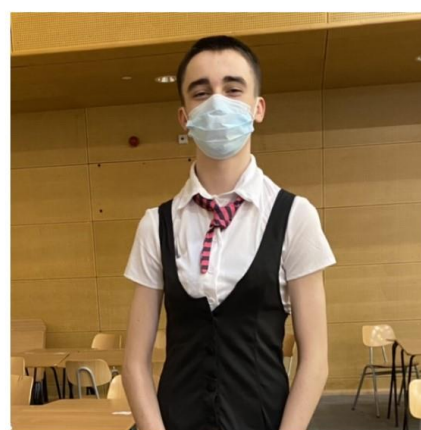
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Thank you to all the teachers who were brave enough to say yes to the requests of S6s to do a TikTok for a good cause!



Keeping up Standards

Your teachers are massively sympathetic to how weird things feel for you at the moment because of Covid. Some of the familiar routines have changed; many of the usual outlets for your energy are unavailable (such as clubs and travel); you are restricted in your social lives by household bubbles; masks are super-annoying; social-distancing is hard to remember at all times; exams are cancelled.

We get it. We care. We've been making lots of allowances as a result.

However, there have been some recurring lapses in the standard of behaviour in school that it's time for us to talk about before they become too normalised.

Keeping up Standards

Swearing

Folks, it's not normal or ok to let a member of staff hear you swearing. Start becoming aware of when you're swearing in conversation which is within earshot of teachers or Annanhill pupils. Swearing in itself doesn't make you a bad person, it's just that you must have a filter about when it's appropriate and when it's not. Take care who's hearing you.

Swearing in front of a teacher is not ok; swearing at a teacher there is zero excuse for, regardless of how annoyed you are.

Keeping up Standards

Wandering

You are learning nothing if you are wandering about during lesson time. Expect your teachers to say no if you ask out of class without a note from the teacher you are going to see (Guidance/Depute/office/Time Out pass).

The Street, the toilets, the Assembly Hall, the stairwells and the corridors are not hang-out spaces during lesson time. Expect to spend an interval or lunchtime under the supervision of your House Head if you are repeatedly caught wandering without permission. This on-campus truancy needs to stop.

If you have no medical pass – yet have been asking out to the toilet every period – that is about you being “at it”, not you needing the toilet. Those of you pre-arranging with your friends when you’ll all ask out to the toilet at a particular time: don’t argue with your class teachers when instead of saying yes, they start asking you to wait until the lesson is over.

Keeping up Standards

Arguing against or ignoring instructions.

If a teacher gives you an instruction, please follow it. This is not because teachers are trying to control your life or show you that they're the boss; it's because there is a good reason for the instruction. For example, the instruction will: help you to learn something; keep you safe; keep the class organised; control crowding; speed up the pace of the lesson; keep the school tidy; help someone calm down – loads of good reasons, every day.

This isn't a school where teachers disrespect, are unkind to or try to pull rank on pupils; staff are respectful and should be able to expect respect in return.

Keeping up Standards

Face coverings

One of the instructions you must not argue against or ignore is the one about wearing face coverings in social areas unless you're eating.

If you are exempt from wearing a face covering, be very mindful of the space you are putting between yourself and others in The Street and the Assembly Hall.

Keeping up Standards

Good manners

Take care with your tone. Talk to each other - and to staff - in a way that is kind and calm. Use “please” and “thank you” as an ordinary part of all your conversations.

Have a great week, Grange.

Always remember, whatever else is going on, the Grange Way is that we will all...

