

**TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS**

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Senior Phase Easter Study School	LA Cimmino
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens at 8.40 am	B Lee
WB 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Year Group Assemblies	B Lee
WB 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Merit Events	D Robertson
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Senior Phase Study Leave Commences	A Gray
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Qualifications Scotland Exams Commence	A Gray

**FORTHCOMING**

Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Clydesdale Cup – Boys' and Girls' Football at LHS	N Ross
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Public Speaking Competition Final, Hamilton	L McMillan
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday	B Lee
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Council	B Lee
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> May	In-service Day	B Lee
WB 11 <sup>th</sup> May	House Assemblies	B Lee
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	S3 Graeme Armstrong Author Visit	E Gardiner
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Junior Young Artist/Musician/Performer of the Year Event	C Robertson-Cheyne
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> May	S1 Reports Issued	A Gray
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Blackpool Trip	E Gardiner
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May	School Sports Day	N Ross
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> & Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday Weekend	B Lee
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> May	S3 Reports Issued	A Gray
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Clydesdale Cup – Athletics at Carluke Stadium	N Ross
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Induction Day for new S5 and S6	B Lee
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Bronze DofE Practice Walk	N Forbes
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June	New Timetable Begins	B Lee
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Prize Giving	B Lee

**Pupil Notice**

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

**P Canteen – Price Increase**

Please note: after the Spring Break (Monday 20th April) the school meal deal price for all pupils will increase to £2.92.

**B Lee**

**P Cross Country**

Well done to everyone who represented our school in the South Lanarkshire Schools' Cross Country Event on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at Biggar. Congratulations to our S3 Boys' team, who secured the gold medal for the third consecutive year!

**B Lee**

**P Dalserf Church Charity Concert**

Well done to all fourteen Lesmahagow High School students who participated in the Charity Fundraising Concert at Dalserf Church on 28<sup>th</sup> March alongside students from Larkhall Academy, Biggar High School and Carluke High School. The vocalists and musicians were excellent and greatly impressed the audience! We were also delighted to hear that £530 was raised for Kilbryde Hospice. Thank you to everyone who took part in the concert, the organisers, Dalserf Church for hosting the event, and the very supportive and generous audience. A special well done to Miss Kilday who organised and co-ordinated the event.

**B Lee**

**P Easter Assemblies**

Well done to everyone who participated in our Easter Assemblies on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to the readers, musicians, and to our Chaplaincy Team for leading and arranging the event. We were also delighted that Daniel Monday, Youth Worker with Clydesdale Christian Youth Trust, was able to join us. Daniel will join our Chaplaincy Team next session.

**B Lee**

**P South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society**

Well done to all musicians in the Junior, Intermediate, Senior Concert Bands and Strings Orchestras who participated in the South Lanarkshire Orchestral Society Concert on Monday at Hamilton Town House. Thank you for the hours of practice that you have completed over the past ten weeks to prepare for the concert and thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a great success.

**B Lee**

**P Duke of Edinburgh's Award**

Thank you to all parents/carers and students who joined the Duke of Edinburgh's Award team on Tuesday evening at our 2026 Information Evening. It was great to share an update on the progress of our groups and the plans for the expeditions in June.

Thank you also to our Parent Council for their continued support with grant applications and fundraising to support our students. We are delighted that a generous grant from Kype Muir Wind Farm has enabled us to purchase essential equipment to support DofE Expeditions, benefitting current and future students.

**B Lee**

**P S6 Graduation**

Well done and good luck to all of our S6 Graduates! You have been a fabulous year group and we wish you all the best in your exams and in your future!

**B Lee**

**P Public Speaking Success!**

Well done to our Public Speaking Team who secured first place in the latest round of the event and now progress to the final at Hamilton Sheriff Court on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April!

Today, the students shared their thoughts and opinions on social mobility, with particular reference to challenges faced by people in rural areas. Good luck in the final!

**B Lee**

**P Easter Study School**

Easter Study School takes place on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April. It is important that you sign up to attend classes – please see the information shared by Mrs Cimmino.

**B Lee**

**P Spring Break**

School closes at 2.30 pm on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April for the Spring Break and re-opens on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April at 8.40 am. We hope everyone has a lovely holiday. Keep safe!

**B Lee**

**P Year Group Assemblies**

Year Group Assemblies take place in week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> April: Monday – S1, Tuesday – S2 and Wednesday – S3.

**B Lee**

**P Qualifications Scotland Exams**

Exam leave for Senior Phase students (S4-S6) commences on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April and extends until Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026 inclusive. The first exam takes place on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Students are welcome to study in the school (either in the Street Area or in a designated study room) throughout the exam diet. Good luck to all students with their exams! (New S5 and S6 students return to school for their induction day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026. The new timetable will commence on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 for all students.)

**B Lee**

**P S3 Exams**

S3 Exams will take place in the Dance Studio on the following dates:

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April – S3 Maths

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May – S3 Biology

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May – S3 RMPS

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May – S3 Chemistry

**B Lee**

**P Exceptional School Closure - Monday 15 June 2026**

The Scottish Government has formally approved South Lanarkshire Council's request for an exceptional school closure on Monday 15 June 2026, in recognition of the Scotland men's national football team's success in the World Cup and the additional public holiday previously agreed by the Council. The school will therefore be closed on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> May.

**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=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHll0CYum4LI2x\\_3OXqYOBqQYjpr6DsAJ\\_OQefpuxKXID9PA5\\_VwjX89-Y\\_qb\\_aem\\_Yj\\_d\\_USx5PWGbXcpR2IijQ](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=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHll0CYum4LI2x_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](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**