



# **Grange Academy Weekly Bulletin**

**25<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

# Welcome Back, Grange!

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Welcome to your first full week of term – we hope you had a lovely summer, and that you are looking forward to another successful year at Grange.

The first few slides are a reminder of some of the important information that was shared last week.

# SCHOOL UNIFORM

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## REASONS FOR SCHOOL UNIFORM

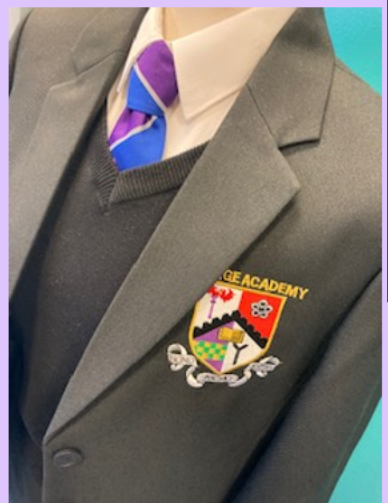
- **Health & Safety:** the school can identify intruders quickly because they aren't dressed in school uniform.
- **Order & Discipline:** school uniform contributes to good order and discipline.
- **A more productive learning environment:** when pupils wear uniform, they have a better attitude towards learning.
- **Peer Pressure:** when pupils wear uniform, they form positive and genuine peer relationships instead of popularity based on designer brands.
- **Cost:** wearing everyday clothes to school can be very expensive; school uniform can be purchased at a cheaper price. This also allows casual clothes to last longer.

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Appropriate Clothing	Inappropriate Clothing
<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Uniform</b>
Black/white shirt	Jeans
Senior/junior tie	Tracksuits/joggers
Black trousers/skirt/thick black leggings (not sports leggings)	Hoodies/branded jumpers
Black cardigan/sweater	Casual shirts/t-shirts
Blazer/black jacket	
<b>Option 2</b>	<b>PE Kit</b>
White polo shirt with Grange Academy badge	Any clothing or footwear that is part of the school uniform
Black polo shirt with Grange Academy badge	Crop tops
Black trousers/skirt	Jewellery
Black sweater with Grange Academy badge	
Blazer/black jacket	
Black school shoes/trainers	

A classroom assistant will be at Ready to Learn every morning to issue school uniform to anyone who comes to school without it. This will be at the direction of your guidance teacher and house head.



# MOBILE PHONE POLICY

## APPROPRIATE USE OF MOBILE PHONES WITHIN GRANGE ACADEMY

Pupils will continue to be allowed to bring a mobile phone to school. This is in response to parental concerns over the safety of their young person travelling to/from school and also in line with Scottish Government advice. The following table will highlight expectations in terms of appropriate use;

RED ZONES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mobile phones should be switched off and out of sight during lessons</b> to avoid distractions and interruptions to Learning &amp; Teaching. <u>There are no exceptions to this rule.</u> This is the same expectation for earphones/air pods.</li> <li>- <b>Mobile phones should also be switched off and out of sight in PE changing rooms</b> to ensure that pupils' privacy is respected.</li> <li>- <b>Members of staff will also model appropriate use of mobile phones by not using these in classrooms.</b></li> <li>- <b>If a pupil is permitted to leave class to access the toilet, mobile phones should be left in the classroom</b> and not taken to the toilet with pupils.</li> </ul>
GREEN ZONES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- S6 pupils following an Advanced Higher Study Pathway have permission to use their mobile phones during study periods, if there is no other access to ICT facilities. This should be for educational purposes only.</li> <li>- Mobile phones may be used before school, during interval and lunchtime in the street and in areas outside.</li> <li>- Pupils are permitted to use their mobile phones in corridors to check timetables etc. This removes the requirement to do so in classrooms.</li> </ul>



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# One-way System: Main Points

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- After classes, pupils should follow the one-way system back to the Ground Floor and head to their next subject.
- Only PE and Drama pupils can access The Street between periods 4 and 5.
- The Maths stairwell is the only pupil access to the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.
- The Art stairwell is the only pupil access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.
- The back stairwells can only be used to access the Ground Floor.
- At the **start of the day**, both of the main stairwells can be used to access the 1st Floor and the 2nd Floor.
- At **lunchtime** and the **end of the day**, all stairwells can be used to access the ground floor.

# Ground Floor

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- Only PE and Drama pupils can access The Street between periods 4 and 5.
- The signs in The Street identify the doors and stairwells to use for each subject area.

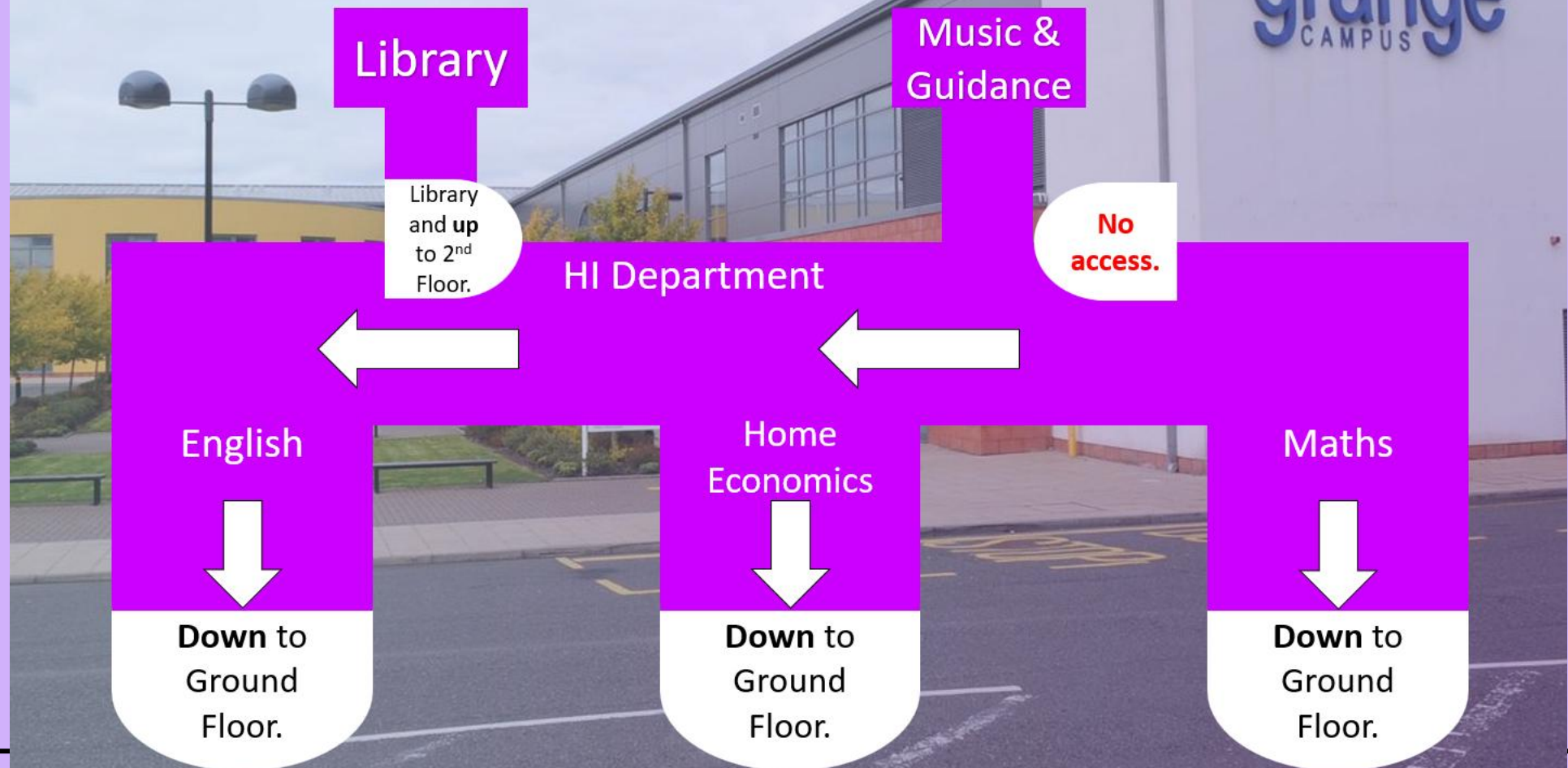




# 1st Floor

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- The Maths stairwell is the **only** pupil access to the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.
- The English stairwell is **only** for pupils going to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor or the Library.

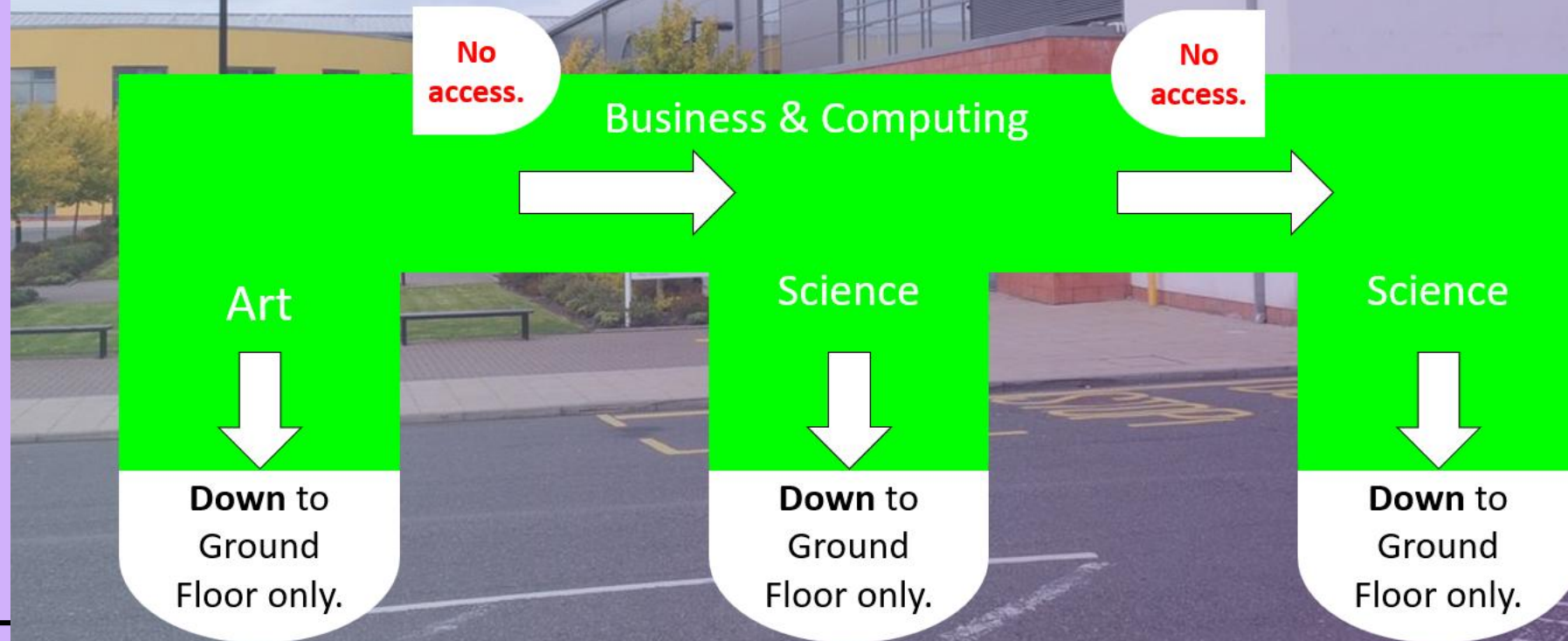




# 2nd Floor

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- The Art stairwell is the **only** pupil access to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.
- The Science stairwell can't be used to access Maths / the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.



# School App

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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.



### ABSENT ALL DAY?

Your parent/carer should call the school office in the morning to explain your absence and how long you plan to be absent for. Alternatively, they can hand a note to the school office.

### LATE TO SCHOOL?

Go to Ready to Learn in the street to receive a red late slip. If your Guidance teacher is busy, please ask any other Guidance teacher for a late slip. Afterwards, go straight to class and hand this to your teacher who will then amend the register. If you do not have a red late slip, you will be sent back to get one.

### LEAVING SCHOOL FOR AN APPOINTMENT?

Bring a letter from your parent/carer to the school office, first thing in the morning. You will be issued with an appointment permission slip. Show the slip as proof to your class teacher at the beginning of the lesson. You will not be permitted to leave class without a permission slip.

### FEELING UNWELL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY?

With permission from your teacher, you can go to the school office and they will send you to the medical room. Your parent/carer may be called to collect you. It is important that you do not leave the school campus without permission from school staff.

### LEAVING CLASS FOR ANY OTHER REASON?

On agreement with your teacher, you will be issued with a permission slip to be out of class.

# Attendance Policy

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Please make sure you are aware of the Grange Academy attendance policy, and follow the correct procedure.

A copy of the policy can be downloaded by scanning the QR code below.





# School Photographs



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Tempest will be in to do school photographs on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August.**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>, photographs will be taken in Gym 1 and 2.


On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, photographs will be taken in the assembly hall.

In order for the event to run smoothly, please ensure the following:

- You are appropriately dressed (have your full school uniform including tie with you that day)
- You bring your jackets and bags in case time runs over into the next lesson
- If you miss or forget your time slot, there will be time during P7 on Wednesday and P6/7 on Thursday to get your photo taken then
- Please note that family photos will take place at a later date. Information will be sent out regarding this later
- If you think you won't remember your time slot, take a photo of the following slides



# School Photographs

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Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August – **Gym 1 and Gym 2**

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

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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Assembly Hall

S1:

P1a: 0845 – 0910 – 1B1/1B2/1B3

P1b: 0910 – 0935 – 1D1/1D2

P2a: 0935 – 1000 – 1G1/1G2

P2b: 1000 – 1025 – 1H1/1H2

S6:

P3: 1025 – 1115 – ALL S6

S2:

P4a: 1130 – 1155 – 2B1/2B2

P4b: 1155 – 1220 – 2D1/2D2

P5a: 1220 – 1245 – 2G1/2G2/2G3

P5b: 1245 – 1310 – 2H1/2H2

Day 2 Leftover/Missed Appointments:


P6: 1355 – 1445

P7: 1445 – 1535

# SQA Art & Design Folio Returns 2025


Calling all N5, Higher and AH Art & Design pupils from last year... If you **do not** want your hard work burned to a crisp!!!!

- Please pay a small payment of **£7.82** through your Parent pay account.
- This payment is for the postage cost of the return of expressive and design folios from SQA.
- We would then showcase your folios in our Art and Design exhibition later in the year.
- Please ask your Art Teacher if you have any questions.
- Folios will be returned - November 2025.



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# Prefect and Captain Interviews



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The final few interviews for the above positions will take place **today** in the library, during periods 3 and 4.

All participants should have received an email to tell them what time to attend. The interview times are also posted on the noticeboard for anyone who is unsure.

Good luck to everyone who applied!



# S1 Wednesday Morning Futsal

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Come along to Games Hall 1 & 2  
every Wednesday morning before  
school (8:15 - 8:45am) and take part  
in a game of futsal!

# Kelvingrove Art Gallery S4 Art & Design Pupils

Wednesday September 10<sup>th</sup>

9am – 3pm

Free





# Please come and collect a letter from your Art Teacher ASAP.

- Limited spaces are available.
- First come first serve basis.
- This trip is free to attend.
- Consent forms will be issued once you have secured a space.



# U13s Ayrshire Cup

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The U13s football team have been drawn against the following schools in the Ayrshire Cup:

**Grange Academy v Robert Burns Academy**  
**Irvine Royal Academy v Grange Academy**

If you want to play for the U13s team, please give your name to Mr Adams in the PE department.



# CV Writing Workshops

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On Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September and Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of October, Mr Johnston will be running CV writing workshops for **S5 leavers** and **all of S6**. These will take place in the assembly hall.

Keep an eye on the bulletin next week to see what time your workshop will be.

If you are an S5 pupil who is planning to leave this year, please contact Mr Johnston asap.



# U18s Ayrshire Cup

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The U18s football team have been drawn against the following schools in the Ayrshire Cup.

**Grange Academy v St Mathew's Academy**  
**Kilmarnock Academy v Grange Academy**

If you want to play for the Senior football team, please give your name to Mr Adams in the PE department.

Calling All Future  
Tradespeople

# TALK TO THE TRADES

Career Information  
event

COME ALONG AND SPEAK TO THE  
PEOPLE CURRENTLY WORKING IN  
CONSTRUCTION AND THOSE WHO  
CAN SUPPORT YOU.

HAVE YOUR QUESTIONS  
ANSWERED, SETTING YOU ON THE  
RIGHT PATH FOR YOU

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Employment Plus



2nd September, 2025



12pm - 4pm



THE SALVATION ARMY  
STURROCK STREET,  
KILMARNOCK KA1 3RB

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**AYRSHIRE**

*For ambitious 16 to 19-year-olds, this course is your gateway to the screen industries. Learn the fundamentals of filmmaking - screenwriting, cinematography, sound, directing, production, and editing - while creating short films and attending masterclasses with industry experts.*

**APPLICATIONS OPEN NOW**



# BFI Film Academy

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This high-quality program is designed to nurture the next generation of filmmakers, offering ambitious 16 to 19-year-olds a comprehensive introduction to the screen industries.

## Participants will:

- Cover fundamentals, from screenwriting and cinematography to directing and editing.
- Collaborate to create their own short films.
- Learn directly from industry professionals through exclusive masterclasses.
- Earn an NCFE Level 5-equivalent qualification, "Preparing to Work in the Film Industry"

Start date: **Monday 13th October 2025**

Participation is **free**, and bursaries are available to help with travel costs. We welcome all applicants with a passion for film—**no prior experience necessary**.

Application deadline: **5:00pm, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**.

Apply at the Ayrshire Film Co website or scan the QR code on the left.





Have a great week, Grange.

Work hard.

Be kind.