

Grange Academy Weekly Bulletin

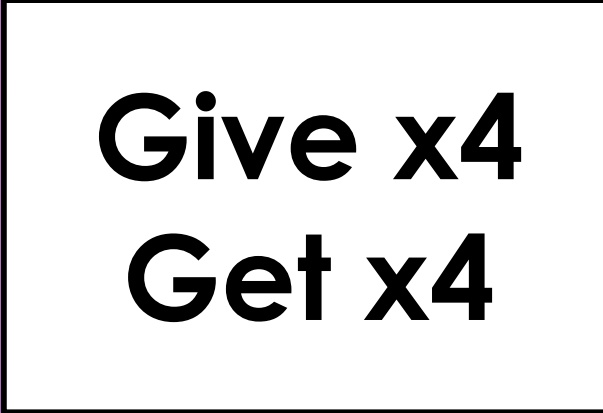
11th September 2023



Weekly Puzzle

Let's get our brains warmed up with a quick riddle. Can you solve it?

What well-known phrase is represented by the graphic below?



Give x4
Get x4

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House Captains

We are now in the process of appointing S1 - S4 House Captains. Pupils can scan the QR code to apply for this role.

The closing date is the **15th of September 2023**

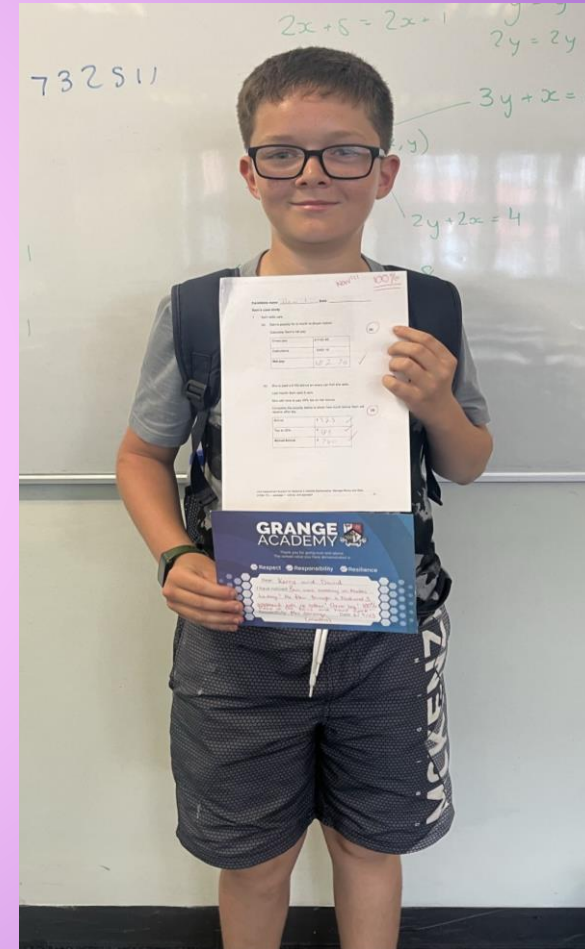
S1-S4 House Captain Application
Form



Ben Lucchesi

Ben (2H2) has been making excellent progress in Maths, and passed his most recent assessment with 100%.

What an achievement Ben!



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S1 Parents Information Evening

An event for parents of our new S1 pupils to come and meet the Science department.

Parents will be able to meet staff, ask questions about courses and pathways, see pupil work, and get hands on with some of the exciting activities and experiments we offer the pupils in Science!

The event will run **this Thursday** (14th September) from 6pm - 8pm in the Science Department. Pupils are welcome to attend with parents!



Grange Science

S1 PARENTS INFORMATION
EVENING

14/9/2023
6-8PM

Course Info • Study Skills • Demonstrations • Q&A

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Suzannah Curran

Suzannah (4G2) competed at the North Ayrshire Age Development Meet on Saturday 2nd September.

She swam in the 400m freestyle, 200m backcrawl and 100m backcrawl, and **won gold** in all three!

Congratulations Suzannah!



Yearbook Committee



S6 Yearbook Committee!

We will be holding a second Yearbook Committee meeting on **Wednesday 13th Sept** (this Wednesday) at lunchtime in S036. Grab your lunch and bring it along at 1.20pm.

Anyone wishing to use yearbook for their Leadership project must come along to these meetings.

Senior Modern Languages Ambassadors



Here are just some of our senior Modern Languages Ambassadors who will be working to promote languages and support junior pupils over the coming session.

Their enthusiasm, sense of responsibility and cooperation has been absolutely fabulous!



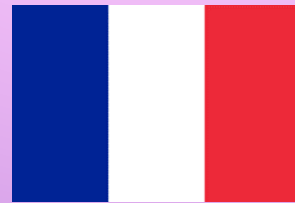
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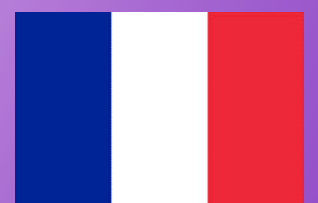
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A Message from our Financial Inclusion Officer

These slides contain important financial information. If you need any advice, speak to Julie in the Guidance office.

Child Benefit when a pupil reaches age 16

Child Benefit payments stop on 31 August on or after a child's 16th birthday if they leave education or training.

However, it continues if you stay in education/training, but you must tell the Child Benefit Office.

For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/child-benefit-16-19>

Or scan here:



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Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) gives financial support to eligible 16-19 year olds who want to continue learning.

EMA is a weekly payment of £30 for students who are planning to continue in post-compulsory education from August 2023.

Payments are made directly into your bank account.

If your date of birth falls between **1 March 2004 and 30 September 2007**, you may be eligible for EMA from the start of the academic year 2023/24.

Scan here for more info:



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Young Carers

A young carer is someone who looks after a person who has physical and/or mental health challenges.

Young Carer Grant

This is a payment for Young Carers in Scotland aged 16, 17, or 18, who care for people who are in receipt of a qualifying disability benefit.

Young Carer Grant is a yearly payment, currently £359.65

For further information and how to apply go to:

<https://www.mygov.scot/young-carer-grant>

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Young Scot -Young Carer Package aged 11-18 years of age

These are treats including vouchers for Netflix, Amazon, Spotify and lots more. The change each week and this means that there is always something new to claim.

See link below for further information:

<https://young.scot/get-informed/national/young-carers-package>

Carers Allowance and Carers Allowance Supplement

If you care for someone at least 35 hours a week, who gets a qualifying disability benefit, you could get £76.75 a week.

For those who are receiving Carer's Allowance, there is an automatic extra payment from Social Security Scotland in June and December of £270.50

Scan here for further information:



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Grange Girls Rugby Festival



S1 + 2 girls put
your name on
the signup sheet
in PE. A fun
afternoon not to
be missed!

Any questions see
Miss Shankland



Wednesday 13th September
Period 6-7

Grange Academy Young Musician Competitions

Advanced Notice for Instrumentalists and Vocalists

These competitions will take place on Thursday 2nd November.
The level of piece you perform will determine what competition you will take part in.

Junior competitors will perform either at a lunchtime event or after school on
Thursday 2nd November.

Senior performers will participate in an evening competition (19:00).
If you are unsure which competition to enter, speak to your music teacher.
All participants must give their names to Mr Ramsay by completing the MS Form.

The instrumental and vocal winners of the senior event will represent Grange Academy at the Kilmarnock & District round of the Rotary Club Young Musician competition.

The overall winner will represent Grange Academy at the East Ayrshire round of the Music Education Partnership Group competition.



Scan here to
sign up, or
speak to Mr
Ramsay for
more details.

Radio Opportunity



There is an opportunity for interested pupils (aged 16) to be trained in how to use professional radio broadcasting setup. You would then contribute to hospital radio in a slot at Crosshouse on Sundays between 1pm and 3pm!

Speak to Mr Ramsay if you would like to pursue this.

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Routines

Last week, we focused on **PREPARATION**.

This week we will look at **ROUTINES**.

Which of these statements do you think suits you best? If you are yellow or red, what steps can you take to move towards green?



I immediately take my jacket off, put my phone away and tackle the starter activity.
I am able to help give out materials to my classmates.



I sometimes forget to take my jacket off, put my phone away and do the starter activity.
With a reminder from the teacher I can quickly do this.



I wait for the teacher to remind me about classroom routines.
I need to be individually prompted to begin the starter activity.

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Routines

Why are routines important?

- Our working memory can only hold 3 or 4 pieces of information at a time.
- Teachers use classroom routines to get the simple things out of the way, so we can make the most of the time available for learning.
- By following routines you make the most of the thinking space you have for your learning.
- Follow classroom routines, and take this opportunity to start some helpful routines for yourself.

LGBT+ Club

This year, Grange Academy is working towards gaining our LGBT+ Charter Award to make our school a more inclusive place for everyone.

To help with this, the LGBT+ club will be meeting **every Monday lunchtime** in the library.

Bring your lunch and come along to get involved – open to all LGBT+ pupils and allies!



**Interested in
French?**

**Need help
with
homework?**

**Come along
to the French
HW club run
by our
Languages
Ambassadors**

**Every
Tuesday
lunchtime in
G147 (the ICT
room/Mrs
Jackson's
room)**

Music and Vocal Groups

Please see below for details on some of the clubs you can get involved in with the Music/Drama departments:

Vocal Group/Music Theatre

Tuesday &/or Thursday 15:35 - 16:35

Enjoy singing? Come along to the Performing Arts Faculty on a Tuesday and/or Thursday after school where we will be preparing for many exciting opportunities to perform including concerts/shows and more.
All year groups welcome.

Junior Choir

Tuesday lunchtimes in F042

Grange Academy Concert Band

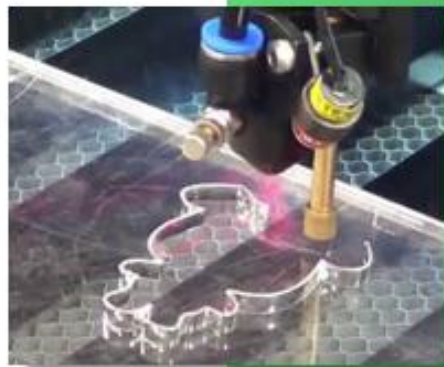
Do you play a brass or woodwind instrument?

Come along to the band which will rehearse in the Assembly Hall every Wednesday morning at 08:00

S1 and S2 CAD Club

**Change of Day –
now on **MONDAYs**
starting on
Monday 11/09**

We will be using 3D modelling software to create
MONSTER KEY RING designs,
which will then be cut from acrylic plastic
on our brand new laser cutter!



See Mrs
Cuthbert
for more
info!



Debating Club



Is there an issue that you feel strongly about?
Do you enjoy sharing your views and ideas with others?
Would you like to become more confident at public speaking?

Then come along to Debating Club.

Wednesday lunchtime
F082 (Mrs Wood's room)
Run by Mrs Wood and Mrs Walker
All year groups welcome.

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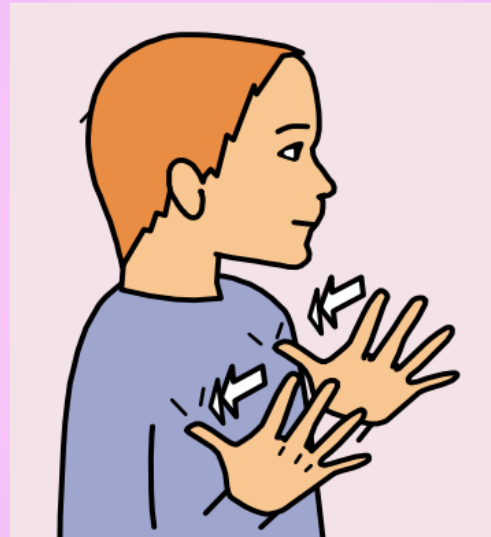
Did you get it right?

**Give x4
Get x4**

Forgive and Forget

BSL Sign of the Week

Preparation



Spread your fingers and tap both your thumbs on your shoulders



Have a great week, Grange.

Work hard.

Be kind.

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