

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

Mon 26 th Jan	RMPS Trip - Samye Ling Centre	E Gardiner
Mon 26 th Jan	Morgan Stanley Leadership Trip	D Robertson
Tues 27 th Jan	Holocaust Memorial Assemblies	Chaplaincy Team
Tues 27 th Jan	Chaplaincy Team Meeting (period 3)	B Lee
Tues 27 th Jan	SLC Holocaust Memorial Event (7 pm) - Larkhall Academy	Larkhall Academy
Tues 27 th Jan	S3 Parents' Evening booking closes	A Gray
Wed 28 th Jan	N5 Drama Prelims	Drama Dept
Thur 29 th Jan	Higher Drama Prelims	Drama Dept
Thur 29 th Jan	S3 Parents' Evening	A Gray

FORTHCOMING

WB 2 nd Feb	Year Group Assemblies	B Lee
Mon 2 nd Feb	N5 Applications of Maths Prelim (Group 2)	A Mullen
Tues 3 rd Feb	Prayer Space Reflection Activity	Chaplaincy Team
Tues 10 th Feb	S1 HPV Vaccinations	D Robertson
Tues 10 th Feb	Learning for Sustainability Showcase, 9.30-12.30 pm, SLC Banqueting Suite	S Leckenby
Wed 11 th Feb	Clydesdale Cup - Senior Volleyball, Biggar HS	N McGuire
Wed 11 th Feb	Senior Young Artist, Designer, Musician and Vocalist of the Year	C Robertson-Cheyne
Mon 16 th & Tues 17 th Feb	February Holiday	B Lee
Wed 18 th Feb	In-service Day	B Lee
Thur 19 th Feb	4-6 pm – Senior Drama Showcase	E Clark & S Kelly
Thur 19 th Feb	Battle of the Bands Event, Hamilton Town House (evening)	Instrumental Music Service
Sat 21 st March	Parent Council Fundraising Event at Tesco Lesmahagow	Parent Council

Pupil Notice

26th January 2026**P School Library**

As you are aware, 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, students are encouraged to borrow books from our School Library, and to let Mrs Thomson (School Librarian) know of any books you'd like to see added to our library shelves.

Our School Library is open at intervals (Senior Phase: 10.30 - 10.45 am and BGE: 11.20 - 11.35 am) and lunch-times (1.15 - 1.55 pm) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Tickets to visit the library at lunch-times are available from Mrs Thomson (Librarian) at intervals.

B Lee

P Library and Reading Ambassadors

Are you an avid reader? Would you be interested in promoting our library and sharing your love of reading with others? Please speak to Mrs Thomson (School Librarian) if you'd be interested in being a Library or Reading Ambassador!

B Lee

P Book Clubs!

If you'd be interested in joining a school book club, please let Mrs Thomson (School Librarian) know. In previous years, we've had a variety of reading groups that have met in the library, including Manga Club, Sci-Fi Club, Non-fiction book club, S1 Book Club...you might have other suggestions! We are keen to help you develop or share your love of reading!

B Lee

P Holocaust Memorial Assemblies – Rehearsal – Monday, 26th January 2026

Students involved in the Holocaust Memorial Assemblies should go to the Street Area at 2 pm on Monday, 26th January to meet with members of the Chaplaincy Team for a rehearsal for Tuesday's assemblies.

Chaplaincy Team

P Holocaust Memorial Assemblies – Tuesday, 27th January 2026

Our Holocaust Memorial Assemblies will take place in the Street Area at the following times on Tuesday morning, 27th January, 2026. Thank you to everyone involved in planning the assemblies.

- S5 and S6 – 8.40 – 9.05 am
- S3 and S4 – 9.10 – 9.40 am
- S1 and S2 – 9.45 – 10.10 am

The assemblies will be led by Mr. Bob Baillie, Kirkmuirhill Parish Church, Pupil Council, Pupil Leadership, Music students and Scripture Union Members.

Alternative arrangements will be made for anyone who doesn't attend Religious Observance assemblies – please see Pupil Support.

Chaplaincy Team

P SLC Holocaust Memorial Event

The South Lanarkshire Council Holocaust Memorial Event takes place on Tuesday, 27th January 2026, in Larkhall Academy. Thank you to Jennifer Pate and our Music Department for representing our school at this prestigious event.

B Lee

P Paris Trip – June 2027

Information letters about a proposed trip to Rue, France 21st-25th June 2027, have been shared by Mr Mallaghan. There will be opportunities for a day of cultural activities in Paris (river cruise, Eiffel tower, etc), a day exploring the battlefields of WW1, a day at a theme park, a variety of team building games within the grounds of the chateau where students will stay and opportunities to sample French cuisine. The cost of the trip would be £847, which would be due in instalments. For further information, please see the letter shared by Mr Mallaghan (also shared on Parents Portal).

J Mallaghan

P Feedback Requested from Parents and Carers on Skills Development Scotland's (SDS) career service

Skills Development Scotland would like feedback from parents and carers on their career service. Please take part in this [short survey](#). Parents and carers are key influencers over young people's career ambitions and choices.

All responses are confidential and anonymous, and the results will be used to inform SDS services.

The survey should only take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Please respond by 31st May.

B Lee

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 Parent Council

Thank you to all members of our Parent Council who joined us for our January meeting. It was lovely to see everyone. We discussed the BGE Reporting pilot, Cost of the School Day, school updates and fundraising opportunities. The next meeting takes place on Monday, 16th March at

7.15 pm in the SMT Room. New members are always welcome, and there is an option to join the meeting online through a Teams link. If you'd like the Teams link, please contact the school office.

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 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.

Parent Council

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=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHII0CYum4LI2x_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 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