

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

WB 23 rd Feb	House Assemblies	B Lee
Tues 24 th Feb	S1&S2 Clydesdale Cup – Table Tennis and Badminton at Lanark Grammar School	N Ross
Wed 25 th Feb	Cheerleading Competition	N McGuire
Wed 25 th Feb	Senior Phase Parents' Evening 2	A Gray
Thur 26 th Feb	Clydesdale Netball	N McGuire

FORTHCOMING

Tues 3 rd March	DofE Awards Ceremony, Hamilton Town House (evening)	S Rivans
Thur 5 th March	World Book Day	L Parsons
Thur 5 th March	SLC Big Band Concert Rutherglen Town Hall (evening)	Instrumental Music Service
WB 9 th March	Year Group Assemblies	B Lee
Wed 11 th March	South Lanarkshire Schools Swimming Competition, Larkhall Leisure Centre	E Gardiner
Wed 18 th March	S2 Report Issued	A Gray
Sat 21 st March	Parent Council Fundraising Event at Tesco Lesmahagow	Parent Council
Wed 25 th March	SLC Young Musician of the Year Event	C Robertson-Cheyne
Sat 28 th March	Music Charity Concert at Dalserf Church	S Kilday
Mon 30 th March	Easter Services	Chaplaincy Team
WB 30 th March	Merit Events	D Robertson
Wed 1 st April	S3 Booster Vaccinations	D Robertson
Thur 2 nd April	School closes at 2.30 pm for Easter Holidays	B Lee

Pupil Notice

23rd February 2026P **PE Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club will run in the PE department from 8 am - 8.30 am from Monday, 23rd February. There will be opportunities to participate in a range of sports and fitness activities. A great way to start the day before Tutor Time! Please see Mr Weir or Mr Ross for more information.

N Ross

P **Acting Principal Teacher of Pupil Support (Milton House)**

Congratulations to Mr. Campbell (Maths), who will support young people in Milton House from 18th February 2026.

B Lee

P **S3 Masterclasses**

The final S3 Masterclass block commenced on 19th February and runs until the timetable changes in June. Classes are displayed on the noticeboards in the Street Area. Please see Mrs Cimmino if you have any questions.

B Lee

P **Battle of the Bands 2026**

Very well done to our rock band 'Tremor' - Morgan Faser, Paige Burton, Kacey Haire and Hollie Reid - who represented our school in this year's Battle of the Bands at Hamilton Town House. The very talented group performed 'Boyfriend' by Avril Lavigne. Congratulations to winners, Larkhall Academy, and to everyone who took part. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

B Lee

P **Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability Meeting**

Well done to Alex Simpson and Charley Simpson, who represented our school at the South Lanarkshire Council Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability Meeting this week. They participated in an interview about Sustainability with Education Scotland, sharing their thoughts and ideas. We look forward to seeing the video of their interview.

B Lee

P Kickboxing Success!

Congratulations to Grace Mitchell, who won five gold medals and one bronze medal at the World Kickboxing Association Scottish International Open at the Gladiator Arena in East Kilbride at the weekend! Very well done, Grace! We are very proud of you and your achievements!

B Lee

P House Assemblies

House Assemblies take place in week beginning 23rd February. Students should register at Tutor Time in the Street area on the following days: Tuesday – Logan House, Wednesday – Kerse House, Thursday – Milton House and Friday – Nathan House.

B Lee

P Clydesdale Cup

The next round of the Clydesdale Cup takes place on Tuesday, 24th February, when our Table Tennis and Badminton teams will travel to Lanark Grammar School. Good luck to all involved!

B Lee

P Cheerleading Competition

Good luck to our Cheerleading Team in their latest competition on Wednesday, 25th February!

B Lee

P Senior Phase Reports and Parents' Evening

Senior Phase reports were issued on Thursday, 19th February. Please speak to your Tutor Teacher, class teachers, the School Office or Mr Gray if you have any questions relating to your report.

Our Senior Phase Parents' Evening takes place on Wednesday, 25th February. We look forward to welcoming families to our school. Please contact the school office if you have any questions relating to the online appointment booking system.

B Lee

P Clydesdale Netball Competition

Good luck to our Netball Team in their latest tournament, which takes place on Thursday, 26th February.

B Lee

P DofE Awards Ceremony

We look forward to celebrating the success of our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award students at the SLC Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, 3rd March, at Hamilton Town House, at 7 pm.

Congratulations to Charlie Bauld, Chloe Bell, Tyler Biggar, Aaron Cameron, Christopher Chalmers, Jessica Dundas, Laura Gardiner, Callum Falconer, Elsa Graham, Freya Lumsden, Eve Manson, Jennifer Pate and Marcus Spiers. We are very proud of you!

B Lee

P Learning for Sustainability Showcase

Well done to Archie Forsyth and Leon Davis, who represented our school at the Learning for Sustainability Showcase at South Lanarkshire Council's Banqueting Suite on Tuesday, 10th February. Thank you to Miss Leckenby for supporting the group!

B Lee

P Senior Young Artist, Designer, Musician and Vocalist of the Year

Well done to all of our Artists, Designers, Musicians and Vocalists who participated in this year's Expressive Arts Awards Event, showcasing an exceptional range of talents. Congratulations to the winners:

- Young Artist of the Year - N5 Artist - 1. Allie Cuthbertson; 2. Carla Dickson
- Young Designer of the Year - N5 Designer - 1. Emma Laird; 2. Emily Sirrell
- Higher Artist and Designer – 1. Sophie Murray; 2. Lea Stirling (Artist) and Althea Aguila (Designer)

- AH Folio - Emma Graham
- Young Musician of the Year - 1. Jennifer Pate; 2. Darcy Jolley; 3. Saira Mohammed
- Young Vocalist of the Year - 1. Perla Wood; 2. Mirren Douglas; 3. Rosie Doyle

It was also lovely to hear from our Percussion Band and Clarinet Quartet, who performed a range musical items at the beginning of the second half. The evening ended with students being presented with certificates to recognise their success and a group photo on the stage of our very talented group. Thank you to the Expressive Arts Faculty and our Instrumental Music Tutors for supporting our students throughout the year and arranging this wonderful evening, and thank you to everyone who came along to support our students on the night.

B Lee

P Further Road Safety Success

We were delighted to hear that ten S2 students have been 'highly commended' in the South Lanarkshire Schools Road Safety Calendar Competition, in addition to the 1st and 2nd prizes secured by Ruby Mitchell and Georgia Morrison. Our Highly Commended students are: Jamie Adams, Tallin Ali, Aleisha Ansell, Eva Cardwell, Finn Gilmartin, Alisha Montgomery, Gregor Naismith, Graham Pate, Hollie Reid and Logan Rogers. Congratulations and well done to all who participated.

B Lee

P S3 Hackathon

Well done to our S3 students who travelled to the University of the West of Scotland to participate in a 'Hackathon' activity, returning with a beautiful trophy in recognition of their sterling work and problem-solving skills. Congratulations! Thank you to Mr Peers and Miss Forbes for organising!

B Lee

P S6 Charities Week

Well done to our S6 Pupil Leadership Team who organised a range of events and activities leading up to the February break to raise awareness and funds in support of UNICEF and Chris's House. Students (and staff) have enjoyed dressing up to show future career plans, pyjama day, and a dress down day with 'anything but a bag'! In addition, there has been a bake sale at breaks and lunch-times with a range of delicious home-baking, a well-attended karaoke with some excellent singing, a range of sports activities, the ever popular pie the teacher and brave the shave events. Well done and thank you to everyone who organised and those who donated. The final total raised will be confirmed next week!

B Lee

P Ice Skating congratulations!

Congratulations to S1 student Victoria Smith who travelled to Copenhagen last week to compete in the 2026 Flyver Cup. Victoria added a Bronze Medal in the Springs B1 Category to the Gold Medal she won in the Springs K2 category in 2024. Very well done, Victoria, we are very proud of you and all that you have achieved!

B Lee

P School Support Assistants Recruitment Campaign – February campaign

On behalf of South Lanarkshire Council, we would like to share the application link for the position of School Support Assistant. Please see the advert for further information.

<https://myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/south-lanarkshire/jobs/educ-g1-3681-school-support-assistant-various-457897>

B Lee

P Sutton Trust Summer School Opportunity

The University of Glasgow is continuing their partnership with the Sutton Trust to run the Sutton Trust Summer School from Monday 29 June – Friday 3 July 2026. The Sutton Trust is a Widening Access charity that aims to support university entry for young people who face additional challenges in their education.

The Sutton Trust Summer School (STSS) is a residential programme designed to give pupils a taste of university life. The young people will work online at home on Monday 29 June before travelling to campus on the Tuesday morning, where they will stay until the afternoon for Friday

3 July. All costs, including accommodation, travel, and food, are covered by the Sutton Trust and the University of Glasgow.

There are four streams, and pupils can apply for one, related to the subjects they are most interested in studying at university. These are Arts & Social Sciences, Medical & Life Sciences, Engineering, or Common Law. Please note that Common Law is only available for pupils based in Northern Ireland, England, or Wales. The eligibility information for the programme can be found on the Sutton Trust website: <https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/eligibility/>

B Lee

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 Tesco Bag Packing and Tombola Fundraiser – Saturday, 21st March – Volunteers needed!

Do you have some time to spare on Saturday, 21st March? Our Parent Council has arranged a bag packing fundraising event at Tesco on Saturday, 21st March, from 10 am – 2 pm. If you are aged 16+ and could give an hour or two of your time to help with bag packing or selling raffle/tombola tickets, please contact Mrs Jill Pate, Chair of our Parent Council, and she will add you to the rota: jillavonside@aol.com.

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.

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_qb_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