

**TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS**

Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May	S1 STEM in the Park event	N Forbes
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> May	S3 Public Speaking Event – Scottish Semi-Final (online) - evening	L McMillan
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May	S1 and S2 Tinto Hill Charity Climb	L Stewart
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

**FORTHCOMING**

Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> May	SLC Enterprising Maths Cmpetition, Hamilton	K Prentice
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	LA Cimmino
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Prize Giving	L Wright
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Girls' Football Summer Cup	N Ross
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	DofE Silver Practice Expedition	S Rivans
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June	S6 Prom	D Robertson
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to S1 Transition Days	D Robertson
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	County Sports Heat	N Ross
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Instrumental Music Showcase	C Robertson-Cheyne
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Parents' Information Evening	D Robertson
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> June	DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition	S Rivans
Thues 11 <sup>th</sup> June	RMPS Trip	G Smith
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June	S1 Show Racism the Red Card Workshops (Group 1)	B Lee
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Holiday	B Lee
WB 15 <sup>th</sup> June	House Assemblies	Pupil Support
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June	County Sports Finals	N Ross
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition	S Rivans
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Chaplaincy Team Meeting	Chaplaincy Team
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June	S1 Show Racism the Re Card Workshops (Groups 2-4)	B Lee
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closes for Summer Holidays 1pm	B Lee

**Pupil Notice**

**18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**P Qualifications Scotland Exams**

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

Next week's exams include: PE, Modern Studies, Computing Science and Physics. 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 New Opportunity for S5 students**

Applications have opened for the New World, New Skills Work Experience programme offered by PwC, a paid work experience programme to provide young people from lower socio-economic backgrounds with a snapshot of life at PwC. The programme runs from Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August. For further information, see: <https://www.pwc.co.uk/careers/early-careers/entry-level/new-world-new-skills.html>

**B Lee**

**P S2/3 Netball Tournament**

Congratulations to our S1/2/3 Netball team (Katie Brownlie, Emily Duffy, Piper Jeffrey, Rose McMorran, Ruby Mitchell, Ana Muldoon, Hannah Shaw and Amirah Thomson), who won the SLC Netball Tournament on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, at the Ally McCoist Sports Centre in East Kilbride! A brilliant achievement! Well done to all students who took part and worked so hard and won all of their games. Congratulations to Piper Jeffrey, who was our Most Valuable Player!

**B Lee**

**P S3 Exams**

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

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

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

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May – S3 History

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

Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May – S3 Business Management

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

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

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May – S3 Graphics

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May – S3 Geography

**B Lee**

**P S1 Reports**

S1 Reports were issued on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any questions about S1 Reports, please speak to Mr Gray.

**B Lee**

**P Author Visit – S3 Students**

Author Graeme Armstrong visited our school on Wednesday morning, 13<sup>th</sup> May, and delivered a motivational presentation to our S3 students about making positive choices and avoiding the dangers of youth crime. Everyone enjoyed the visit! Thank you to Mr Gardiner, Teacher of RMPS and Mrs Smith, Faculty Head of Social Subjects, for organising the visit.

**B Lee**

**P Junior Expressive Arts Awards Night**

The inaugural Junior Expressive Arts Awards Evening took place on 13<sup>th</sup> May, showcasing the creative talents of our Art, Drama and Music students in S1-S3. Our hosts for the evening were Liv Jeffrey and Jessa Muldoon were excellent ambassadors of the Expressive Arts Faculty and our school.

Well done to students who took part in the event. The standard was exceptionally high and the judges had a very difficult task in making their decisions.

Our Junior Young Musician of the Year is Lacey Soper, who performed The Spy and Cucumber Wallbanger on Flute. Hollie Reid was second, after performing Brainstorm on Drumkit. Tomlin Garnett was third, with an excellent performance of Pirates of the Caribbean on Xylophone.

Our Junior Young Vocalist of the Year is Kayleigh Miller, who sang Hallelujah. Ayla Cunningham was second, singing Somewhere Over the Rainbow, and Anna Hutchison was third, singing Colours of the Wind.

Students nominated for Young Performer of the Year delivered engaging monologues with confidence and excellent stage presence. Our Young Performer of the Year is Quinn Wayt and runner up is Lacey Soper.

Our final categories, Young Artist and Young Designer of the Year, were judged prior to the evening's event and were displayed on the night. Our Young Artist of the Year is Oscar Clarke. Beth Campbell was runner up and Chantelle Walls, Chloe Jones and Katie Ann Jenkins were highly commended. Beth Campbell was Young Designer of the Year. Katie Ann Jenkins was runner up and Oscar Clarke, Katie Dobbin and Teigan Fernon were highly commended.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event a great success. Special thanks to Liv and Jessa for hosting the event; to Paul Michael, Nicola McKenzie, Lily Duignan and Daryl Simpson for giving up their time to judge the event and provide feedback; to parents, carers and families who were a supportive and enthusiastic audience; to our Parent Council for arranging refreshments and to the Expressive Arts and Instrumental Music Tutors and everyone behind the scenes who helped to make the event possible.

**B Lee**

**P S3 Blackpool Trip**

We hope our S3 students enjoy their trip to Blackpool on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Tickets for the Pleasure Beach were funded through Participatory Budgeting decisions. Thank you to Mr Gardiner and Ms Gordon for organising and to all staff who have supported students on the trip.

**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, 19<sup>th</sup> 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, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 6 pm, representing the South of Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway Sheriffdom. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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, 21<sup>st</sup> May**

School Sports Day takes place on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May are holidays. School will close at 3.35 pm on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May and will re-open for classes on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Please note: the school will be open on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May for students completing the Higher Politics exam.

**B Lee**

**P Enterprising Maths Competition**

Good luck to Tyler Parsons, Murray Inch, Oscar Clarke and Tomlin Garnett, who will represent our school in the SLC Enterprising Maths Competition at the Banqueting Hall, South Lanarkshire Headquarters, Hamilton, on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you to Mr Prentice for organising our participation in the event.

**B Lee**

**P Clydesdale Cup – Athletics**

Good luck to our S1 and S2 students who are participating in the Athletics events at the John Cumming Stadium, Carlisle, on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you to the PE department for organising our participation, and to Active Schools Coordinators for organising the events throughout the year.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 until Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> May until Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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, 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=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHII0CYum4LI2x\\_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=IwVERTSANL4E1leHRuA2FibQIxMAABHII0CYum4LI2x_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](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**