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Dear Parent/ Carer,

### **End of Session Update**

As we reach the end of another school year, we would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support throughout this session. Our young people have continued to work hard and have shown great resilience.

### **In school events**

It has been lovely to welcome parents and carers into our school over the past two months for a variety of school events. In May, we welcomed parents of our S1 pupils to our first in-person Parents' Evening in two years. This month, we have celebrated the Graduation of our S6 students and Prize Giving, and have hosted an Information Evening for our new S1 students. We look forward to future events, next session, including an open evening in September.

### **Prize Giving**

Congratulations to all young people who received a prize at this year's Prize Giving event. Our Dux of 2022 is Aneesa Mohammed and Proxime Accessit is Demi Slater. This year, the Hopper Award, for Excellence in Computing Science, was awarded for the first time to Cara Reid. Thank you to Mrs. Wright and the Prize Giving Team for their help and organisation.

### **Staffing changes**

At the end of term, we say farewell to the following colleagues:

- Our newly qualified teachers, Mrs. Ashley Montague (Teacher of History and Modern Studies), Mrs. Bronya Watters (Teacher of Modern Languages) and Mr. Callum Kirkpatrick (Teacher of Physics), who move to permanent posts in other schools.
- Mr. Craig Maxwell, Area Cover Teacher of Maths and Mr. Kevin Kearney, Area Cover Teacher of Business, who return to their base schools.
- Mrs. Lorna Sinclair, Area Cover Teacher of Technical, who moves to St. John Ogilvie High School.

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- Mr. Matt McGinley, Area Cover Teacher of PE, who moves to Cathkin High School.
- Mrs. Eve Dunbar, Teacher of Home Economics, who has moved to KEAR Campus School in Blantyre.
- Mrs. Julie Wilson, Teacher of Business Education, who retires after 37 years of excellent service to the Lesmahagow High School community. Mrs. Wilson looks forward to spending extra time with her grandchildren.

Sincere thanks to all colleagues who are leaving us today.

Following interviews this week, we look forward to welcoming the following colleagues in August:

- Mrs. Lesley-Anne Cimmino, Depute Head Teacher, who was appointed following interviews in partnership with our Parent Council.
- Mrs. Donna Queen, Teacher of Technical.

We also look forward to welcoming the following colleagues in August:

- Ms. Shannon Kilday, Teacher of Music, Mrs. Dieke Smit, Teacher of English, Mr. Ross Campbell, Teacher of Maths, Mr. Lewis McMillan, Teacher of Business Education, Miss Lauren McMillan, Teacher of English, Ms. Evelyn King, Teacher of Home Economics, Mr. Christopher Campbell, Teacher of Maths, Mr. William Baird, Teacher of Maths and Physics and Mr. Matthew O'Shea, Teacher of Religious Education.
- Mrs. Barbara McFarlane will join our School Office Team.

Congratulations to Mrs. Rebecca Anderson, who has been promoted to Principal Teacher of Inclusion, Mrs. Gemma Smith, who will become Acting Faculty Head of Humanities, Mrs. Victoria McGregor and Miss Anna Fletcher, who have been appointed Lead Teachers of Equity, Inclusion and Engagement.

In August, Mrs. Linda Wright will resume Pupil Support responsibilities for Logan House and Mr. Andy Hill will resume his role as Teacher of PE. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to our young people and school community. We also thank Mr. Mark Smith for all his hard work and commitment to our young people as Faculty Head of Humanities. Mr Smith remains with us as Teacher of History.

### **Consultation on lunch-time and interval arrangements for August 2022**

Thank you to all pupils, parents, carers and colleagues who responded to our recent survey regarding interval and lunchtime arrangements for the new session. Feedback highlighted the benefits of a single lunch-time, which would allow lunch-time clubs and supported study to be offered, as well as providing all year groups with the opportunity to mix together. The advantages of staggered intervals were also highlighted. This arrangement reduces queuing in the canteen and there is less pressure on seating within the Street area. Based on this feedback, from August, we will return to one lunch-time for all year groups, between periods 5 and 6, 1.15 – 1.55 pm. However, we will retain our staggered interval arrangements, with the Senior Phase interval taking place at the start of period 3, 10.30 -10.45 am and S1-S3 interval taking place at the end of Period 3, 11.20 – 11.35 am.

### **Uniform**

In response to requests from parents and carers, school blazers can now be purchased from ALJ in Lanark as well as from Scotcrest in Hamilton. Braiding has been added as an option for S6 student blazers at the request of pupils and can be purchased from ALJ in Lanark either already sewn onto blazers, or ready to be sewn onto blazers. School badges for blazers and ties are available from the school office. We look forward to seeing all students in full uniform in August. If any help is required in sourcing uniform items, please contact our Lead Teachers of Equity, Ms. Anna Fletcher and Mrs. Victoria McGregor.

## **Pre-loved Hub**

A wide range of pre-loved shirts/blouses, blazers, skirts, trousers and ties are available from our Pre-Loved Uniform Hub. We welcome donations of any laundered uniform items which students have outgrown or no longer need. These will be available to students in the last week of the school holidays and throughout the school year.

## **SQA Exam Results**

SQA Exam Results will be released on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August. Any student requiring support or advice in relation to their results should contact the school office. School staff will be available from the 9<sup>th</sup> August to help with any questions or concerns.

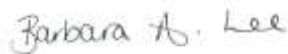
## **School Holidays**

School closes at 12.30 pm today for the summer holidays and re-opens for pupils on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, at 8.40 am. Our school calendar for the new session will be shared in August.

We hope that all pupils, families and staff have a restful and relaxing summer holiday.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



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