

Grange Academy Hearing Impaired Department Winter 2023 Newsletter



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BSL Workshops for Primary 7 classes

Mrs Clannachan (PT HI Dept.) has been out visiting all of our feeder primary schools throughout November and December. She has been delivering BSL workshops to the Primary 7 classes who will be coming to Grange Academy in August. Mrs Clannachan has been joined by some of our House Captains and they have been a huge help and interacted so well with the Primary 7 pupils.



Prelim Exams

All of our senior pupils have now completed their prelim exams. We are so proud of how hard all of you worked and we are sure that this will be reflected in your grades. When you come back to school in January and have all of your results we will work with you and your subject teachers to target the areas where you need some additional consolidation and some more revision in preparation for your SQA exams in May.

Christmas Jumper Day

On December 15th Grange had their annual Christmas Jumper Day. Here's S3 pupil Harry showing his off.





SQA Access Arrangements for D/deaf learners



On the 22nd November, Mrs Clannachan attended an online seminar by the Scottish Sensory Centre (SSC) and SQA about access arrangements for both Deaf and visually impaired learners. This session was very informative and Mrs Clannachan shared this with the rest of the teachers of the deaf at a recent departmental meeting. These sessions help to deepen our understanding of what access arrangements there are for our Deaf learners in their SQA exams.



Inspirational Deaf News!

Annelies Kusters has just become the first deaf scholar to be made a full professor in the field of deaf studies and sign language studies in the UK. Kusters, who has studied deaf communities around the world for almost 20 years, takes up the position at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh, where she has been promoted from associate professor to professor in sociolinguistics in the department of languages and intercultural studies.

Scan the QR code for the full article.



Biology enzyme models

S3 Biologists were consolidating their knowledge of enzymes in class using models. They recreated diagrams of degradation and synthesis reactions using play-doh.





CSW Visit 23rd November 2023

On the 23rd November, three communication support workers from Dumfries and Galloway council came to visit the Teachers of the Deaf at Grange Academy to learn more about how we support our pupils. They observed ToDs working with pupils in subject classes and then had a short meeting with us to discuss how we work in the HI Department. The ladies were very thankful to staff for facilitating this visit and we hope to work together and share resources more in the future.

School Holiday dates

Reminder that school closes at 1pm on Friday 22nd December and reopens **Monday 8th January 2024**. We wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Visit from a former pupil

On 29th November our wonderful former pupil Harry came in to pay us and his favourite tech teacher a visit. Harry's S6 was cut short due to the first Coronavirus lockdown so it was really special to get to see him again and hear all about his College courses and how he is doing.



A letter from one of the student editors

Harry (S3) would like to include this Christmas themed section for you to enjoy.

Harry recommends that for a **festive movie**, you could watch Elf. It is one of his favourites and a really funny movie.

Scan the QR code on the right for a **Christmas themed crossword puzzle**.



Scan this QR code on the left for a **Christmas song lyrics quiz**.

