

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

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
Fri 6 th March	School Cross Country Championships	N Ross

FORTHCOMING

WB 9 th March	Year Group Assemblies	B Lee
Wed 11 th March	South Lanarkshire Schools Swimming Competition, Larkhall Leisure Centre	E Gardiner
Mon 16 th March	Parent Council Meeting	B Lee
Tue 17 th March	SLC Cross Country Championships at Biggar	N Ross
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 Dalsersf 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

2nd March 2026**P School Cross Country Championships**

The school cross country championships is taking place next Friday.

S1- Period 1

S2- Period 2

S3 - Period 3

Following on from this we will select out teams to represent at the SLC championships at Biggar on the 17th of March.

N Ross

P Welcome!

Mrs Hunter, Teacher of Maths, Ms Montague, Teacher of Modern Studies and Mrs Ewing, Teacher of English, have joined us this week. Welcome back to Mrs Hunter and Ms Montague and welcome to Mrs Ewing!

B Lee

P Future Pathways Inspiration Event (S1-S3 Students)

South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture have organised a 'Future Pathways' careers event at Lanark Memorial Hall, which will take place on Friday, 6th March, from 8.50 am - 12 noon.

Transport will be provided from school. If you would be interested in any of the following workshops, and would like to go along to the event, please add your name and tutor class by Monday, 2nd March to the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/pm26xpdRBA9nL3Mv5>.

Consent forms and a letter for parents/carers will be issued to confirm your place.

Pathway 1: Storytelling in Creative Industries – Designing an App – Health & Wellbeing focused businesses – Brand Design & Marketing

Pathway 2: Producing a Podcast – Building Communities in Creative Businesses – Making a TV Documentary – Developing Creative Entrepreneurial Mindsets

Pathway 3: Health & Wellbeing focused businesses – Virtual Reality Experiences with Music Production – TwinCity Dance Challenge for TikTok – Celebrating Successes and Learning from Failings in Creative Businesses

Pathway 4: Fashion Design with a social enterprise – TV Production – Sourcing and managing a tech team for app development – Developing a Health & Wellbeing focused business

Pathway 5: Designing an App – Producing a Podcast – Fashion Design that has a social impact – Celebrating Successes and Managing Failures in the Creative Industries
If you have any questions, please speak to your Year Head or Miss Lee.

B Lee

P Clydesdale Cup

Our top Table Tennis and Badminton students from S1 and S2 travelled to Lanark Grammar on Tuesday, 24th February to participate in the latest round of the Clydesdale Cup. Both teams represented our school extremely well, securing lots more points in the Clydesdale Cup league with a 2nd place in Table Tennis and 3rd place in Badminton. Very well done to all involved and thank you to Lanark Grammar for hosting!

B Lee

P Cheerleading Competition

Our Cheerleading Team travelled to the Gladiators' Arena in East Kilbride on Wednesday to take part in the Scottish Schools Cheerleading Competition. Their performance was of an extremely high standard, and we were delighted to hear that they secured 2nd place out of 26 schools! An amazing achievement! Very well done to all involved and thank you to Miss McGuire for supporting and leading the team!

B Lee

P Senior Phase Parents' Evening

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for our second Senior Phase Parents' Evening on Wednesday, 25th February, when it was possible to discuss progress in courses, feedback from the Prelim assessments, preparation for assignments and the final exams and plans for next session.

Thank you to all students who helped to welcome guests and our highly trained baristas who served lots of hot drinks at 'Coffee 2 Gow'.

B Lee

P Clydesdale Netball Festivals

Well done to our junior and senior netball teams who participated in events at Biggar High School this week. Our junior team won four of their seven games – well done!

Our senior team delivered an excellent performance and look forward to the final match at Carluke High School next month.

B Lee

P World Book Day Events!

World Book Day takes place on Thursday, 5th March. To mark this occasion, during Tutor time from Monday, 2nd March – Friday, 6th March, everyone is invited to Drop Everything And Read! There are also two competitions that you might want to take part in – please see the PowerPoint shared by your Tutor Teacher or in your Google Classroom for details. Remember to bring a book to read throughout next week or speak to Mrs Thomson in the library to borrow a book of your choice!

B Lee

P Practical Exams and Assignments

Senior Phase students will be completing assignments and practical exams in a range of subjects over the next few weeks. On Monday, our N5 Administration and IT students will complete their Assignment. PE Practical Exams also commence on Monday. Higher and N5 Drama Practical Assessments are scheduled for week beginning 9th March. Good luck to all students! Please speak to your class teacher, the Faculty Heads or Mr Gray if you have any questions about SQA assessments.

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 SLC Big Band Concert**
South Lanarkshire Schools' Big Band will perform at Rutherglen Town Hall at 7 pm on Thursday, 5th March. We look forward to hearing their latest repertoire, which is always of such a high standard!
- B Lee**
- P Year Group Assemblies**
Year Group Assemblies take place in week beginning 9th March – S1 – Monday, S2 – Tuesday, S3 – Wednesday, S4 – Thursday, S5/6 - Friday. Classes should register in the Street area at Tutor Time on the appropriate day.
- 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=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2F1bQIxMAABHII0CYum4LI2x_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