

P House Captains

Congratulations to our House Captains and Vice Captains, who were presented with their badges this week:

Kerse House Captains: Morgan Fraser; Joscelyn Kennedy; Dylan Wailes

Logan and New House Captains: Emma Graham and Kamelija Gupwell

Logan House Vice Captains: Charlie Bauld and Jennifer Pate

New House Vice Captains: Holly McCrorie and Aaron Cameron

Milton House Captains: Holly Fotheringham and Caiden Forrest

Milton House Vice Captains: Jessica Lobjoie and Freya Lumsden.

Well done! Our Senior Pupil Leadership Team look forward to leading a variety of events and initiatives this session and will be great ambassadors of our school.

B Lee

P Hands Up Survey

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2025 'Hands Up' Travel Survey. Our results have been shared with Sustrans and will be added to our School Travel Plan.

How do Lesmahagow High School students* travel to school?

Walk – 94; Park and Stride – 10; Driven - 81; Bus – 251; Taxi – 58.

*494 students participated in the survey (73% response).

B Lee

P Parent Council

Thank you to all Parents and Carers who joined us in our School Library on Monday, 15th September for our Parent Council AGM. Office Bearers for 2025-26 are: Mrs Pate

(Chairperson), Mrs Wailes (Secretary) and Mrs Naismith (Treasurer). The minutes of previous meetings can be found at: [Parent Council – Lesmahagow High School](#)

The next Parent Council Meeting takes place on Tuesday, 11th November at 7.15 pm in the SMT Room, Lesmahagow High School. New members are always welcome! A Microsoft Teams link can be shared for meetings if required – please contact the school office for further information.

B Lee

P School Transport Assessment

We were delighted to welcome representatives of South Lanarkshire Council to our school at the end of the day on Wednesday, 17th September to evaluate the effectiveness of our school travel plan and identify any further improvements to support pupil safety. Thank you to all parents and carers for parking outwith our school car park and bus bays, which allows school transport to park safely when collecting our pupils. Your support in ensuring pupil safety, particularly at school drop off and pick up times when roads are busiest, is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to all students crossing Strathaven Road for using the Zebra Crossing and to students crossing other roads for remembering the importance of road safety.

B Lee

P Mentors in Violence Prevention Training

Well done to all students who participated in MVP training this week, and thank you to Mr Gardiner and Ms Gordon for leading the training sessions.

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P Biology Pathways Event

Higher Human and Advanced Higher Biology pupils will have the opportunity to meet with Dr Richard Thacker from UWS on Tuesday, 23rd September, period 1, in B202, to learn about future pathways with the university.

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P Extra-Curricular Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has offered to lead extra-curricular clubs this year and thank you to Mr Ross and the Sports Development class for co-ordinating our sign-up fair. Please see Mr Ross if you have any questions about the extra-curricular clubs offered or if you would like to suggest additional clubs!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCHTIME	<u>Badminton Club</u> Games hall S1-S6. Senior pupils leading	<u>Basketball Club</u> Games hall S1-S6. Senior Pupils leading	<u>Volleyball Club</u> Games hall S1-S6. Senior Pupils leading	<u>Football club</u> Muga S2's Senior pupils leading	
	<u>Football Club</u> S1's Muga Senior Pupils leading	<u>Public speaking/ debate club</u> Miss McMillan A108	<u>Mixed Gym Club</u> Fitness Suite S1-S6 – Mrs Geurtzen-Thomson	<u>Practical Performance Club</u> National 5 & Higher PE Games hall Miss McGuire	
	<u>Film Club</u> New Sewing Room A110 S1-S6 Miss Ferguson	<u>Duke of Edinburgh</u> Bronze and Silver S3-S6 B204 Miss Forbes	<u>Scripture Union</u> B101 / IST5 Mr Anderson & Mrs Baillie	<u>S1 Gaming Club</u> Contemplation Room Mr Gardiner	
	<u>Eco Club</u> Miss Leckenby A205	<u>STEM Club S1/2</u> Miss Saleem, Miss Wilson and Miss Coyle B104/ Science and IT	<u>S1 + S2 Board Game Club</u> Miss Barnett Contemplation room	<u>LHS Grandmasters Chess Club</u> S Rivans	
	<u>LGBTQ+ Club</u> A205 Mrs Smith & Miss Leckenby	<u>Dance Club</u> Active schools		<u>Saxophone Quartet/Clarinet Ensemble</u> Mrs Robertson Cheyne	
				<u>LEGO Club</u> IST5 / B101 - Mrs Geurtzen-Thomson	
AFTER SCHOOL	<u>Basketball Club</u> Games hall S1-S6. Senior pupils leading	<u>Running club</u>	<u>School Band</u> S1 - S6 Brass, Woodwind and Percussionists - Mrs Robertson Cheyne	<u>Senior Netball</u> S4-S6 Games Hall Miss McGuire	<u>Junior Netball</u> S1-S3 Pupils Games hall/Outside court. Senior Pupils leading
	<u>Under 16 football team</u> Muga/Glebe Mr Ross/Senior Pupils				<u>Volleyball club</u> S4 - S6 Games Hall Miss McGuire
	<u>Trampolining</u> S4-S6 only Mr Hill				

P Harvest Assembly – Rehearsal

Please note: there will be a rehearsal for our Harvest Assembly at 2 pm on Wednesday, 24th September. All students interested in participating in our Harvest Assembly or in future Assemblies should speak to Mrs Baillie, Mr Anderson, Mrs Wright or Miss Lee. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered.

B Lee

P Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Assembly will take place on Tuesday, 30th September, in the Street Area, led by Mr. Bob Baillie (Kirkmuirhill Parish Church), our Chaplaincy Team and students. Assemblies will take place at the following times: 8.40 am – S5 and S6; 9.10 am – S3 and S4; 9.45 am – S1

and S2. Alternative arrangements will be made for any student who does not attend Religious Observance assemblies – please see Pupil Support.

All students and staff are invited to donate an item to the Clydesdale Food Bank either on the day of the assembly (30th September) or at any point later in the week. Donations will be taken to the Clydesdale Foodbank on Monday, 6th October.

B Lee

P School Photos

An S1 Year Group photo will be taken on Monday, 6th October. Full uniform, please!

A Gray

P Scripture Union

Scripture Union Club meets on Wednesdays at lunchtime in Mr Anderson's room, B101. It was lovely to see everyone who joined us last week and brilliant to welcome new members. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday! All welcome, please bring your lunch!

B Lee

P Chess Club

Chess Club has started again in Mrs Mullen's room (B102) on a Monday lunchtime. All are welcome. We plan to play both Lanark GS and Carluke HS in a feisty tournament later in the autumn. We must win our trophy back!

S Rivans

P S1 Gaming Club

S1 Gaming Club runs on Thursday at lunchtime in the Contemplation Room. Thank you to all who have already signed up. If you are interested in attending but did not sign up, please come on Thursday to add your name to the list!

E Gardiner

P St. Andrew's Hospice Ambassador Programme and 6K Run – S5 and S6 Students

Earlier this month, we welcomed Amanda Stewart, Schools and Community Fundraiser for St. Andrew's Hospice to our school. Amanda shared information with us about the amazing work of St. Andrew's Hospice, fundraising and volunteering opportunities.

The Ambassador programme is a brilliant volunteering opportunity offered by the Hospice. Being an Ambassador means raising awareness for St. Andrew's Hospice through either participating in your own or planned events, or volunteering, or a mixture of both. To gain a Bronze Award, you are asked to spend 15 hours volunteering/participating in events or holding events. The time commitment for the Silver Award is 20 hours and for Gold is 25 hours. This would be a great award to list on CV's, UCAS forms or as part of DofE volunteering sections. If any S5/6 students are interested in being a volunteer at the 6K, please collect a volunteer form from Miss Lee or Ms Saleem (Maths) and send this to Richard at

richard.trott@standrews.scot.nhs.uk

The annual St. Andrew's Hospice 6K run takes place this year on Sunday, 5th October at Strathclyde Park. Ms Saleem (Maths) will arrange transport for those interested in participating in the event. We need to be at Strathclyde Park for 9.45 am, and the run starts at 10.30 am. It costs £7 to register. Please see Ms Saleem for further information.

Please note: Sunday, 5th October is also a Rehearsal Day for students involved in the School Show.

The other fundraising events that you might be interested in participating in are: Santa Dash - 7th December 2025; Schools Ben Nevis - 6th/7th June 2026 (TBC) Adult Ben Nevis 29th August 2026 (TBC)

B Lee

P OnPath Energy – Healthy and Sustainable Living Programme – S5 Science and Geography Students

We look forward to working in partnership with OnPath Energy, community and business partners on a sustainability project over the next year. The project aims to inspire and encourage communities to be kinder to their pocket and the planet, and will involve engaging workshops, and trialling products from IKEA that are economical and use less energy.

S5 Science and Geography students involved in the project will be mentored by Dr. Patrick Elf (Middlesex University) on interventions, data gathering and analysis and report writing, and will have the opportunity to achieve a Level 7 STEM Award.

Thank you to Healthy Valleys, Councillors Ross Gowland and Robert Brown, Duneaton Community Trust, Coalburn Miners Charitable Welfare, Douglas Community Council, Rigside and Douglas Water Council, Lesmahagow Development Trust, Carmichael Community Council, South Lanarkshire Council Connect2 Renewables, OnPath Energy, South Lanarkshire Council and IKEA Glasgow for supporting the project.

Please see Mrs McGuire, Faculty Head of Science if you have any questions about this exciting project!

C McGuire

P Volunteering opportunity for Senior Students - Lesmahagow Rainbows

Are you interested in a volunteering opportunity with Lesmahagow Rainbows? Rainbows (the youngest Guide group, aged 5-7 years) meet on Mondays, from 6.30 - 7.30 pm in Lesmahagow District Guide Hall, on Abbeygreen. This would be a great opportunity for anyone completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, or for anyone interested in a career working with children and young people. For further information, please email: lesmahagowrainbows@gmail.com

B Lee

P Everton vrs Spurs

The PE Department has secured tickets for the Everton vrs Spurs match on 26th October (please note, the change of date). Part of this package is a tour of Anfield. The cost of the trip is £129. Please see Mr Ross for further information.

N Ross

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!

N Ross

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, 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.co.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 completed on 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