

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

Thur 11 th Dec	Festive Dinner	Canteen
Fri 12 th Dec	S1 Panto Competition	Drama Dept

FORTHCOMING

Mon 15 th Dec	Period 6 – Rehearsal for Christmas Assemblies	B Lee
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
Mon 5 th Jan	School re-opens at 8:40am	B Lee
WB 5 th Jan	Year Group Assemblies	B Lee

Pupil Notice

8th December 2025

P December Assessments – 1-12th December 2025

Well done to our Senior Phase students who have completed the first week of the exam diet! It has been lovely to see so many students studying in school – the atmosphere in the Street area and in classrooms has been very purposeful, focussed and positive. Well done! The stationery trolley will be restocked for next week – please collect the items you need from the Street area. Please see Mr Gray if you have any questions about the Assessment Timetable or arrangements. Please see Mrs Travis if you have any questions about Assessment Arrangements.

Most assessments take place in the Dance Studio, Pupil Support Corridor and English corridor. Please ensure you are quiet when moving around the building throughout the exam period.

B Lee

P S2 Reports and S2 Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us on Wednesday, 3rd December for our Parents' Evening. It was lovely to see everyone and to discuss students' progress and next steps in learning.

B Lee

P Senior Netball Team

Well done to our Senior Netball Team who are through to the last 32 in the Scottish Cup! Their next game will be against Peebles HS in the last week of term. Good luck!

B Lee

P Road Safety Calendar Success

Ruby Mitchell has achieved 1st Place and Georgia Morrisson 2nd Place in the South Lanarkshire Council Road Safety Calendar Competition. Ruby will receive a cheque for £40 and Georgia will receive a cheque for £30, as well as a certificate in recognition of their hard work. Well done Ruby and Georgia!

B Lee

P Festive Lunch

Our school canteen will be serving a delicious festive lunch on Thursday, 11th December. There will be a choice of turkey, steak pie or a vegetarian option. Special dietary needs will be catered for – please speak to Mrs Dyet and team in the Canteen!

B Lee

P DofE Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our DofE fundraiser in Tesco on Saturday, 29th November. Over £600 was raised on the day. Thank you to everyone who donated tombola and raffle prizes, to everyone who sold tickets and to all Tesco customers, family and friends who donated so generously to support next year's expeditions! The teams are already looking forward to coastal walks along the Ayrshire and Inverclyde coastline! Thank you also to our Staff DofE team, who continue to give their time so generously to support our students.

S Rivans

P Dalserf Church – Charity Christmas Concert

Thank you to all parents/carers, family and friends who joined us in Dalserf Church on Saturday, 29th November, for our Charity Christmas Concert. Special thanks to Rev. Fiona Anderson and her congregation for hosting our event and organising refreshments. An amazing £475 was raised for Beaston Cancer Charity! Very well done to all our musicians and singers, who delivered excellent performances and thank you to Miss Kilday, Mr Stirling and Mr Pollock for organising the event and supporting our students on the day.

B Lee

P Lesmahagow Open Doors Event

Well done to our brass, woodwind and rock bands who entertained the local community at the Lesmahagow Open Doors Event on Thursday, 4th December. The bands performed a mixture of Christmas tunes as well as some of their favourites! The crowds were very impressed! Thank you to Mrs Robertson Cheyne, Mrs Lockens and Mr Brawley for supporting the students and thank you to Lesmahagow in Bloom and Lesmahagow Community Council for inviting the students to perform at this event.

B Lee

P Coalburn Bronze Band Success

Well done to our Lesmahagow High School students (past and present!) who achieved a Gold Award for their performance in the Intermediate section in the recent Scottish Brass Band Association Scottish Youth Championships event in Perth! Some of the students involved were: Graham Pate, Gregor Naismith, Holly Reid and Lithy Martin Barerra. An amazing achievement. Keep up your hard work!

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.

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=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHII0CYum4LI2x_3OXqYOBqQYjpr6DsAJ_OQEfpuXKXID9PA5_VwjX89-Y_qb_aem_Yj_d_USx5PWGbXcpR2IijQ

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!

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