

P Tesco Bag Pack – Parent Council Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our Parent Council's bag pack and tombola fundraiser on Saturday, 1st March, at Tesco Lesmahagow. Our school community and Tesco customers and staff were extremely generous and have raised £848.45 to support extra-curricular activities and provide additional opportunities for our young people. Thank you to our Parent Council who organised the event, to everyone who donated and to those who gave their time on the day

B Lee

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 SLLC Dance Competition

Well done to all students who took part in the South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Dance Competition at Hamilton Town House on Tuesday, 4th March. The standard of performance was excellent and everyone enjoyed the evening. Well done to Eilidh Campbell who helped to present the show!

B Lee

P U15s Football

Well done to our U15s football team, who won 3-1 against Clyde Valley High School at the Glebe on Tuesday afternoon. Congratulations to our goal scorers – Kyle Wilson, Callum Milligan and Ross Miller, and Man of the Match – Lucas Lennox.

B Lee

P Cross Country

Well done to S1-S3 students who took part in the year group Cross Country events on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th March. Those who secured the fastest times have been invited to join our teams at the SLC Cross Country Event at Biggar Rugby Club on Wednesday, 12th March.

B Lee

P South Lanarkshire Schools' Big Band Performance

Well done to Nathan Blackmore who delivered an excellent performance at the South Lanarkshire Schools' Big Band Concert on Thursday, 6th March at Rutherglen Town Hall. It was a brilliant evening, with 19 songs performed by the 20 piece band, singers and Primary Choir. Thank you to everyone who supported students at the event.

B Lee

P Drama Practical Exams

Well done to our National 5 and Higher Drama students who completed their SQA Final Practical Exams this week. Thank you to everyone who supported the students.

B Lee

P Accelerate Programme – Strathclyde University – S4 and S5 students

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.

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

R Ritchie

P Clydesdale Cup

Well done to all young people who participated in the Badminton and Table Tennis round of the Clydesdale Cup at Lanark Grammar School on Thursday, 27th February. Overall, Lesmahagow High School is currently in 2nd place as we go into the final two competitions: football and athletics.

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@southernlarkshire.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.

LA Cimmino

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.

D Robertson