

**TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS**

12 <sup>th</sup> -14th February	S6 Charities Week	
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Football Festival (3-5pm)	
14 <sup>th</sup> February	S1 & S2 Interhouse Badminton & Table Tennis Competition P3&4	

**FORTHCOMING**

17th & 18 February	February Holidays	
19 <sup>th</sup> February	In-service Day	
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Senior Phase Reports Issued	
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Battle of the Bands Event, Evening, Hamilton Townhouse	
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Senior Phase Parents' Evening	
27 <sup>th</sup> February	S1 and S2 Clydesdale Cup Event, Lanark Grammar School	

**Pupil Notice**10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**P Inspection Report**

Following our visit from HM Inspectors in December, our school inspection report will be published on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, on the Education Scotland website at: <https://education.gov.scot/> We will share the link to the report on Google Classroom.

B Lee

**P Interhouse Competition**

The finals of our S1 and S2 Interhouse Badminton and Table Tennis Competition will take place on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, during periods 3 and 4. Students will then be invited to represent our school in the Badminton and Table Tennis round of the Clydesdale Cup on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, at Lanark Grammar School. Good luck to all students who are participating in these events!

B Lee

**P S6 Charities Week**

Our S6 students are planning a range of activities from 12-14<sup>th</sup> February, to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support Charity. On Wednesday, there will be face painting and an opportunity to purchase a Valentine's Day token of appreciation (which you can arrange to send to someone on Friday), a quiz at lunch-time, and an option to dress down by wearing something green to show support for MacMillan Cancer Support. On Thursday, there will be a live band performance at interval and 'Brave the Shave' event at lunchtime. Dress down theme for Thursday is 'Pyjama Day'. On Friday, there will be one interval for all students, between periods 3 and 4, when 'Pie the Teacher' event will take place. There will also be an option to dress down, and to bring 'anything but a bag' when students can find creative ways to carry their school books to classes! Donations of any amount are welcome throughout the week, with all proceeds going to MacMillan Cancer Support.

B Lee

**P February Break**

School closes at 12.30 pm on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens to pupils on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at 8.40 am. Please note: Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February is an in-service day for staff. We hope everyone has a lovely February break.

B Lee

**P School Show – October 2025**

We hope to organise a school show in the week before the October break, 2025. There will be lots of roles available – please speak to Mr Stirling for more information. If you are interested in taking part or helping in any way, please go along to rehearsals on Thursdays, 3.35 – 4.45 in the Music Department.

B Lee

**P      Emergency Exits**

A reminder that fire doors must only be used during emergency evacuations. This change has been implemented by South Lanarkshire Council, across all schools and other Council buildings, for health and safety reasons, to improve security and also due to maintenance issues. All pupils must enter and leave the school building using the main entrance/exit.

**B Lee**

**P      Home Economics**

All pupils are reminded to bring a container for Home Economics when cooking. Thank you!

**B Lee**

**P      Uniform Items and School Bags**

If you have any pre-loved uniform items or school bags that are no longer needed, we would be delighted if these could be handed into the school office so that we can add them to our uniform and school supplies for next session. Please help us to look after our environment – remember the importance of reducing, repairing, reusing and recycling!

**B Lee**

**P      Lost Property**

A number of lost property items (including expensive outdoor jackets) remain unclaimed in the lost property store. Please check with Joan and Lynn if you have misplaced any items within the school.

**B Lee**

**P      Community**

A reminder of the importance of placing litter in the bins provided. It is important that we look after the local environment and show respect for our community.

**B Lee**

**P      ParentsPortal**

Thank you to all parents and carers who have signed up to ParentsPortal, our new digital communication service. ParentsPortal enables parents to update contact information, complete consent forms, view canteen menus and attendance information, link to ParentPay and other functions. From this session, school reports will also be available through ParentsPortal. Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

**B Lee**

**P      'Too good to go'**

Unsold sandwiches/wraps/baguettes left over from lunch-time can be collected from a fridge in the Pupil Support corridor at the end of the school day or by arrangement with PTs Pupil Support/SMT/PTs Equity. Please speak to SMT, PTs Pupil Support or PTs Equity for further information.

Please also remember that a supply of toiletries are available in Mr Mallaghan's Pupil Support Office. There are also some porridge pots if anyone has missed breakfast.

**B Lee**

**P      Uniform**

Our school uniform is:

- White shirt/blouse;
- School tie (red and black/ senior/ international);
- Plain black V-neck jumper or cardigan without logos;
- Black trousers/black skirt;
- School blazer, with option of braiding for S6;
- Plain black footwear (including laces); and
- P.E. kit (white, red or black t-shirt, black shorts).

Please speak to Mrs McCallum, your Pupil Support Teacher, Miss Leckenby, Mrs Miller or any member of SMT if you need any uniform items. Alternatively, you can request uniform items at the links below:

School uniform <https://forms.gle/AWcqcQ7seyd5c91i9>

We would welcome any donations of any pre-loved items of school uniform, particularly school blazers to add these to the supplies available to pupils. Please pass any donations to the School Office. Thank you.

B Lee

**P Windfarm Connect2 Renewables Employability Fund – S4-S6 pupils**

The following information about the Windfarm Connect 2 Renewables Employability Fund has been shared with S4-S6 pupils and posted in S4-S6 Google Classrooms:

Due to your proximity to the Kype Muir and Middle Muir windfarms, if you plan on leaving at the end of this school year, you could be entitled to up to £500 (if going to college/university) or £200 if going into employment/apprenticeship. This is a grant payment that does not need to be paid back. The only real requirement is that you live within the required postcode areas.

I would encourage you all to apply if eligible - it is free money that could be really useful as you start your post-school journey.

To apply, you really just need to complete a form - but you won't receive the money until you start college/university as they will need to see your student card. You can make enquiries now though by contacting: [connect2renewables@souuthlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:connect2renewables@souuthlanarkshire.gov.uk) or telephone 0800 9520 070.

J Mallaghan

**P Homework**

Homework will be shared using Google Classroom. Please make sure you are a member of all your Google Classrooms, including your Year Group Google Classroom.

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**P Young Scot Card and Free Bus Travel**

If you need a new Young Scot Card, or still have to renew your card to access free bus travel, your Tutor teacher can give you a form to complete, which will allow us to apply for your card on your behalf. Completed forms should be returned to Miss Fletcher or the School Office. Please see Miss Fletcher if you have any questions about accessing free bus travel.

B Lee

**P EMA – S5/6**

EMA application forms can be downloaded from the South Lanarkshire Council website. On the Council website, click on 'Education and Learning', then 'Secondary School Information', then 'Education Maintenance Allowance'. If you need any help with this, please see Mr Robertson or your Pupil Support Teacher. It is your responsibility to complete and send the application form.

When you receive an award letter with your EMA number on it, bring this to Mr Robertson who will then issue a copy of the Learning Agreement to be signed by your teachers and Parent/Carer. You should then return the completed Learning Agreement to Mr Robertson and the school office will then process your EMA.

Only when you have completed all of the above will the payment process begin. Please see Mr Robertson if you have any questions about EMA.

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