



Grange Academy Weekly Bulletin

9th December 2024



Prelims

Good luck to all our senior pupils who are sitting their prelim exams.

Here are some things to remember:

Make sure you arrive at least **10 minutes before** the start of the exam, and check your seat number before entering.

Phones, smartwatches and other devices **MUST BE SWITCHED OFF** (not just on silent!) and placed inside your bag, or left at home.

You must wear school uniform while attending for prelims.

When you finish an assessment, you must return to your timetabled class – do not loiter in The Street, the library or other areas of the school.



Prelims

For everyone else, it is important that we help the prelims run as smoothly as possible.

This means keeping noise to a minimum in areas of the school where exams are taking place.

Please also look out for signs which will tell you when a room (e.g. the library) is closed for prelims and you should not enter.

Thank you.

Christmas Candy Canes!

Do you want to make someone feel loved (or embarrass your friends)?

Well, in December, until the 16th, all students will be able to buy candy canes for their peers - and teachers!

Go to Mrs Marshall in Science at any time, or Miss Jiang's class in Modern languages at Wednesday lunch times, with your 50p

Senior pupils will deliver them during class times.

Candy canes are only 50p each



GSK Apprenticeships



GSK are holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 10th December (tomorrow) from 6pm - 8pm.

This is for young people aged 16+ and their parents/carers to visit the site and learn about GSK's apprenticeships, as applications will be going live in the coming weeks/months.

No booking required for this event - just turn up within the timeframe to learn more. See Mr Johnston for more details.

CAROLS IN THE CLASSROOM

**The two remaining MONDAYS of term,
you're invited to come up to Mr Smith's room (F052)
at lunchtime for "Carols in the Classroom".**

**So feel free to join in as we sing some cracking Christmas
songs about the Christmas story of Jesus' birth.**

[There may even be some Christmas snacks...]





Reverse Advent Calendar

FOOD BANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

1. Box of Cereal
2. Bottle of Washing-up Liquid
3. Tinned Soup
4. Bar of Soap
5. Packet of Pasta
6. Tinned Meat
7. Packet of Nappies
8. A Toothbrush
9. Packet of Teabags
10. Jar of Pasta Sauce
11. Tinned Tomatoes
12. Tinned Vegetables
13. Packet of Lentils
14. Laundry Powder
15. Tinned Fruit
16. Packet of Biscuits
17. UHT Milk
18. Jar of Coffee
19. Tube of Toothpaste
20. Bottle of Shampoo
21. Christmas Selection box
22. Packet of Rice
23. Tin of Baked Beans
24. Christmas Cake or Pudding (*non-alcoholic*)

This year, we are running our first ever Reverse Advent Calendar from Friday 6th December until Tuesday 17th December.

The idea is simple yet powerful.

Each day you donate an essential non-perishable food item, hygiene product, or other essential supplies. By the 17th of December, you'll have a collection of items that will then be donated in a hamper to someone who is in need this Christmas.

The image shows a suggestion of items you could include in your collection. See the school app, or speak to Mrs McCaffrey for more details.



Apprenticeship Recruitment Showcase

On Thursday 30th January, JPMorganChase is sponsoring the annual Graduate Apprenticeship Recruitment Showcase in partnership with the University of Strathclyde.

This event will be held at the university Technology and Innovation Centre and is for young people who are interested/want to learn more about graduate apprenticeships across a wide range of disciplines.

Parents/carers are also encouraged to attend.

For more information, speak to Mr Johnston.



Graduate Apprenticeships

Graduate Apprenticeship Recruitment Showcase



Maths Camp 2025



There are still a few spaces left for Maths Camp 2025.

If any S5 Higher Maths pupils or S6 Maths pupils (any level) are wanting to come, deposits **MUST** be in (via ParentPay) by the end of 2024.

Please speak to Mr Taylor or Mr Smith if you require any extra information or have any questions about this amazing revision weekend!



Drones in Careers – For S1 and S2

Interested in flying drones? Interested in finding out more about what careers use drones?

My World of Work Live will be coming into Grange Academy on the 17th of January to deliver their “Drones in Careers” session.

This activity is inspired by industry and uses real examples to show how technology is changing the world of work.

Working in small groups, every pupil will get a turn at flying one of their drones. Fun challenges will also be set to test your new skills.

It's not just construction that uses drones – there are cool careers in healthcare, logistics, agriculture and the creative industries. This session will help you explore careers you could do in the future.

If you are interested in taking part, please sign up with Mr Johnston asap as spaces are limited.



Campus Christmas Concert



This year's Christmas Concert will take place on:

Monday 16th December at 7pm

Tickets £3/£2 at the door

Speak to Mr Ramsay for more info.



Foodbank Collection

As always, in the run up to the Christmas holidays we will be hosting a Foodbank Collection in the library.

If you are able to donate even just one of the items listed here, it will make a huge difference to local families here in East Ayrshire.

Please bring any donations to Miss Cooper by Friday 20th December.

If the library is closed for a prelim, please take your donation to the main school office.

Thank you.

Please Help!



Ayrshire
East
foodbank



COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS
(East Ayrshire) Ltd

Since January, with the support of our communities the Foodbank has distributed over 2000 three day packs to those in crisis. With our next national collection being in December and our shelves running low we need to ask you to please dig deep again. The generosity we see in East Ayrshire always humbles us, and we thank you in advance for any donations you choose to make.

The following items would be most gratefully received;

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| Beans | Custard, | Jam |
| Tinned spaghetti, | Ravioli, | Macaroni, |
| Tinned veg, | Long grain rice, | Cuppa soups, |
| Tinned meat, | Pasta sauce, | Diluting juice, |
| Tinned Soup | Sweets, | Toiletries |
| UHT Milk | Crisps, | |



Christmas Movie Night – The Santa Clause

On Tuesday 17th of December, we will be hosting a Christmas Movie Night in the Assembly Hall.

Tickets are available on ParentPay for all S1 – S3 pupils, and the cost is £3 per person.

Feel free to come along with family or friends, and be as comfy as you like – you can even bring your PJs, blankets and pillows!

Arrive by 5.30pm, and the showing of The Santa Clause will begin at 6pm.

There will also be barista service and snacks available!





FUTUREFEST 2025

THE GRANGE ACADEMY CAREERS FAYRE

REPRESENTATIVES FROM:

**ENGINEERING, MEDICINE, SPORT,
UNIVERSITIES, COLLEGE, HOSPITALITY,
ARMED FORCES, FINANCIAL SERVICES,
EMERGENCY SERVICES, AEROSPACE,
APPRENTICESHIPS...AND MORE**

**30/1/2025
5-7pm**





BSL Recap

Can you remember the sign from the last bulletin?



Wise

Move your thumb across your forehead, from right to left

Men

Make the shape of a beard with your hand



BSL Sign of the Week



Waggle your hand under your chin
like the dangly part at a turkey's neck



Have a great week, Grange!

Work hard.

Be kind.