

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

Week beginning 13 th October	October break	Miss Lee
Week beginning 20 th October	Year Group Assemblies	Miss Lee
Monday, 20 th October	Young Stem Leader Training (Mrs Singer's room) Lunchtime; P7 – House and Vice House Captaincy Meeting	Miss Lee
Tuesday, 21 st October	S1 Parents' Evening Booking Closes	Miss Lee
Wednesday, 22 nd October	Periods 4/5 -N5 and Higher Drama Acting Workshop	Miss Clark
Wednesday, 22 nd October	2 pm – Chaplaincy Team Meeting	Miss Lee
Wednesday, 22 nd October	3.15 pm – Netball	Mrs Mullen
Wednesday, 23 rd October	S1 Parents' Evening	Miss Lee

FORTHCOMING

Monday, 27 th October	STEM DYW trip	Miss Forbes
Monday, 27 th October	Periods 6 & 7 – S1 Merit Event	Miss Kelly
Tuesday, 28 th October	Periods 6 & 7 – S2 Merit Event	Miss Kelly
Wednesday, 29 th October	Senior Phase Reports issued; Senior Phase Parents' Evening Booking Opens	Mr Gray
Wednesday, 29 th October	S1 Hallowe'en Disco – 6- 8 pm	Mr Gardiner
Thursday, 30 th October	Periods 6 & 7 – S3 Merit Event	Mr Gray
Monday, 3 rd November	Senior Phase Parents' Evening Bookings Close	Mr Gray
Monday, 3 rd November	Clydesdale Cup – Senior Volleyball – Carluke HS	Mr Ross
Tuesday – Friday, 4-7 th November	House Assemblies	Pupil Support
Tuesday, 4 th November	Senior Phase Parents' Evening	Mr Gray
Thursday, 6 th November	Girls' Football Tournament, Hamilton	Mr Ross
Thursday, 6 th November	Theatre Trip – To Kill a Mockingbird	Miss Kelly
Monday, 10 th November	In-Service Day for Staff	Miss Lee
Tuesday, 11 th November	Remembrance Day Services	Chaplaincy Team
Tuesday, 11 th November	Parent Council Meeting	Miss Lee

Once confirmation has been given by HT/DHT, please detail briefly as above.

Full details of all pupils etc. **must** be given to departments at least one week before event.

No event should appear in NEXT WEEK section without first appearing in FORTHCOMING section

P School Show

Very well done to the cast and crew of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'! Audience members have been extremely impressed by the standard of performance! Thank you to everyone who gave their time to support the show, to our sponsors, Parent Council members, pupils and staff. Special thanks to Mr Stirling and his team for leading and directing the production. We look forward to our next school show!

B Lee**P St Andrews**

Well done to everyone who completed the 6K challenge at Strathclyde Park last Sunday, showing commitment and raising funds for St. Andrew's Hospice. The fastest finisher from Lesmahagow High School was Lauara Gardiner, closely followed by Holly McCrorie, Aiva McCormack and Gemma Stevenson. It was great to see so many students competing in the event – well done!

B Lee**P October Holiday**

School closes at 12.30 pm on Friday, 10th October and re-opens on Monday, 20th October at 8.40 am. We hope everyone has a restful and relaxing October break. Keep safe!

B Lee**P Wellbeing Survey**

SLC Education Resources is undertaking an authority wide survey between 3rd November and 12th December 2025 to gather insights into the mental health and wellbeing of pupils from P5 to S6 across South Lanarkshire, to help inform local services and support strategies.

Information about the survey has been shared with parents and carers through Parents Portal. This information can also be accessed at: [SLC Health and Wellbeing Survey Information](#). Paper copies will also be provided as required, and where consent forms are needed.

Further information will be shared after the October break

B Lee**P Year Group Assemblies**

There will be Year Group Assemblies in Week beginning 20th October, starting with S1 on Monday, 20th October.

B Lee**P Young STEM Leader Training**

S5 Science and Geography students who are participating in the OnPath Energy project should meet with Mrs Singer on Monday, 20th October at lunch-time in her classroom to commence Young STEM Leader training.
Senior Phase Reports and Parents' Evening

Well done!

Well done to Caedmon Moos, S1, who has raised over £350 for the [Chilli Children Trust](#) which supports young people in Uganda with life limiting conditions, through a sponsored run.

B Lee**P S1 Reports and Parents' Evening**

S1 Reports and information about S1 Parents' Evening were issued on Wednesday, 8th October. S1 Parents' Evening takes place on Thursday, 23rd October. Bookings for appointments opened on Wednesday, 8th October and close on Tuesday, 21st October. We look forward to welcoming all Parents/Carers of S1 students to our school.

Senior Phase Tracking reports will be issued on Wednesday, 29th October, along with booking information for Senior Phase Parents' Evening. Our first Senior Phase Parents' Evening takes place on Tuesday, 4th November. Bookings for appointments open on Wednesday, 29th October and close on Monday, 3rd November. We look forward to welcoming all Parents/Carers of Senior Phase students to our school.

B Lee

P Hallowe'en Disco

There will be a Hallowe'en Disco for S1 students on Wednesday, 29th October, 6-8 pm, organised by our S6 Pupil Leadership Team. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Tickets will be available from Mr Gardiner and Miss Gordon.

B Lee

P Monday, 10th November

Please note: Monday, 10th November is an in-service day for staff. School will close at 12.30 pm on Friday, 7th November and re-open for students on Tuesday, 11th November, at 8.40 am.

B Lee

P Remembrance Day Assembly

Our next Chaplaincy Assemblies will take place on Tuesday, 11th November, led by Rev. Morag Garrett, Minister at Coalburn and Lesmahagow Church. All members of uniformed organisations are invited to participate in the assemblies or join the planning meeting on Wednesday, 22nd October – please let Miss Lee, Mrs Wright, Mrs Baillie or Mr Anderson know if you'd like to take part.

B Lee

P Easyfundraising – Lesmahagow High School Parent Council

Thank you to all members of our school community who support our students through 'easyfundraising', in partnership with Lesmahagow High School Parent Council. Once registered, over 8,000 easyfundraising partners donate part of what you spend to Lesmahagow High School Parent Council. It doesn't cost you any extra – the cost is covered by the brand. To find out more or to sign-up, please follow this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=225689&invite=K6SZUA&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_medium=email&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=referral-2025&utm_term=PRO83&utm_content=socialshare&fbclid=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHII0CYum4LI2x_3OXqYOBqQYjpr6DsAJ_OQEfpuxKXID9PA5_VwjX89-Y_qb_aem_Yj_d_USx5PWGbXcpR2IijQ

B Lee

P Scription 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