

Pupil Notice

21st February 2025

P SQA Exam Calendar

The updated SQA Exam Calendar is available at: [Exam timetable and learner apps - SQA](#)

Please note: the exam diet now begins on Friday, 25th April and ends on Monday, 2nd June (contingency day). Some changes have been made to the exams on each day - please check the dates of each of your exams carefully.

B Lee**P Senior Phase Parents' Evening**

We look forward to welcoming all parents/carers to our Parents' Evening on Wednesday, 26th February 2025. Please contact the office if you need any help making appointments

B Lee**P S5/S6 Pupils and Parents: SAAS Information Event (college/university funding).**

During the parents' night on Wednesday, 26th, there will be a virtual presentation from the Students Awards Agency of Scotland to discuss how to apply for student funding.

Learners studying in Scotland are entitled to this funding, and to have their fees paid by the government, but these must be applied for. They are not automatic.

This event will take place, A104, at 6.15pm. Parents and/or pupils are welcome to attend.

S4/S5 Pupils: Accelerate Programme

As one of their partner schools, the University of Strathclyde has again offered us the chance to apply for funded places for their Accelerate programme. 10 of our students took part last year.

The programme involves a week of attending the university in June where you, alongside other young people from up and down the country, will work on a project. The subject areas covered are:

Business • Chemical Engineering • Chemistry • Computer Science • Education • Politics • Electrical & Electronic Engineering (EEE) • Law • Product Design

A member of the university's staff will visit us on Friday 7th March to talk to those interested about exactly what is involved. If you are interested, please, let Mr Mallaghan know ASAP. He will then add you to the invitation list to attend the presentation.

If you are interested in going to university when you leave school, and any of the above subjects are of interest to you, this is a great opportunity.

S5/S6 Pupils and Parents: DKMS charity

A volunteer from the DKMS charity is going to join us for an assembly in March (exact date TBC) to talk about the important work they do in fighting blood cancers. They will also let pupils/staff know how they can sign up to be added to their stem cell donors list. Signing up to this is, obviously, entirely voluntary but doing so could potentially help to save lives. More information on the exact date/time of this presentation will follow shortly.

Mr Mallaghan**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 Public Speaking Competition**

Well done to Liv Jeffrey and Myla Simpson who represented our school in the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Public Speaking Competition on Thursday, 20th February, delivering an excellent presentation and asking and answering questions on social media use and on-line safety. Their next competition takes place on Tuesday, 25th February. Well done!

B Lee**P Battle of the Bands 2025**

Well done to ILINX - Perla, Callum, Beau, Charlie and Sarah, who performed 'Hey Jude' in the Battle of the Bands competition at Hamilton Town House on Thursday, 20th February. It was a great event, with 15 bands performing across the evening. Congratulations to the winners,

Carluke High School and to all who took part. Thank you to everyone who went along to support ILINX.

B Lee

P U15s Football

Our U15s football team travelled to Strathaven on Thursday, 20th February. They dominated the game for a long period of time and displayed a great work ethic throughout. Well done to Man of the Match, Kyle Wilson, who scored a great goal and to all members of the Lesmahagow High School team, who were a credit to our school! The final score was 3-1 to Strathaven – congratulations to the Strathaven team. The next match for the U15 team takes place on 4th March, at the Glebe, against Our Lady's HS.

B Lee

P Inspection Feedback

Following our visit from HM Inspectors in December, we are delighted to let you know that a letter for parents/carers, our school inspection report and a summary of the questionnaire responses have been published on the Education Scotland website at: [Lesmahagow High School | Inspection Report | Education Scotland](https://www.education.gov.scot/Inspection-Reports/Primary-Schools/Lesmahagow-High-School/Inspection-Report) Thank you to everyone who supported our school throughout the inspection process.

B Lee

P Tesco Bag Pack – Parent Council Fundraiser

Our Parent Council have booked to do a bag pack at Tesco Lesmahagow on Saturday, 1st March, from 10 am – 3 pm, to raise funds for extra-curricular activities and trips. If any students and parents/carers could volunteer to help out for an hour or two, please contact the school office, or Parent Council Chair, Mrs Jill Pate at: jillavonside@aol.com . There will also be a tombola. If anyone has any items they could donate for the tombola, please pass these to the school office, thank you!

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@southlanarkshire.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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