

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

Week beg 12 th May	House Assemblies	B Lee
14 th May	Clydesdale Cup - Athletics at Carlisle	N Ross
15 th May	U15s Football Semi-Final v Strathaven. KO 4.15 pm at Glebe	N Ross
15 th May	Clyde River Foundation Trip (Biology)	CA McGuire
15 th May	SLC Netball Tournament (Ally McCoist Centre, East Kilbride)	R Wardrobe
15 th May	DofE Expedition Parent/Carer Information Evening	S Rivans
16 th May	S3 Blackpool Trip	E Gardiner

FORTHCOMING

21 st May	S3 Reports Issued	A Gray
21 st May	S1 Parents' Meeting	B Lee
22 nd May	Sports Day (Weather Permitting)	N Ross
23 rd and 26 th May	Holidays (Note: SQA Exams continue)	B Lee
23 rd and 26 th May	School Closed for May Bank Holiday	B Lee

Pupil Notice

12th May 2025**P School Meals**

The cost of a school meal deal will increase to £2.83 from Tuesday, 22nd April.

B Lee

P Clydesdale Cup

Good luck to all S1 and S2 pupils who are representing our school in the final round of the Clydesdale Cup at the John Cumming Stadium, Carlisle on Wednesday, 14th May. We are currently sitting top of the Clydesdale Cup league – well done to all students who have participated in the previous rugby, netball, football, table tennis and badminton activities!

Students will have the opportunity to participate in nine different events in Carlisle. Well done to everyone who has attended the training sessions. Thank you to the PE department and Active Schools Coordinators for arranging these events.

B Lee

P Assemblies

House Assemblies will take place in week beginning 12th May: Tuesday, 13th – Kerse House, Wednesday, 14th – Milton House and Thursday, 15th – Logan House

B Lee

P First Time Voter Registration

Young people who live in the Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse area and are aged 16 or over should check that they are registered to vote in the upcoming Scottish Parliamentary by-election. The deadline to register for voting is 19th May. Voting will take place between 7 am and 10 pm on Thursday, 5th June 2025. You can register to vote online at:

www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

B Lee

P S1 and S2 Run Club

All S1 and S2 pupils interested in participating in a run club on Mondays, 3.45 – 4.30 pm should see Miss Stewart.

L Stewart

P SQA Exam Calendar

The updated SQA Exam Calendar is available at: Exam timetable and learner apps - SQA The SQA exam diet is now underway 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.

Study leave will commence for Senior Phase students on Thursday, 24th April. The last teaching day for Senior Phase students before the SQA exams will be Wednesday, 23rd April. Teachers will be available throughout the exam diet to support revision.

Good luck to all Senior Phase students with their SQA exams! Please let Mr Gray know if you have any questions.

B Lee

P School Show – October 2025

Planning and rehearsals for our School Show – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat – continue! Performances will take place in the week before the October break. Congratulations to everyone who has secured a leading role! 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!

S Miller

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.

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