

# Grange Academy Bulletin

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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021

# Welcome

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Welcome back to school!

Some of you are buzzing. Some of you feel weirdly flat. Some of you don't want to be here. Each of these is a perfectly normal reaction to the first day of school. Everything's going to be fine!

You only have two jobs to do today:

1. Be nice to each other.
2. Work hard.



# New S1

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Do you remember your first week of secondary school?

We have the largest S1 group in recent Grange history joining us today and it might be quite a daunting moment for many of them.

Please make sure that you go out of your way to be smiling, friendly and helpful. Be aware of anyone who looks lost or alone and choose to be that wonderful older kid who goes up to them with a smile and a helping hand. A tiny gesture from you just now could massively improve their first impressions of secondary school and set them up to feel comfortable and optimistic.

# High Standards of Conduct:

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The atmosphere of our school will be calm, friendly, and organised. You will help to create this by enacting the basic standard of behaviour expected at Grange Academy:

- Arrive on time to lessons.
- No corridor wandering without a note from your teacher.
- Phones and earphones out of sight during lessons.
- Pleases and thank yous.
- No littering.
- Uniform.



# Health and Safety

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At the moment, very little has changed in terms of the rules that Scotland's secondary schools are expected to follow regarding Covid. As soon as this changes, we'll let you know. Please take personal responsibility for:

Face Masks



Social Distancing



Sanitising



One Way System



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It's easy to forget, but please do your very best to remember to maintain your distance from members of staff.



# Uniform

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It is now an appropriate time to return to the high standard of uniform we had before Covid.

Tie on. Hoods down. Caps off.

PE changing rooms are back in full use so please arrive at - and leave - the PE Department in full uniform.

If, for financial reasons, you are unable to wear full uniform, please speak with your Guidance teacher. We have a stock of brand new uniform items for those who are stuck.

Thank you.



# S6 Volunteers

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For those of you who have chosen Volunteering in one of your columns, remember that your attendance to all periods – and what you do in those periods – is being carefully monitored.

- Every Friday at interval, take your diary to The Street to be signed by the Depute Head who is your Volunteering Supervisor.
- You have been added to a Teams group called 'Volunteers'. All information is there, and it is a place to ask for support.

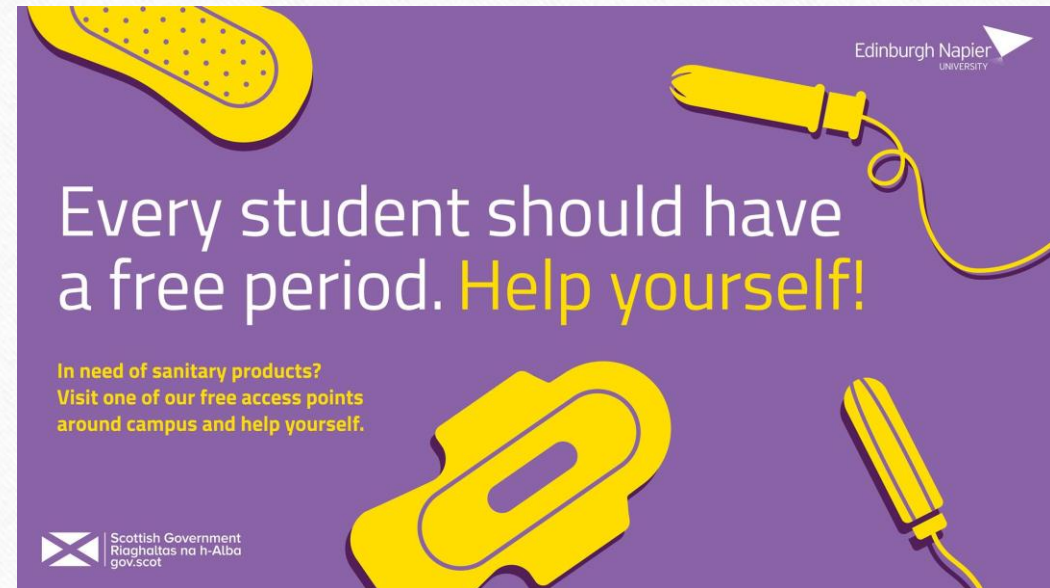


# Free Sanitary Products

A quick reminder: you are entitled to period products at no cost.

They are stored in the small room just along from the Guidance office.

There is no need to ask for permission: just pop in and take what you need.



# EMA (Educational Maintenance Allowance)

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If you received EMA last session, it is not automatically renewed: you will need to renew it. All information about how to apply for EMA is on the school app. You can see a reminder by clicking on the 'Messages' tab and scrolling down to 26<sup>th</sup> July.

If your attendance has been perfect, there is no need to check in with your House Head. However, your parent/carer will receive a text on Fridays if there is likely to be a non-payment the following week. If you receive this, please take a letter to your House Head by Tuesday interval at the latest. Respectfully, a parental phone call cannot be accepted in place of a letter.



# S4-6 College Courses

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School-College courses will start next week. Please check your e-mail (the one you applied with) for further updates.

The library will be available, if required, this afternoon (periods 6 and 7) for private study.



# Opportunities in P.E.

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As part of their new extra-curricular programme, the PE Department is looking to recruit pupils for the following positions: **Grange Academy Sports Committee** member (S1-S6) and **Sports Coach** (S4-S6 only)

The main duties of a **Sports Committee member**:

- attending committee meetings;
- taking part in discussions regarding PE courses and extra-curricular programme;
- assisting staff in the delivery of extra-curricular activities;
- planning and delivering whole-school events.



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The main duties of a **Sports Coach** *could* include:

- attending lunchtime or after-school clubs.
- assisting with set-up of equipment for lunchtime and after-school clubs.
- assisting staff with the delivery of lunchtime and after-school clubs.
- leading sessions within lunchtime and after-school clubs.
- providing expertise in a certain sport.

**Application forms can be collected from Mr Baird in PE.**

Have a great first week back, Grange!

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It's going to be a good year.

