



Grange Academy Weekly Bulletin

26th August 2024



Welcome Back, Grange!

We hope you had a wonderful summer!

To our new S1s

Welcome to Grange!

We hope you're settling in to all your new classes and enjoying meeting lots of new people.

Don't be shy about asking for help or advice – we're all very friendly here!

To all our returning pupils

We missed you!

We're counting on you to be as kind and helpful as possible to our new S1s. If you see anyone looking lost or confused, make the choice to be the lovely older pupil who came to their rescue.





School App

If you have not done so already, make sure you download the Safer Schools Scotland app – available for free from the Apple Store or Play Store.

Once you have downloaded the app, use the code below which applies to you:



S1 & S2 – 4749

S3 & S4 – 6971

S5 & S6 – 1075

Parents/Carers – 0632



This is our main platform of communication so download the app ASAP to ensure you don't miss any school updates.



School Photos

Tempest will be in school to do photographs on Wednesday 28th August and Thursday the 29th August.

Please ensure the following:

- You attend school appropriately dressed, wearing full school uniform.
- Pupils should make their way back to class once their picture has been taken.
- Pupils should bring their jackets and bags in case time runs over into the next lesson.
- If you miss or forget your time slot, you will have time during P7 on Wednesday and P6/7 on Thursday to get your photo taken then.
- Please note: family photos and the S6 group picture will take place at later dates. Information will be sent out regarding this later.

Pupils will be given a printout of their photos with order instructions. If orders are placed within 14 days they can be delivered to the school with no delivery costs for parents/carers.



School Photos

Wednesday 28th August

S4:

P1a (0845 – 0910): 4B1/4B2

P1b (0910 – 0935): 4D1/4D2

P2a (0935 – 1000): 4G1/4G2

P2b (1000 – 1025): 4H1/4H2

S5:

P3a (1025 – 1050): 5B1/5B2

P3b (1050 – 1115): 5D1/5D2

P4a (1130 – 1155): 5G1/5G2

P4b (1155 – 1220): 5H1/5H2

S3:

P5a (1220 – 1245): 3B1/3B2

P5b (1245 – 1310): 3D1/3D2

P6a (1355 – 1420): 3G1/3G2

P6b (1420 – 1445): 3H1/3H2

Day 1 Leftover/Missed Appointments:

P7 (1445 – 1535)



School Photos

Thursday 29th August

S1:

P1a (0845 – 0910): 1B1/1B2

P1b (0910 – 0935): 1D1/1D2

P2a (0935 – 1000): 1G1/1G2

P2b (1000 – 1025): 1H1/1H2

S6:

P3 (1025 – 1115): ALL S6 PUPILS

S2:

P4a (1130 – 1155): 2B1/2B2

P4b (1155 – 1220): 2D1/2D2

P5a (1220 – 1245): 2G1/2G2

P5b (1245 – 1310): 2H1/2H2

Day 2 Leftover/Missed Appointments:

P6 (1355 – 1455)

P7 (1445 – 1535)



S6: YASS Courses

- The deadline for YASS courses is approaching – any applications submitted so far have been accepted and processed.
- If your application is outstanding please send this to Mr Cowan as soon as possible.

S6: AH Study Pathway/Leadership

- Please remember to sign in at the office during these periods to ensure attendance.



DYW Newsletter 2023/2024

This year, all of our Senior pupils that were considering leaving school, were offered a mock interview. We had interviewers from over 20 different external agencies from various sectors such as finance, engineering, higher education and healthcare. These individuals interviewed each pupil and provided constructive feedback to the pupils to help support them as they move into the next stage of life. Thank you to everyone involved!



A group of our Senior Phase pupils took a trip down to QTS Headquarters in Drumclog for the QTS: Future of Rail event. They got the chance to take part in various STEM activities, talk to current apprentices and observe machinery used on the railways in action!



Well done to our S1's that took part in the virtual "Could you be an entrepreneur?" event with Young Enterprise Scotland. The pupils involved learned all about the skills and qualities required to become an entrepreneur and began to develop their own skills.

St. Andrew's First Aid kindly sent a volunteer to help our National 5 Health Sector class learn how to provide life support in an emergency situation.

Throughout this year we have had a number of businesses in to deliver careers talks:

- Scottish Power Renewables delivered a virtual talk on their apprenticeship opportunities.
- The British Army presented information about the 100+ careers they offer.
- Mascot Civils introduced civil engineering and the career and apprenticeship opportunities available with themselves and in the energy sector.

In February, a group of Seniors attended the EAC Futureskills event. Here they learned about the various apprenticeship opportunities available to them within East Ayrshire Council.



At Grange we have started many new courses that help to develop the young workforce. Our newest course, Powering Futures, will require students to create a sustainable solution to real world challenges set by businesses. In doing this, pupils will develop valuable meta-skills that they can take into their future careers.



Futurefest 2024 was our biggest careers fayre yet! There were over 50 external agencies present on the night to inspire and inform our pupils about their future career choices.



Music Extra-Curricular Groups

The following activities will start this week:

Junior Choir - Tuesday lunchtimes in F042

Choir - Tuesday (15:35 - 16:35) in F044

Musical Theatre – Thursday (15:35 - 16:35) in F044



Photographic Pet Show Results

Thanks to all who participated - whether you entered or voted.
You raised **£106** for the school fund!



**Canine Cuties -
Daphne**



**Feline Fine -
Gimli**



**Feathered Friend -
Ollie**

**Bobtails and Longtails -
Cookie**



**Cold Blood,
Warm Heart - Ziggy**

Teacher's Pet Winners



Alfie Watt



Basil Bremner



Grange Clubs

Art &
Design Club

Sign Language
Club

Lego
Robotics
Club

Lots of extra-curricular clubs are starting within the school over the next few weeks. (So many, in fact, that there isn't enough space to list them all in the bulletin!)

Movie Clubs
- More than
one!

Circus Skills
Club

If you would like to see what clubs are on offer, **check the school app** for a full list of what's on offer.

Podcasting
Club

Come along and get involved in as many clubs as you like – we would love to see you there!

Science
Club

Table-Top
Games
Club

Pipe Band

Junior &
Senior
Choirs

Football, Handball,
Volleyball,
Badminton...
So many sports!



Have a great week, Grange!

Work hard.

Be Kind.