

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

WB 11 th May	House Assemblies	Pupil Support
Tues 12 th May	S2 / S3 Netball	N Ross
Wed 13 th May	S3 Graeme Armstrong Author Visit	E Gardiner
Wed 13 th May	Junior Young Artist/Musician/Performer of the Year Event	C Robertson-Cheyne
Wed 13 th May	S1 Reports Issued	A Gray
Fri 15 th May	Blackpool Trip	E Gardiner

FORTHCOMING

Tues 19 th May	S1 STEM in the Park event	N Forbes
Tues 19 th May	S3 Public Speaking Event – Scottish Semi-Final (online) - evening	L McMillan
Wed 20 th May	S1 and S2 Tinto Hill Charity Climb	L Stewart
Thurs 21 st May	School Sports Day	N Ross
Fri 22 nd & Mon 25 th May	Holiday Weekend	B Lee
Tues 26 th May	SLC Enterprising Maths Competition, Hamilton	K Prentice
Wed 27 th May	S3 Reports Issued	A Gray
Thurs 28 th May	Clydesdale Cup – Athletics at Carluke Stadium	N Ross
Fri 29 th May	Induction Day for new S5 and S6	B Lee
Sat 30 th May	Bronze DofE Practice Walk	N Forbes
Mon 1 st June	New Timetable Begins	LA Cimmino
Wed 3 rd June	Prize Giving	L wright
Thurs 4 th June	Girls' Football Summer Cup	N Ross
Thurs 4 th – Sat 6 th June	DofE Silver Practice Expedition	S Rivans
Mon 8 th June	S6 Prom	D Robertson
Tues 9 th & Wed 8 th June	P7 to S1 Transition Days	D Robertson
Tues 9 th June	County Sports Heat	N Ross
Tues 9 th June	Instrumental Music Showcase	C Robertson-Cheyne
Wed 10 th June	P7 Parents' Information Evening	D Robertson
Thurs 11 th June	DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition	S Rivans
Thues 11 th June	RMPS Trip	G Smith
Fri 12 th June	S1 Show Racism the Red Card Workshops (Group 1)	B Lee
Mon 15 th June	Public Holiday	B Lee
WB 15 th June	House Assemblies	Pupil Support
Tues 16 th June	County Sports Finals	N Ross
Wed 17 th – Fri 19 th June	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition	S Rivans
Wed 17 th June	Chaplaincy Team Meeting	Chaplaincy Team
Thurs 18 th June	S1 Show Racism the Re Card Workshops (Groups 2-4)	B Lee
Thurs 25 th June	School Closes for Summer Holidays 1pm	B Lee

Pupil Notice

11th May 2026**P Qualifications Scotland Exams**

Exam leave for Senior Phase students (S4-S6) commenced on Tuesday, 21st April and extends until Thursday, 28th May 2026 inclusive. Well done to all students who have completed exams in the first three weeks of the exam diet and to those who have been in school studying!

Next week's exams include: RMPS, Graphic Communication, Chemistry, Design and Manufacture, History and Applications of Maths.

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 29th May 2026.
The new timetable will commence on Monday, 1st June 2026 for all students.)

B Lee

P Parent Council Meeting

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us on Tuesday, 5th May for the final Parent Council Meeting of the academic year. We discussed school improvement priorities, fundraising, our mobile phone policy and plans for the summer term.

Our Duke of Edinburgh's Award group were grateful to receive over £7000 in recent weeks from a successful grant application to Kype Muir Wind Farm to purchase essential equipment to support their forthcoming expeditions. Thank you to Mrs Pate, Mrs Naismith, Mr Rivans and all involved in the application process.

Thank you also to Mrs Pate and Mrs Naismith for submitting a Microgrant application to Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill Coordination Group, which was also successful and will support the purchase of netball equipment and thank you to Blackwood and Kirkmuirhill Coordination Group for supporting our students. A portable speaker for sports events has also been purchased through Parent Council funding this term, and a new Dux board has been ordered, which Coalburn Men's Shed have kindly offered to make. Thank you to everyone who has helped to support our students in so many different ways.

The dates of the meetings for next session are:

- Monday 21 September
- Tuesday 10 November
- Wednesday 20 January
- Monday 15 March
- Tuesday 4 May

New members are always welcome. There is an option to join on-line if preferred, with the link being shared by Mrs Wailes, Parent Council Secretary, or by contacting the School Office.

Special thanks to Mrs Fell, Mrs Sinclair and Mrs Arthur-Inch for their help and support over a number of years as their time with our Parent Council group comes to an end; we wish them all the very best for the future.

B Lee

P Staffing update

Welcome back to Mrs Will, Teacher of Chemistry, who has returned to our Science Faculty!

B Lee

P Brockestbrae Allotments

Well done to our S6 Outdoor Learning Group, led by Mr Rivans, who have been learning about growing their own fruit and vegetables as part of their outdoor learning programme at Brockestbrae Allotments. To find out more, please see the article in the South Lanarkshire View magazine

[More than just food for thought for senior pupils - South Lanarkshire View](#)

B Lee

P House Assemblies

House Assemblies will take place on the following days in week beginning 11th May 2026:

Tuesday, 12th May - Logan House

Wednesday, 13th May – Kerse House

Thursday, 14th May – Milton House

Friday, 15th May – Nethan House

B Lee

- P S2/3 Netball Event**
Good luck to our S2/3 Netball team who will be competing in the latest SLC competition on Tuesday, 12th May.
- B Lee**
- P S3 Exams**
S3 Exams will take place in the Dance Studio on the following dates:
Wednesday, 13th May – S3 Modern Studies
Monday, 18th May – S3 Biology
Monday, 18th May – S3 Drama
Wednesday, 20th May – S3 History
Tuesday, 26th May – S3 RMPS
Tuesday, 26th May – S3 Business Management
Wednesday, 27th May – S3 Chemistry
Wednesday, 27th May – S3 Computing
Thursday, 28th May – S3 Graphics
Friday, 29th May – S3 Geography
- B Lee**
- P S1 Reports**
S1 Reports will be issued on Wednesday, 13th May. If you have any questions about S1 Reports, please speak to Mr Gray.
- B Lee**
- P Author Visit – S3 Students**
Author Graeme Armstrong will be visiting our school on Wednesday morning, 13th May, and will deliver a presentation to S3 students about making positive choices and avoiding the dangers of youth crime. Please see Mrs Smith, Faculty Head of Social Subjects and Mr Gardiner, Teacher of RMPS, for further information.
- B Lee**
- P Junior Expressive Arts Awards Night**
Our Junior Expressive Arts Awards Night will take place on Wednesday, 13th May at 6:30pm, in the Street Area. This will include Young Musician, Vocalist, Performer, Artist and Designer of the Year Awards. Rehearsals will take place from Periods 3-7 in the Street Area. Please speak to Mrs Robertson Cheyne if you have any questions about the event or rehearsals.
- B Lee**
- P S3 Blackpool Trip**
The S3 Blackpool Trip takes place on Friday, 15th May. Tickets for the Pleasure Beach were funded through Participatory Budgeting decisions. We hope everyone enjoys the day! Please see Mr Gardiner or Ms Gordon in Social Subjects if you have any questions about this event.
- B Lee**
- P S1 STEM in the Park Event**
S1 students have the opportunity to join the S1 STEM in the Park Event on Tuesday, 19th May, at Hamilton Palace Grounds. If you have any questions about this event, please speak to Miss Forbes, Science.
- B Lee**
- P S3 Public Speaking Competition – Scottish Semi-Final**
Good luck to Jamie Cranstoun and Sam Wailes who will compete in the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Public Speaking Competition on Tuesday, 19th May at 6 pm, representing the South of Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway Sherriffdom. Jamie and Sam are currently preparing their speech, supported by Ms McMillan, Teacher of English.
- B Lee**
- P St. Andrew's Hospice Tinto Challenge – S1 and S2 students**
This year's Tinto Challenge in aid of St. Andrew's Hospice, will take place on 20th May. If you are interested in taking part, please see Ms Stewart in Modern Languages or Ms McGuire in PE.
- B Lee**

- P School Sports Day – Thursday, 21st May**
 School Sports Day takes place on Thursday, 21st May 2026 at Craighead Park. The athletics events will take place in the morning for all competitors. The staff v S3 pupils football match will take place in the afternoon, when all students will have the opportunity to walk over to Craighead to watch the match.
- B Lee**
- P May Holiday**
 Friday, 22nd and Monday, 25th May are holidays. School will close at 3.35 pm on Thursday, 21st May and will re-open on Tuesday, 26th May.
- B Lee**
- P Road Closure/Diversion Within Catchment Area**
 We have been advised of essential barrier replacement work by Amey, on behalf of Transport Scotland, on the M74 Overbridge, east of Lesmahagow, from Sunday 10th May 2026 until Saturday, 30th May 2026.
 The work will take place on the B7018 M74 northbound overbridge between Junctions 11 and 10, east of Lesmahagow and will require total closure of the B7018 structure between Sunday 10th May and Saturday 23rd May.
 Northbound traffic will be diverted via the B7078 Carlisle Road, B7086 Lanark Road and the B7018 Dillaburn Road. Southbound traffic will take this diversion route in reverse.
 Temporary traffic lights will then be in operation from Sunday 24th May until Saturday 30th May 2026.
 Access for emergency service vehicles will be maintained throughout these works, and arrangements may be updated if required.
- 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, 15th 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 31st 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=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 environmentb– 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