



Education Resources
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 Head Teacher **Barbara Lee**
Lesmahagow High School



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Phone: 01555 896010
Date: 13th August 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Session 2024-25

We hope that all young people and families have had a lovely summer holiday and look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school tomorrow, Wednesday, 14th August 2024, at 8.40 am, in full school uniform.

Staggered interval arrangements remain in place, reducing queuing at the canteen and providing greater access to seating within the Street area. Interval for all Senior Phase students will be at the end of period 2; interval for pupils in S1-S3 will be at the end of period 3. All students must remain in within the school grounds at interval time. There will, however, be a single lunchtime, after Period 5, which allows supported study and lunch-time clubs to be offered, as well as providing an opportunity for all year groups to mix together. A copy of the times of our school day is shown below:



Lesmahagow High - School Day



Monday – Thursday				Friday			
S1-S3		S4-S6		S1-S3		S4-S6	
08:40 – 08:50am	Tutor	08:40 – 08:50am	Tutor	08:40 – 08:50am	Tutor	08:40 – 08:50am	Tutor
08:50 – 09:40am	Period 1	08:50 – 09:40am	Period 1	08:50 – 09:40am	Period 1	08:50 – 09:40am	Period 1
09:40 – 10:30am	Period 2	09:40 – 10:30am	Period 2	09:40 – 10:30am	Period 2	09:40 – 10:30am	Period 2
10:30 – 11:20am	Period 3	10:30 – 10:45am	Interval	10:30 – 11:20am	Period 3	10:30 – 10:50am	Interval
11:20 – 11:35am	Interval	10:45 – 11:35am	Period 3	11:20 – 11:40am	Interval	10:50 – 11:40am	Period 3
11:35 – 12:25pm	Period 4	11:35 – 12:25pm	Period 4	11:40 – 12:30pm	Period 4	11:40 – 12:30pm	Period 4
12:25 – 1:15pm	Period 5	12:25 – 1:15pm	Period 5				
1:15 – 1:55pm	Lunch	1:15 – 1:55pm	Lunch				
1:55 – 2:45pm	Period 6	1:55 – 2:45pm	Period 6				
2:45 – 3:35pm	Period 7	2:45 – 3:35pm	Period 7				

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SQA Exam Results

S5 and S6 students should have received their SQA exam certificates on Tuesday, 6th August. We are very proud of the achievements of our students and thank them for all their hard work last session. All questions regarding SQA certificates or appeals should be directed to Mr. Gray, SQA Coordinator.

Nut free school

To keep young people with a peanut allergy safe, it is important that our school is a nut free environment. We ask for your help in explaining the importance of this to your young person and thank you for your understanding and support.

Uniform and Pre-loved Hub

School blazers can be purchased from ALJ in Lanark and Scotcrest in Hamilton. Braiding has been added as an option for S6 students at the request of pupils and can be purchased already sewn onto blazers, or ready to be sewn onto blazers. School badges and ties are available from the school office. Full information regarding school uniform can be found on our school website.

A wide range of pre-loved shirts/blouses, blazers, skirts, trousers and ties are available from our Pre-Loved Uniform Hub. We welcome donations of any laundered uniform items which students have outgrown or no longer need. If any help is required in sourcing uniform items, please contact our Lead Teacher of Equity, Miss Sophie Leckenby or your child's Pupil Support Teacher.

Staffing changes

We have welcomed a number of new colleagues this session: Mrs McGuire (Faculty Head of Science), Ms Smith (Teacher of Inclusion), Ms Wardrope (Teacher of PE), Ms McGuire (Teacher of PE), Ms Carnie (Teacher of Geography), Ms Connell (Teacher of Modern Languages) and Ms Dunn (Teacher of Art). Mr Andrew (Teacher of Maths) will join us next week.

Homework

Information on homework will be shared with pupils through Google Classrooms and with parents through Guardian Email.

Useful website links

Applications for school transport, clothing grants, free school meals and free bus travel for under 22s can be made using the following links:

School transport – https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/forms/form/140/en/school_transport

school meals - <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals>

School clothing grants –

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200259/education_benefits/159/clothing_grants_and_free_school_meals

South Lanarkshire Council NEC and free bus travel scheme for under 22s –

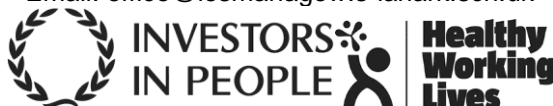
<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/nec/>

If any help is required in completing any applications, please contact your child's Pupil Support Teacher, our Lead Teachers of Equity or any member of the Senior Management Team.

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School contact information

Our Principal Teachers of Pupil Support are the main point of contact for parents and carers when contacting the school. Mr Mallaghan is Principal Teacher of Pupil Support for all pupils in Kerse House; Mrs Wright is the Principal Teacher of Pupil Support for all pupils in Logan House; and Miss Fletcher is Principal Teacher of Pupil Support for all pupils in Milton House. Miss Iqbal has also joined our Pupil Support Team this session.

Mrs Cimmino is Year Head for S1 and S4 pupils; Mrs Docherty is Year Head for S2; Mr Gray is Year Head for pupils in S3 and S6; and Mr Robertson is Year Head for all pupils in S5. Contact information for all colleagues in the Extended Leadership Team can be found on the school website at: <https://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/contact-us/>

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 11th September 2024. Individual photos will be taken of young people in S1, S3, S5 and S6. Year Group photos of S1 and S6 will also be taken.

Parent Council

The first meeting of our Parent Council takes place on Monday, 16th September in our school library, at 7.15 pm. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Key dates:

- September weekend – Friday 27th and Monday 30 September 2024
- October break – Monday 14th – Friday 18th October 2024. Pupils return on Monday, 21st October 2024.
- In-service Day – Monday, 11th November 2024
- Christmas Holidays – School closes at 12.30 pm on Friday 20th December and reopens on Monday 6th January 2025.
- February Break – Monday, 17th and Tuesday, 18th February 2025
- In-service Day – Wednesday, 19th February 2025
- Easter/Spring Break – school closes at 12.30 pm on Friday, 4th April and reopens on Tuesday, 22nd April 2025
- In-service day – Thursday, 1st May 2025
- May Holiday – Monday, 5th May 2025
- May Holiday – Friday 23rd and Monday 26th May 2025
- Summer holidays- School closes at 1 pm on Wednesday 25th June 2025

The dates of school holidays for Session 2024/25 can be found at:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200140/education_and_learning/82/school_holidays

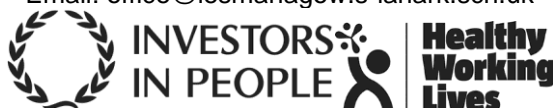
An open evening will take place on 4th September, to which all pupils and families are invited. An open afternoon will also be organised for parents/ carers of S1 pupils on 10th September, when there will be an opportunity for tours of the school when pupils are in classes.

Parents' Evenings

The dates of our Parents' Evenings for session 2024-25 are:

- Senior Phase – 6th November 2024 and 26th February 2025

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- S2 – 4th December 2024
- S3 – 29th January 2025
- S1 – 21st May 2025

School Excursions Policy

A copy South Lanarkshire's Education Excursion policy is included at the end of this letter, for your information.

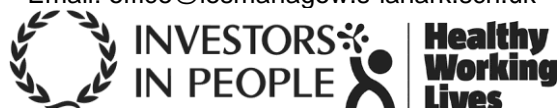
Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Barbara A. Lee

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Finance and Corporate Resources
Finance Services (Transactions)

Education excursion policy – cover 2024-25

Educational excursions within and outwith the UK Personal accident and travel insurance for participants, teachers and other adults

Insurer **AIG**

Expiry date **31 March 2025**

Policy Number **0010628279**

Personal accident insurance

Pupils/Participants (under 18)

Death - £10,000

Permanent Total Disablement – Up to £30,000
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Teachers/Other Adults

Death - £30,000

Permanent Total Disablement – Up to

Travel insurance

Loss of/or damage to Personal Belongings

Limited to £2,500

(Single limit per item - £1,500)

Disruption (excluding UK)

Up to £5,000

Loss of Money

Up to £1,000

(Cover increased to £2,500 whilst money in the custody of a responsible adult)

Personal Liability

Limit of liability £2,000,000

Medical Expenses (Outwith UK) Unlimited

Note – There is no insurance cover in place for cancellation; alteration to itinerary; curtailment; rearrangement; or travel delay as a result of Covid-19 or any variant.

This is a summary document. Exact cover, terms, exceptions and conditions are contained in the policy documents.

All claims should be notified to Risk Management in the first instance.

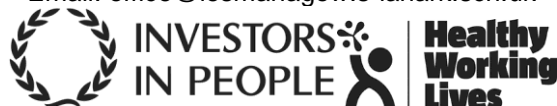
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE HELPLINE - +44 01273 552922 (24 hours a day/7 days a week)

For further information on any of the above please contact Risk Management on 0303

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