

# Lesmahagow High School



## **P7 Parents' Information Evening** *Journey to Lesmahagow*

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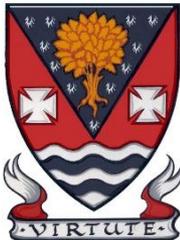
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# Purpose of this evening

1. To introduce the Senior Management Team and Extended Support Faculty.
2. To offer some information on our Transition Programme – *'Journey to Lesmahagow'* .
3. To offer some useful information to prepare pupils and parents for Secondary School life.
4. To give you the opportunity to ask any questions.

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# Senior Management Team



Mr McGowan - HT

Mrs Docherty - DHT



Miss Lee - DHT



Mr Gray - DHT



Mr Robertson - DHT

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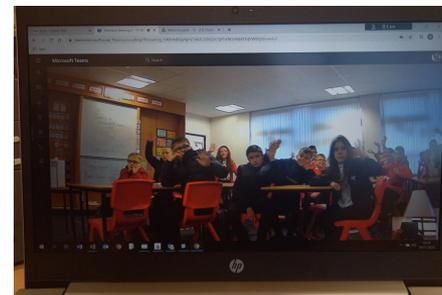
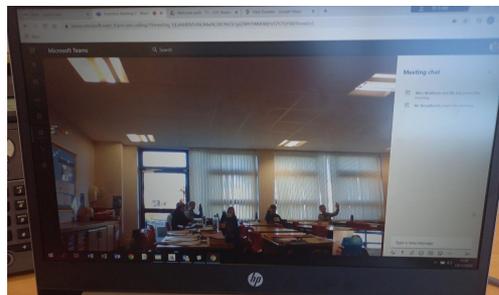
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# Head Teacher's Welcome



Welcome to our school community! It was my pleasure to meet with all P7 pupils in November and December 2020. We are extremely proud of all of our pupils in Lesmahagow High School, of the skills they develop and of their achievements. We look forward to welcoming our new S1 pupils in August 2021.

Miss Lee



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# Pupil Support

The Principal Teachers of Pupil Support are:



Mr Mallaghan  
Kerse House



Mrs Wright  
Logan House



Mr Robson  
Milton House

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# Current changes:



Mrs Wright  
Depute Head Teacher



Mr Hill  
PT Pupil Support  
Logan House

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# Support for Learning

The Principal Teachers of Support for Learning are:



Mrs Storry



Mrs Laird

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# Equity and Inclusion

The Principal Teacher of Equity and Inclusion is:



Mrs Smith

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# School Information

- School Roll - 538
- Teaching Staff Roll - over 50 teaching staff
- Lesmahagow High School serves the villages of Lesmahagow, Auchenheth, Blackwood, Coalburn, Hawksland, Kirkmuirhill and the areas surrounding each village.
- Vision: *Aspire to be our best*
- Values: Respect, Honesty, Ambition, Resilience and Equity
- *More to follow in June...*

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# Transition

The following events have been taking place throughout the year to help us get to know your children:

- *Journey to Lesmahagow – Transition Programme*
- DHT virtual meeting with Primary Schools
- PT Pupil Support/Support for Learning Virtual Meetings to Primary Schools - Link Teachers
- Transition Support Meeting
- P7 Pupils and Parents Information Booklet
- School staff from different departments sharing work with primaries
- Christmas Quiz by staff and pupils
- Virtual Parents Information Evening

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# Transition – What next?

The following events are due to take place throughout the remainder of the year to help us get to know your children:

- Departments visiting schools / delivering online lessons
- School Visits\*
- 2-Day Visit in June\*
- Meet the pupils – Pupil Leadership Team
- Virtual Tour
- *Shining a Spotlight on....*PowerPoints.
- Pupil Letters
- New S1 Pupil Profile
- Enhanced Transition
- Sharing of S1 Classes
- Google Classrooms

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# Growth Mindset

## Mrs Winning

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Everyone has a mindset that shapes their personality, motivation and development

## GROWTH MINDSET



- Intelligence, personality and ability are open to development
- Effort makes a difference
- Failure is an opportunity to learn
- Focus is on improving

## FIXED MINDSET



- Intelligence, personality and ability are fixed
- The more effort you have to put in, the less your ability
- Failure is catastrophic
- Focus is on proving

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DEVELOPING A **GROWTH MINDSET**



<b>INSTEAD OF.....</b>	<b>TRY THINKING....</b>
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

# *What we plan to do to encourage a growth mindset at LHS?*



- Workshops to support our young people on how to adopt a growth mindset
- GMS buddy programme - S6 support pupils settle into S1
- 3 Step strategy sticker - available for pupils to put in jotters of selected subject they find challenging
- Growth mindset prompts visible in all classrooms to promote engagement

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# Support for Learning Department



We have 2 Principal Teachers of Support for Learning. Please feel free to email them if you have any questions about a Support for Learning issue.

Hazel Laird PT SFL (all week) [gw07lairdhazel2@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw07lairdhazel2@glow.sch.uk)

Morag Story PT SFL (Monday/Tuesday) [gw20storrymorag@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw20storrymorag@glow.sch.uk)

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**Here are some examples of needs that might require support (it is not an exhaustive list)**

- Issues with literacy or numeracy (being behind their chronological age in reading, spelling or number skills)
- Dyslexia/Dyscalculia
- Hearing or visual impairment
- Physical disability
- Illness affecting learning
- ASD/ADHD/TOURETTES

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# SfL cont...

- Mental health issues
  - Anxiety or worry at times of transition
  - Being looked after or accommodated
  - Interrupted learning
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- There is no “one size fits all” approach to these needs e.g. One pupil with ASD may need no input from SFL and another very regular support. One dyslexic pupil may need lots of literacy intervention, but another just the use of IT in their assessments. **SFL is about INDIVIDUALS and planning for their INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.**

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# Curriculum

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## S1 & S2

- Broad curriculum
- Pupils experience all subject areas

## S3

- Broad curriculum introducing personalisation and choice
- Pupils will still experience all key areas of the curriculum but will be able to expand their knowledge in areas of interest for example by studying two sciences or a range of technology subjects.

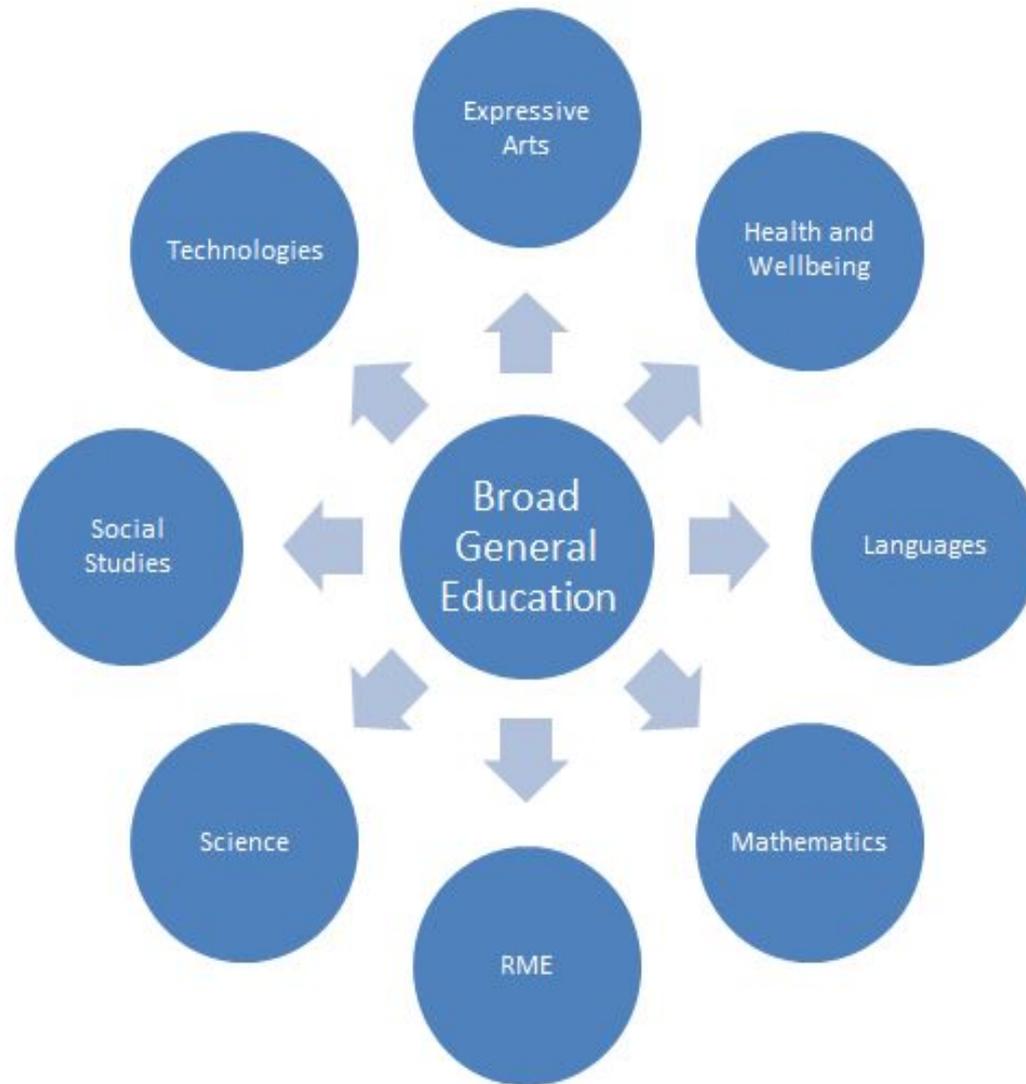
## S4

- Pupils personalise their subject choices
- English and maths are compulsory subjects for all pupils in S4
- Pupils then pick five other choices (the full range is offered but timetabling constraints mean that not all subject combinations are always available)
- These seven subjects are studied for 4 periods per week for one year.
- These subjects lead to qualifications at National 3, 4 and 5 level

## S5/6

- At the end of S4 and the end of S5 pupils will get the opportunity to select courses again
- In S5 and S6 pupils can study a range of subjects at National 4, National 5 or at Higher Level
- These subjects will be studied for 4 or 6 periods per week for one year
- In S6 some subjects will be available at Advanced Higher

# S1 - S3: Broad General Education



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# Inclusion Support Team

**Mrs Docherty**  
**Depute Head Teacher**



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# The School Day

Our school day is different from our Primary Schools.. Each day will begin promptly with tutor time at 8.40. finishing at 3.35 Monday to Thursday and 12.30 on Friday.

Monday - Thursday	
Period	Time
Tutor Time	08.40-08.50am
1	08.50-09.40am
2	09.40-10.30am
3	10.30-11.20am
Interval	<b>11.20-11.35am</b>
4	11.35-12.25pm
5	12.25-13.15pm
Lunch	<b>13.15-13.55pm</b>
6	13.55-14.45pm
7	14.45-15.35pm

Friday	
Period	Time
Tutor Time	08.40-08.50am
1	08.50-09.40am
2	09.40-10.30am
Interval	<b>10.30-10.50am</b>
3	10.50-11.40pm
4	11.40-12.30pm

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# Uniform

The uniform for Lesmahagow High School is:

- Plain black blazer with school badge
- Plain white collared shirt or blouse
- School tie
- Plain black trousers or skirt
- Plain v-neck jumper or cardigan without logos
- Plain black footwear (including laces)

The following items are **NOT** acceptable:

- Jeans or clothing with jean-like material
- Hoodies including zippers
- Football colours/tops
- Baseball caps
- Tracksuits or jogging trousers/sportswear
- Leggings
- Denim jackets



**Our blazer supplier is  
Scotcrest, who are based  
in Hamilton**  
[www.scotcrestschools.co.uk](http://www.scotcrestschools.co.uk)

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# General Information

- **Parent Pay** is used for purchasing school lunches and for all trips therefore it is extremely important that parents sign up to it. Further information will be made available in August.
- It is vital that we have **up to date contact details** including mobile numbers and email addresses. An annual data check form will be issued in August. Please continue to make us aware of any further changes throughout the year.
- If applicable, please make sure you (re)apply for any clothing grants, free meal entitlement and school transport. This is available now and should be completed online on the South Lanarkshire website.

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# General Information

- Arrangements for August:
  - Further information will be shared with you all in June.
  - Senior guides will help take the pupils to and from classes for the first few days and they will be allowed to leave class a few minutes early before interval and lunch
- Do not worry if you get lost!

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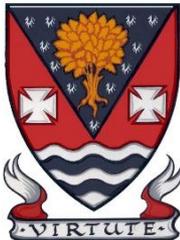
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# Transport

## Mr Gray

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# Transport

Free school transport is provided for secondary school pupils who live two miles or more away from the catchment secondary school by the shortest safe walking route.



You need to apply in advance of your child starting at LHS through the South Lanarkshire Council website. All school transport information, including the online application form can be found at the following address:

[https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary\\_school\\_information/545/school\\_transport](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/545/school_transport)

If you are unable to access this online service, then please contact the school transport helpline on 0303 123 1023.

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# Parent Council

**WE NEED YOU!**

**JOIN THE PARENT COUNCIL**

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD'S  
SCHOOL AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

*Your voice counts!*

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**LESMAHAGOW  
HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT COUNCIL**

MEETINGS THIS YEAR & NEXT:  
MONDAY 02/9/19  
TUESDAY 08/10/19  
WEDNESDAY 13/11/19  
MONDAY 13/1/20  
TUESDAY 18/1/20  
WEDNESDAY 25/3/20  
MONDAY 11/5/20

MORE INFO AT:  
[HTTP://WWW.LESMAHAGOW.S-LANARK.SCH.UK/PARENTS/PARENT-COUNCIL/](http://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/parents/parent-council/)

**Wendy Russell**  
**Chair**  
**Parent Council**

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# Parent Council Objectives

- To work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming school which is inclusive for all parents.
- To promote partnership between the school, its pupils and all its parents.
- To develop and engage in activities which support the education and welfare of the pupils.
- To identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils.

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# Parent Council - What we really discuss...

- **Topical issues -**
  - Recently impact of COVID-19 on school and home learning
  - Issues raised by parents
- **Community Support**
  - Support from Local Councillors
  - Litter, Environment, Local Business
- **Fundraising**
  - Big and small events, Grant funding, practical support
- **Working with Teachers & Pupils – our opinion on Policy & Practice**
- **Communication & Encouragement to other parents**

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# Parent Council - Your involvement

- A role for everyone!
- Meet monthly
  - rotating Mon / Tue /Wed
  - 7pm – 8.15pm (ish)
- Meet on Zoom until lockdown restrictions lifted
- Normal circumstances – meet in School Staff Room
- For more info – see our FaceBook page

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# Contact

We want to hear from you, so if there are any issues or concerns, please contact your child's pupil support teacher (in the first instance) via the school office on **01555 896010** or [office@lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk](mailto:office@lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk)



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# Further Information

The school will regularly communicate with you via letter, text message, through social media and the school app. Copies of all communications with parents will also be available on the school website.

The collage features several social media posts from Lesmahagow High School. On the left, a tweet from @LesmahagowHigh promotes the 'Young Musician of the Year' event on Monday 5th June at 7.00pm, with tickets at £4 and concessions at £2. In the center, a tweet from Lesmahagow High School (@LesmahagowHigh) announces P7 Visit Days on Tuesday and Wednesday, accompanied by a blue starburst graphic that says 'Transition!'. On the right, another tweet from Lesmahagow High School (@LesmahagowHigh) wishes a lovely weekend in the sunshine to all pupils and staff, mentioning SQA exams. A calendar on the far right shows the month of May, with the 27th and 28th highlighted. The school's crest is visible in the bottom right corner of the collage.

# School App

All family members can keep in touch with events and news as well as receive important messages from the school by downloading the school app. It is free to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. Scan the QR code or search for 'SSA' or 'SSA secondaryschoolapp', and once the app is open, search for 'Lesmahagow High School when prompted.



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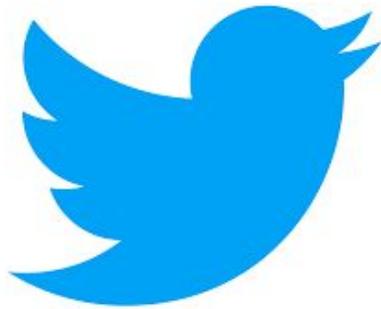
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# Twitter

We share lots of news, information and pupil achievements through our Twitter platform. P7 Transition info will also be shared here.



**@lesmahagowhigh**



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# P7 Transition Webpage



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### Twitter

Tweets by @LesmahagowHigh

Lesmahagow High S @LesmahagowHigh  
Replying to @LesmahagowHigh  
@CoalburnPrimary @mitonslc  
@BentPrimary  
@BlackwoodPS\_SLC  
@WoodparkPrimary  
@StJohnsBwd @carlukeys  
@crawforddyke @townhillps

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P7 Parents/Carers

A reminder that our P7 Info

<http://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/p7-transition/>

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# Before we know it...



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# Evaluation

- Information Evening Evaluation Form:  
<https://forms.gle/PGWhX74fvdFX7ftT8>
- What can we do to help you prepare our young people for August?
- What would you like to know for our next Information Evening?.



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# QUESTIONS



## P7 Transition Google Form

<https://forms.gle/AhVHjJmiqmDPk7768>



### LHS P7 Transition Question Form

Lesmahagow High School staff would like to ensure your child's transition from primary to secondary school runs as smoothly as possible. We know that current school closures have brought about various challenges, but please be assured that we continue to operate behind the scenes to ensure we provide the best possible virtual transition for your child.

We are keen to hear from you, answer any questions you may have, and ultimately reassure you and your family about the transition process.

Please complete the form below and we will get back to you shortly.

Mr D Robertson - gw10robertsondavid8@glow.sch.uk  
Mrs P Docherty - gw19dochertypamela@glow.sch.uk

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