



Education Resources
 Executive Director **Lyndsay McRoberts**
 Head Teacher **Barbara Lee**
Lesmahagow High School



If calling ask for: Barbara Lee
 Phone: 01555 896010
 Date: 13th August 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Session 2025-26

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, Thursday, 14th August 2025, 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 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. 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, 5th 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 is an option for S6 students 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 the school office.

Staffing Updates

At the end of term, we congratulated Ms Elaine Tully (Teacher of Modern Languages) on her early retirement after forty years of dedicated service in education. We also congratulated Mr Malcolm Hobday (School Support Assistant) on his early retirement and Ms Isha Iqbal (Teacher of Biology) on her promotion as Principal Teacher of Pupil Support in another local authority.

After successfully completing their Probationary year, we said farewell to Ms Rachel Wardrope (Teacher of Physical Education) and Ms Gemma Carnie (Teacher of Geography), and wish them well in their future careers.

This session, we have welcomed a number of new colleagues: Mrs Lauren Lockens (PT Pupil Support), Mrs Gemma Singer (Teacher of Biology), Mr Pedro Jimenez (Teacher of Modern Languages), Ms Ayesha Saleem (Teacher of Mathematics), Ms Abigail Wilson (Teacher of Business Education), Ms Kirsten Barnett (Teacher of History), Ms Eva Coyle (Teacher of Chemistry), Mr Lewis Peers (Teacher of Physics) and Mr Declan Connelly (Teacher of Modern Studies).

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:

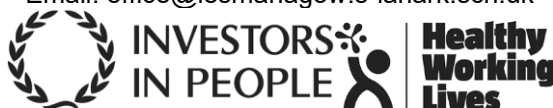
School transport – [School transport - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

Clothing Grants and free school meals - [Free school meals - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

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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 or any member of the Senior Management Team.

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. Due to our increased school roll, Mrs Lauren Lockens has also joined our Pupil Support Team. As such, a fourth House group will be formed by October 2025, in consultation with all members of our school community. Further information regarding this change will be provided in due course.

Mr Gray is Year Head for pupils in S1 and S4; Mrs Cimmino is Year Head for S2 and S5 pupils; Mrs Docherty is Year Head for S3; and Mr Robertson is Year Head for all pupils in S6. 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, 17th September 2025. 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, 15th September in our school library, at 7.15 pm. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Key dates:

- September weekend – Friday 26th and Monday 29th September 2025
- October break – Monday 13th – Friday 17th October 2025. Pupils return on Monday, 20th October 2025.
- In-service Day – Monday, 10th November 2025
- Christmas Holidays – School closes at 12.30 pm on Friday 19th December and reopens on Monday 5th January 2026.
- February Break – Monday, 16th and Tuesday, 17th February 2026
- In-service Day – Wednesday, 18th February 2026
- Easter/Spring Break – school closes at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 2nd April and reopens on Monday, 20th April 2026
- May Holiday – Monday, 4th May 2026
- In-service day – Thursday, 7th May 2026
- May Holiday – Friday 22nd and Monday 25th May 2026
- Summer holidays- School closes at 1 pm on Thursday 25th June 2026

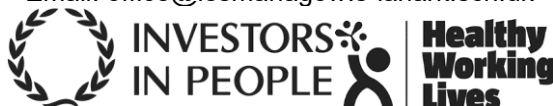
The dates of school holidays for Session 2025/26 can be found at:

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

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An open afternoon will be organised for parents/ carers of S1 pupils on Tuesday, 9th 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 2025-26 are:

- S1 – Thursday, 23rd October 2025
- Senior Phase – Tuesday 4th November 2025 and Wednesday, 25th February 2026
- S2 – Wednesday, 3rd December 2025
- S3 – Thursday, 29th January 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

Barbara Lee
Head Teacher



Finance and Corporate Resources
Finance Services (Transactions)
Education excursion policy – cover 2025-26

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

Insurer AIG
Expiry date 31 March 2026
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 123 1024.

If you need this information in another language or format, please contact us to discuss how we can best meet your needs. Phone 0303 123 1015 or email equalities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

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