

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

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 Red Card Workshops (Groups 2-4)	B Lee
Thurs 18 th June	Emergency First Aid Workshops	B Lee
Fri 19 th June	Dress Down Day (wear something blue)	B Lee

FORTHCOMING

WB 22 nd June	University of Strathclyde Accelerate Programme	J Mallaghan
Wed 24 th June	Dress Down Day (wear something blue)	B Lee
Thurs 25 th June	Dress Down Day	B Lee
Thurs 25 th June	School Closes for Summer Holidays 1pm	B Lee

Pupil Notice

15th June 2026**P Wear Something Blue / Dress Down**

All students and staff are invited to wear something blue (or dress down) on Friday, 19th June, in recognition of Scotland's participation in the World Cup and their match against Morocco, and on Wednesday, 24th June in recognition of their match against Brazil. Thursday, 25th June (last day of term) will also be a dress down day. Donations are not required on any of these days.

B Lee

P S6 Prom 2026

S6 students and guests enjoyed their Prom at the Radstone Hotel on Monday, 8th June. Students gathered in their impressive Prom outfits at the school and then travelled together to the venue. Lots of photographs were taken both at the school and at the hotel; these will be shared in due course by Mr Robertson. After short speeches by Mr Robertson, Miss Lee, Nathan and Kacey, everyone enjoyed a lovely meal (chicken goujons or melon, chicken or steak pie then cheesecake and sticky toffee pudding) and an evening of dancing. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise the evening, to photographers Kenny and Alison Gilmour, Ian Hobson for transport, everyone at the Radstone Hotel and our DJ who entertained us throughout the evening. Well done, S6 – a fabulous year group!

B Lee

P S6 Senior Braided Blazers

The final date to order a braided blazer to ensure that it arrives before August is Sunday, 28th June 2026. After this date, ALJ can still take orders but a £6 surcharge will be required and there is no guarantee the blazer will arrive before the start of the new term. Orders should be made through ALJ directly.

<https://www.aljonline.co.uk/>

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B Lee

- P P7 Transition Days and Parents' Meeting**
P7 students visited us on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9th and 10th June 2026. They listened well during their welcome assembly, met with key staff, followed part of their timetable and provided feedback on the transitions programme. Well done to all students – they made an excellent first impression.
Our P7 Information Evening was very well supported. Thank you to all parents, carers and pupils who joined us and met with the Extended Support Team. Thank you also to ALJ who helped with blazer fittings and orders. We look forward to seeing our new S1 Students, in full uniform, in August.
- B Lee**
- P County Sports**
Well done to all students who represented our school at the County Sports Heats on Tuesday, 10th June. It was great to see so many students qualifying for the finals, which take place on Tuesday 17th June. Good luck everyone! If you have any questions about the arrangements for County Sports, please see Mr Ross.
- B Lee**
- P IMS Showcase**
Well done to our Percussion Ensemble who performed Mamma Mia at the Instrumental Music Service Showcase on Tuesday, 10th June in Hamilton Town House: Hannah Shaw, Anna Graham, Piper Jeffrey, Gregor Naismith, Finn Gilmartin, Hollie Reid, Liv Jeffrey, Callum Reay and Elsa Graham! Gregor Naismith was also part of the South Lanarkshire Brass Ensemble, who performed Loch Lomond and Skye Boat Song. It was a brilliant evening, with a finale involving over 300 students who participated in the evening. Thank you to the Music Department and our Instrumental Music Tutors for supporting our students throughout the year.
- B Lee**
- P S3 Public Speaking Competition – Scottish Final**
Well done to Jamie Cranstoun and Sam Wailes who reached the Scottish Finals of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Public Speaking Competition at the Scottish Parliament this week. They received excellent feedback from their presentation, where they debated: "If you were the new Equalities Minister for Scotland, what is the most pressing inequality you would tackle – why and how?". We are incredibly proud of Jamie and Sam. Well done to the winning team, and to all 96 teams from 57 schools across Scotland who took part!
- B Lee**
- P UCAS Information Evening**
Thank you to all parents, carers and students who joined us on Wednesday evening for our UCAS information evening. We hope this provided a helpful overview of the application process.
- B Lee**
- P Show Racism the Red Card Workshop**
S1 students will have the opportunity to participate in a Show Racism the Red Card workshop on Friday, 12th June - (1K1 and part of 1K2: 9 - 10.30 am) or Thursday, 18th June (part of 1K2 and 1N - 9 - 10.30 am, 1M - 11.45 - 1.15 pm, and 1L - 2 - 3.30 pm).
- B Lee**
- P Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Groups**
Well done to our Bronze Teams who were completing their Qualifying Expedition in the Moffat and Beattock area this week. We look forward to hearing about your adventures!
Our Silver Teams head to the Ayrshire coast this week for their Qualifying Expedition, which will be partly filmed by a drone! We look forward to seeing the video record of their travels. Thank you to the SLC Community Benefit Grant and our Parent Council for supporting this initiative.
- B Lee**
- P Chaplaincy Team Meeting**
Our Chaplaincy Team will meet on Wednesday, 17th June, from 12.30 - 1.15 pm in the SMT Room to plan our Chaplaincy Assemblies for Session 2026-27. Please speak to Mrs Wright, Mr Anderson, Mrs Baillie, Miss Kilday or Miss Lee if you would like to attend the meeting or if you'd like to share any feedback or ideas to help plan the programme.

Our Chaplaincy Team members are: Rev. Morag Garrett (Minister, Coalburn and Lesmahagow Church), Rev. George Lind (Kirkmuirhill Parish Church), Mrs. Helen Duffy (Session Clerk, Coalburn and Lesmahagow Church), Mr. Bob Baillie and Ms. Jean Lennox (Kirkmuirhill Church), Mr. Daniel Monday (Clydesdale Christian Youth Trust), school staff - Mrs Wright, Mr Anderson, Mrs Baillie, Miss Kilday and Miss Lee, Pupil Council representatives and volunteer students.

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 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

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