Grange Academy Bulletin

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BAE Systems Work Experience

Huge congratulations to Aidan McQuisten, Alfie Stewart, Ben Stitt, Jackson Cuthbert, Molly Ashraf, and Xander Fleming for their success in the BAE Systems Virtual Work Experience Programme.

Industrial Cadets is a widely recognised skills-based quality framework accreditation enabling young people to gain industry-led recognition awards.



S2 English

Ms. Kane's S3 English learners have been studying literary terminology. How many of these do you know?





















S1 Science

Ms. Baird's S1 scientists have been flame testing. Look at the colours! Green fire!

(Copper chloride.)











S3 Science











Mrs. Marshall's S3 scientists have been outside practising their sampling techniques using pitfall traps.

Even More Science Sweeties!

Here are some DNAlicious DNA molecules that Ms. Baird's National 5 scientists have been making this week.





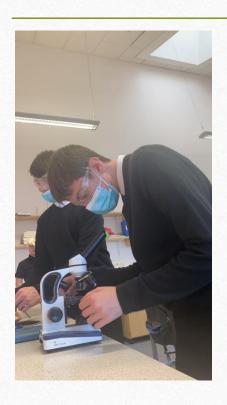








National 5 Environmental Science



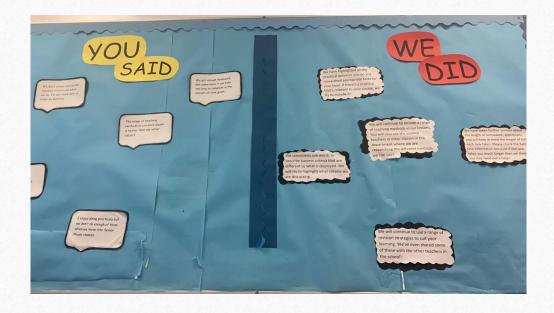


Ms. Hagan's
National 5
Environmental
Scientists were
separating cooper
oxide last week.



Pupil Views

The Science Department recently carried out pupil surveys and focus groups. If you have a look at the corridor display you'll see the most commonly-held views, and how they've been addressed. Thank you to the S6 Volunteering pupils who set up the display.



Modern Studies

Over the past week, pupils in Modern Studies lessons have been learning about the current crisis in Afghanistan.

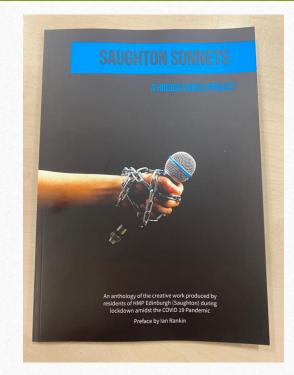
There have been some clever, compassionate, and thought-provoking class discussions.



Advanced Higher Modern Studies

Advanced Higher Modern Studies pupils are learning about the justice system this term.

Many thanks to @FirstTimeInside for sending us free copies of 'Saughton Sonnets'.



Thank you

We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the senior pupils who took a role in guiding our new S1s around the campus last week. The unanimous feedback of the S1s, and lots of teachers, was that you were kind, reassuring and organised.

Well done.



Foodbank

Thank you so much to everyone who brought in items for the foodbank before the end of term. The foodbank staff were delighted with our delivery and wished to pass on their thanks.

We'd love to deliver another donation just before the October holidays. If you can manage, please take items to Irene White (Home Link Worker) whose office is just along from the Guidance Base. Thanks.



Pupil Views: School Improvement Plan

Every lunchtime this week, Miss MacKinnon will be in The Street looking for your views about this year's School Improvement Plan.

Your voice matters! Come and see what's on the draft plan. You're allowed add things in, take things out and ask questions.

It's YOUR school – so it has to be YOUR plan. Join in!



Opportunities in P.E.

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.

Opportunities in P.E.

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.

Thank you

In last week's bulletin we asked that S6 pupils who have 'Study Pathway' or 'Supporting Attainment' or 'Volunteering' on their timetable please make sure that they are in the allocated rooms doing the allocated tasks.

You responded responsibly and the improvement this week has been very noticeable. Thank you and well done!



Litter in the Community

The Head Teacher has once again received complaints from members of the community about Grange pupils littering at lunchtime. We are being particularly dirty on the walk back from Bonnyton Road, SPAR on Munroe Avenue, Morrisons, and the corner shop on West Woodstock Street.

It is no-one else's job but your own to dispose of the waste that you personally create. Try not to accidentally give people the impression that you personally are a dirty or a lazy person. Hold onto your litter until you pass a bin — even if that means carrying it in your hand all the way back to the Beech Avenue and school bins. That is correct and normal behaviour. We MUST sort this out. Our neighbours have a right to a clean community to live in. Thank you.

B.S.L Sign of the Week

This week's sign was chosen by Rachel Heneghan (S6). In British Sign Language, this is the sign for "school".

You would sign this with the palm of your hand facing your face and wave it right and left twice.



Have a Great Week, Grange!

Work hard.

Be kind.

Pay attention to your littering in the local community.