

## TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

WB 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	House Assemblies	Pupil Support
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	DYW Event for S2 pupils	F McMenemy
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	S3 Report 1 issued; S3 Parents' Evening Booking Opens	A Gray
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Parent Council Meeting	B Lee
Thur 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Nardone Academy Trip	L Clark

## FORTHCOMING

Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	RMPS Trip - Samye Ling Centre	E Gardiner
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Morgan Stanley Leadership Trip	D Robertson
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Holocaust Memorial Assemblies	Chaplaincy Team
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	SLC Holocaust Memorial Event (7 pm) - Larkhall Academy	Larkhall Academy
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	S3 Parents' Evening booking closes	A Gray
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	S3 Parents' Evening	A Gray
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent Council Fundraising Event at Tesco, Lesmahagow	Parent Council

## Pupil Notice

19<sup>th</sup> January 2026**P Opportunity: Young Advisor to the Children and Young People's Commissioner**

The Children and Young People's Commissioner's Office in Edinburgh is looking for more Young Advisors. Anyone aged 12-16 years old can apply! You do not have to have any experience of being a volunteer and don't have to be very confident. You just have to care about children's rights and making sure a range of voices are heard by decision-makers. You also need to be able to join to online meetings and in person meetings (all costs are covered). If you are interested, there is a film to watch and then an application process:

<https://www.cypcs.org.uk/news-and-stories/now-recruiting-become-a-young-advisor-to-the-commissioner/>

Applications must be submitted by 1st February 2026.

We would be delighted to help with your application – please see your Pupil Support Teacher, Year Head, or Miss Lee if you have any questions or would like any help.

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 Parent Council**

Our next Parent Council meeting takes place on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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, 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Our Parent Council has arranged a bag packing fundraising event at Tesco on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, from 10 am – 2 pm. There will also be a tombola 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      Considerate Parking**

All members of our school community are asked to park considerately when parking on Strathaven Road and surrounding street. Thank you for your support.

**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=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHII0CYum4LI2x\\_3OXqYOBqQYjpr6DsAJ\\_OQEfpuxKXID9PA5\\_VwjX89-Y\\_gb\\_aem\\_Yj\\_d\\_USx5PWGbXcpR2lijQ](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=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2FlbQlxMAABHII0CYum4LI2x_3OXqYOBqQYjpr6DsAJ_OQEfpuxKXID9PA5_VwjX89-Y_gb_aem_Yj_d_USx5PWGbXcpR2lijQ)

**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 Carlisle 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](mailto: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**