

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

Wed 26 th Nov	S2 Tracking Report Issued; S2 Parents' Evening Booking Opens	B Lee
Wed 26 th Nov	Chaplaincy Team Meeting, 2 pm in Conference Room –	Chaplaincy Team
Thur 27 th Nov	S6 Festive Dinner	D Robertson
Sat 29 th Nov	DofE Fundraiser at Tesco, Lesmahagow, 10 am – 2 pm	S Rivans
Sat 29 th Nov	Christmas Charity Concert, Dalserf Church – 2pm	S Kilday

FORTHCOMING

Mon 1 st Dec	Senior Phase Assessments	A Gray
Fri 12 th Dec		
Mon 1 st Dec	S2 Parents' Evening Booking Closes	B Lee
Wed 3 rd Dec	S2 Parents' Evening	B Lee
Thur 4 th Dec	Lesmahagow Christmas Event, 6-8 pm, Musical Item	C Robertson-Cheyne
Thur 11 th Dec	Festive Dinner	Canteen
Fri 12 th Dec	S1 Panto Competition	Drama Dept
Tue 16 th Dec	Expressive Arts Winter Showcase, 6.30-8.30 pm	Expressive Arts Faculty
Wed 17 th Dec	Christmas Assemblies	Chaplaincy Team
Wed 17 th Dec	Snow Ball	E Gardiner
Thur 18 th Dec	Mamma Mia Trip	S Stirling
Thur 18 th Dec	DofE Day	S Rivans
Thur 18 th Dec	After school Football v Duncanrig	N Ross
Fri 19 th Dec	School Closes at 12.30 pm for Christmas Holidays	B Lee

Pupil Notice

21st November 2025

P Inter-house Swimming

Well done to all students who participated in the 2025 Inter-house swimming competition. The winning house is Milton House, who achieved 16 points! Kerse House achieved second place, and were awarded 13 points. Logan House were third, achieving 12 points and Nethan House were fourth, achieving 9 points. Thank you to Mr Gardiner and Miss Barnett for organising the event.

B Lee

P South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society

Well done to all young people who participated in the South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society concert at Hamilton Town House on Monday evening. It was great to see students from our school in the Intermediate and Senior Concert Bands – very well done! We are very proud of you!

B Lee

P Quality Link Officer Visit

On Tuesday, 18th November, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Leigh Miller, Quality Link Officer for the Lesmahagow Learning Community, South Lanarkshire Council, to our school. Mrs Miller visited some classes and enjoyed meeting with staff and pupils. Thank you to everyone who welcomed Mrs Miller to our school.

B Lee

P Mentors in Violence Prevention

Well done to our Mentors in Violence Prevention who delivered an excellent presentation about the work they have done this year at the Gender Based Violence – Early Intervention and Prevention Conference at SLC HQ on Tuesday. They described the training they have completed, the workshops they have delivered to S2 classes and shared some of the activities.

Well done to Carys, Erin, Holly, Leah, Lincoln and Nathan and thank you to Miss Gordon and Mr Gardiner for supporting our students.

B Lee

P Careers Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our Careers Fair a great success. Special thanks to Miss Forbes for planning and organising the event. There were 46 organisations represented, each sharing information and answering questions about careers, courses, training programmes or opportunities for young people.

B Lee

P Year Group Assemblies

Our Year Group assemblies have focussed this week on Book Week Scotland and arrangements for Senior Phase Assessments in December. The theme of this year's Book Week Scotland is 'Friendship'. The benefits of reading for pleasure were discussed, along with the positive link with attainment.

B Lee

P December Assessments – 1-12th December 2025

Paper copies of the Prelim timetable can be obtained from the school office. Electronic copies have been shared in Google Classrooms. If you have any questions relating to Prelims, please speak to Mr Gray. Good luck to all Senior Phase students with their December assessments.

B Lee

P DofE Fundraiser

Our DofE Teams have arranged a fundraising event on Saturday, 29th November, at Tesco Lesmahagow, from 10 am – 2 pm. There will be a raffle, tombola, guess the name of the bear, guess the number of sweets in the jar, and much more! The groups hope to raise funds for overnight kit and walking gear for our latest Bronze and Silver groups. Please pass any items for the tombola or raffle to Mr Rivans, Miss Forbes, Mrs Lockens. Thank you!

S Rivans

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.

B Lee

P Achieve Hub!

All Senior Phase students are welcome to study in B210 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3.35 - 4.30 pm until the end of November. ICT is available, which will provide access to the Achieve resources for an extensive range of subjects and Mrs Forbes will be there to support students. Joining information for Achieve is available from class teachers. This is a great opportunity to spend some time revising in school with your friends, in a welcoming and supportive environment. Please let Mrs Forbes know if you have any questions or suggestions.

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=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2FibQIxM

B Lee

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!

B Lee

P S1 and S2 Board Game Club

A reminder that the board game club is on at lunch-time on Wednesdays, in the Virtual Classroom in Social Subjects. Miss Barnett looks forward to seeing you there!

B Lee

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 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