

## TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

## NEXT WEEK

9 <sup>th</sup> &10 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	PISA assessments	A Gray
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	S4 Reach Workshop 10 – 12 noon	D Robertson
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Sports Relief	D Robertson

## FORTHCOMING

1 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	S1 Merit Event	D Robertson / B Lee
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	S2/3 Merit Event and Easter Assemblies	D Robertson / B Lee
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	School Closes at 12:30pm for Spring Break	B Lee
20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	School re-open at 8:40am	B Lee

## Pupil Notice

6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**P New S5/6 Options forms**

All S4 and S5 students must return their course choice forms by **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**. You must discuss your choices with your Pupil Support Teacher before handing in your form to your Tutor Teacher. Spare copies are available from the School Office.

B Lee

**P Fairtrade Fortnight (24<sup>th</sup> February – 8<sup>th</sup> March)**

We are now in the second week of Fairtrade Fortnight. Fairtrade campaigns for farmers in the developing world to be paid a fair price for their crops, as well as supporting communities and protecting the environment. Our Fairtrade stall is in the Street area every Thursday – thank you to the Fairtrade team and Mr Sharp.

B Lee

**P Lost Property**

We currently have a large amount of lost property waiting to be reclaimed. If you have lost any jackets, PE kit, school uniform, footwear, or any other items, please see Joan or Lynn by Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March.

B Lee

**P Sports Relief**

The Youth Achievement pupils have prepared some activities to raise funds for Sports Relief. More information next week.

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**P Reach Workshops**

S4 students who are participating in the Reach programme must attend a workshop, led by Glasgow University, on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, from 10 am – 12 noon in the school library.

B Lee

**P Shine: We Will Rock You!**

Good luck to all current and former pupils who are participating in Shine's latest production: We Will Rock You, which opens on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at Motherwell Concert Hall and runs until Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. We look forward to seeing another fantastic performance by talented young people from across the local area.

B Lee

**P S1 Merit Event: Cinema Morning**

Our next S1 merit event takes place on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April. Keep working hard in all of your classes to earn the merits you need to take part in this event.

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**P S2/3 Merit Event**

Our next S2/3 merit event takes place on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Keep working hard in all of your classes to earn the merits you need to take part in this event.

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**P Easter Assemblies**

Our Easter Assemblies take place on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, in the Street Area.

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**P Spring Break**

School closes on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, and re-opens on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020, at 8.40 am.

B Lee

**P SQA exam preparation**

SQA exams begin this year on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April and run through until Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. We continue to encourage young people to take advantage of the many additional learning opportunities available within the school (lunch-time and after school) to provide support with classwork and assessment preparation.

B Lee

**P Printing**

Please remember that students can request to print an essay/assignment in B208.

B Lee

**P Blazer Exchange**

We would love to receive donations of any unwanted items of school uniform, particularly school blazers, so that we can provide a 'blazer exchange'. When we have sufficient stock, we hope to offer students the opportunity to exchange their blazer for a new size. If we don't have your size available, a token would be given meantime. **Please note:** It would be helpful if blazers were washed before they are donated so that we can arrange the exchange quickly.

B Lee

**P EMA – S5/6**

EMA application forms can be collected from the School Office or downloaded from 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