

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

Mon 5 th Jan	School re-opens at 8:40am	B Lee
WB 5 th Jan	Year Group Assemblies	B Lee

FORTHCOMING

Mon 12 th & Tues 13 th Jan	Chemistry Residential	CA McGuire
Tues 13 th Jan	4 pm – 5 pm – S2 to S3 Options Parent/Carer Question/Answer opportunity	LA Cimmino
Wed 14 th Jan	Flu Catch Up Session	D Robertson
WB 19 th Jan	House Assemblies	Pupil Support
Tues 20 th Jan	Theatre Trip (evening)	J Mallaghan
Wed 21 st Jan	S3 Report 1 issued; S3 Parents' Evening Booking Opens	A Gray
Thur 22 nd Jan	Nardone Academy Trip	L Clark
Tues 27 th Jan	Holocaust Memorial Assemblies	Chaplaincy Team
Tues 27 th Jan	SLC Holocaust Memorial Event (7 pm) - Larkhall Academy	
Tues 27 th Jan	S3 Parents' Evening booking closes	A Gray
Thur 29 th Jan	S3 Parents' Evening	A Gray
Sat 21 st March	Parent Council Fundraising Event at Tesco, Lesmahagow	Parent Council

Pupil Notice**5th January 2026****P Happy New Year!**

Happy New Year! We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas and New Year holidays and you are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school term. It was great to see everyone in school uniform this morning – maintain these high standards as the term goes on! If any uniform items are required, please let your Tutor Teacher, Pupil Support Teacher, Year Head, the School Office or Mrs McCallum know. We have lots of new and pre-loved uniform items – please help us to help the environment by accessing our Uniform Hub. We are always grateful of donations of uniform items – especially blazers!

B Lee**P Congratulations**

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at the Coalburn Brass Band Award Event during the Christmas holidays:

Hollie Reid, 2K1, won band person of the year (Bronze Band) and was part of the best section (percussion) with the Intermediate Band. Gregor Naismith (2N) was part of the best section (trombones) with the Bronze Band and best section (percussion) with the Intermediate Band. Graham Pate won most improved player with the percussion academy. Well done to Hollie, Gregor, Graham, and all current and former pupils who support Coalburn Brass Band Family.

B Lee**P 2026 – National Year of Reading - 'Go all in!'**

2026 is the National Year of Reading, organised by the National Literacy Trust! We want to encourage all students and members of our school community to read for pleasure and to share their love of reading with others! To help with this, if you have any books that you would like to donate to our school library, English classroom libraries or for a book swap event, please pass these to the School Office or Mrs Thomson, Librarian. Thank you! We look forward to hearing about what you are reading and what you'd like to read so that we can add to our library resources throughout the year.

B Lee**P New Staff**

This week, we welcome Mrs McFadzean to our School Support Assistant team, and Mrs McConnell, Modern Languages Teacher to our Languages Faculty.

B Lee

- P S2 to S3 Options**
S3 course choice information will be shared with S2 students at Assembly on Tuesday, 6th January 2026, at Tutor time in the Street area. Information will be shared with parents/carers by letter, and there will also be an opportunity for questions on Tuesday, 13th January, from 4-5 pm in the Street area.
B Lee
- P New Youth Club Opportunity – Kirkmuirhill Parish Church**
Teenspace, a new youth club for P7-S4 students starts on Friday, 9th January, 6.30-9 pm in Kirkmuirhill Parish Church Hall. There will be opportunities for football, air hockey, snooker, crafts/colouring, nail painting, food and drink. An opportunity to meet friends and have fun in an open and friendly environment. For further information contact: teenspacekpc@outlook.com
B Lee
- P Parent Council**
Our next Parent Council meeting takes place on Wednesday, 21st January, at 7.15 pm in the SMT room. We look forward to welcoming current and new members to the meeting. There is also an option to join through Microsoft Teams – please contact the school office if you require the online link.
B Lee
- P Tesco Bag Packing and Tombola Fundraiser – Saturday, 21st March**
Our Parent Council has arranged a bag packing fundraising event at Tesco on Saturday, 21st March, from 10 am – 2 pm. There will also be a tomobola stall and raffle to raise funds to support additional opportunities and experiences for students. Any donations for the tombola/raffle would be gratefully received. If you are clearing out after the holidays and have any unwanted items that you could donate, please pass these to the school office. Thank you for your continued support.
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 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!
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 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