

Grange Academy Hearing Impaired Department Autumn 2023 Newsletter



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Prelim exams for senior pupils

S4, S5 and S6 pupils will be sitting their prelim examinations in December this year. Miss Mackinnon will be issuing exam timetables and Miss Reid (ASN) will confirm assessment arrangements for HI pupils in the coming weeks.

Please speak to ToDs in your HI time about study skills—there are example study timetables on the wall of the main classroom to take away with you. Check class Teams, Grange Academy SharePoint and the SQA website to access additional study material, questions and past papers as these will help prepare you for the format of the exams.

Remember that your HI time is **yours**—ask ToDs to go over certain topics you find difficult or to re-teach topics again if you would find this helpful.

Miss Nicholls will issue all seniors with a study pack at the beginning of November with some study skills and strategies.



Welcome new S1 pupil

The HI Department welcomed our new S1 pupil, Emily in August. We are delighted to have Emily join us and we are enjoying getting to know her in classes and in the HI Department.



Batteries

Please remember to keep spare hearing aid batteries in your bags at all times. The HI Department have a very limited supply of these which will run out fast.

BSL club

Mrs Smith and Miss Walker have started their lunchtime BSL classes.

This is open to all year groups so come along to **room F078 at the beginning of lunch time every Thursday** to learn some BSL, play games and have fun!



S3 pupil Harry

Harry has been enjoying starting his S3 Biology course and made a lovely model of DNA to learn about the double helix shape.



BSL CLUB

British Sign Language Club
with Mrs Smith and Miss Walker

Thursday lunchtime
in F078 (bring your
lunch with you!)

Learn how to communicate
with deaf people

Learn a new language

Share ideas

Play games





CEA Card

Have you heard about a CEA card?

A CEA card is developed for UK cinemas by the UK Cinema Association (UKCA) and it will allow a disabled person to have a guest attend the cinema with them when you visit a participating cinema. The card costs £6 per year. More information can be found on the website: www.ceacard.co.uk

Eligibility

To apply, the person requiring assistance must be 5 years of age or older and be in receipt of one of the following:

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Attendance Allowance (AA)
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Adult / Child Disability Payment (ADP / CDP in Scotland)
- Armed Forces Independence Payment (AFIP)

Or hold:

- Severely Sight Impaired Registration (formerly Registered Blind)
- Sight Impaired Registration (formerly Partially Sighted)

The Great British Bake off 2023

The new series of The Great British Bake Off will feature their first Deaf contestant. 27 year old Tasha Stones will be accompanied in the famous tent by a BSL interpreter. The show airs on Tuesday nights at 8pm on Channel 4.

S4 Pupil Kyle

Speaking of The Great British Bake Off, we might have another contestant for them in the future! S4 pupil Kyle made this fantastic mandarin and coconut gateau and this delicious Swiss roll as part of his hospitality course. And yes, they did taste as good as they looked!



Children in Need 2023

Grange Academy will be participating in their annual Children In Need events on Friday 17th November 2023.

Keep your eye on the Monday bulletin and the school app for more information on all of the amazing events that will be taking place around the school and for ticket information.



Ayrshire Deaf Club

A number of our pupils attend the Ayrshire Deaf club on Friday nights and are also part of the Ayrshire Deaf Football Club. The club also offers a range of other social events for Deaf children and adults.

If you fancy going along to the club, feel free to ask pupils in the HI department what they get up to and search for Ayrshire Deaf Club—SCIO on Facebook to contact the staff.



October Holiday

Reminder that we are closed for the October week holiday from Friday 13th October and school will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 24th October.

Jim Faulds memorial

On Saturday 30th September, Grange Campus hosted the Jim Faulds Memorial for Kilmarnock Schools Pipe Band. This was a fantastic event with a great turnout which raised a lot of money. Mr Faulds worked so closely with our HI pupils over the years and we still miss him so much.

Former Pupil Nicole

Huge congratulations go out to former pupil Nicole who graduated this week from Ayrshire College. Nicole has completed her HNC in Visual Communications and will go on to study the HND this year. We couldn't be more proud of you!



Halloween Disco

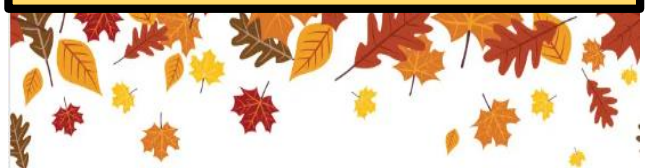
The Halloween disco for S1 and S6 pupils is on Thursday 26th October. Look out for more information in the school bulletin.



HI Pupil Leadership

We are so proud of S3 Pupil Harry for volunteering to be a house captain. Harry will be involved in various events throughout the school and part of the rights respecting school working group.

We are also so proud of S6 pupil Judy for becoming a prefect. These opportunities are a fantastic way to become involved in the school and to gain leadership experience for the future. Both demonstrating the school value of responsibility!



Deaf News Scotland

Edinburgh school pupil scales 100 Munros to raise funds for NDCS

Alasdair MacDonald, age 10, set himself the incredible goal to climb 100 Munros to raise money for the National Deaf Children's Society. NDCS is a deaf charity who had provided lots of support to the family as Alasdair's younger sister, Heather, is Deaf. Well done to Alasdair!

Read the full news report by scanning the QR code.



Hibernian FC promote inclusivity at Easter Road

In partnership with Deaf Action Scotland, Hibernian has been working to make match days more accessible for all fans. Supporters will have noticed messages including the 'Leith San Siro', as well as important safety messaging before kick-off.

The British Sign Language (BSL) used on the videos is in fact regional to Edinburgh, with Martin signing the announcements in a particular dialect specific to the city. This is one of many steps being taken by Hibernian Football Club and the Hibernian Community Foundation to improve the match day experience for supporters.



Glasgow Deaf Athletic Football Club

GDAFC's latest match was against Wishaw HSPF in the SMAFA league. The team, which is older than Celtic, Rangers, Partick Thistle and the Scottish Football Association, was founded by a group of men including William Agnew and Alexander McGregor in 1871. In 1899, Glasgow played Edinburgh Swifts for the first Scottish Deaf Cup. It was played in front of 2000 fans in Falkirk and Edinburgh won 4-0. Why not keep an eye on their Facebook page and maybe go watch a match to support them.

