



**Education Resources**  
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**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer,

**Session 2022-23**

We hope that all young people and families have had a lovely summer holiday and look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school tomorrow, Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022, at 8.40 am. As communicated at the end of last term, staggered interval arrangements will remain in place, reducing queuing at the canteen and providing greater access to seating within the Street area. Interval for all Senior Phase students will be at the end of period 2; interval for pupils in S1-S3 will be at the end of period 3. All students must remain in within the school grounds at interval time. There will, however, be a single lunch-time, after Period 5, which allows supported study and lunch-time clubs to be offered, as well as providing an opportunity for all year groups to mix together. A copy of the times of our school day is shown below:



**Lesmahagow High School Day from August 2022**

Monday - Thursday				Friday			
S1-3		S4-6		S1-3		S4-6	
8.40 – 8.50 am	Tutor Time	8.40 - 8.50 am	Tutor Time	8.40-8.50 am	Tutor Time	8.40-8.50 am	Tutor Time
8.50 - 9.40 am	Period 1	8.50 – 9.40 am	Period 1	8.50 - 9.40 am	Period 1	8.50 – 9.40 am	Period 1
9.40 – 10.30 am	Period 2	9.40 – 10.30 am	Period 2	9.40 – 10.30 am	Period 2	9.40 – 10.30 am	Period 2
10.30 - 11.20 am	Period 3	10.30 – 10.45 am	Interval	10.30 - 11.20 am	Period 3	10.30 – 10.50 am	Interval
11.20 – 11.35 am	Interval	10.45 – 11.35 am	Period 3	11.20 –11.40 am	Interval	10.50 – 11.40 pm	Period 3
11.35 – 12.25 pm	Period 4	11.35 –12.25 pm	Period 4	11.40 –12.30 pm	Period 4	11.40 – 12.30 pm	Period 4
12.25 – 1.15 pm	Period 5	12.25 – 1.15 pm	Period 5				
1.15 – 1.55 pm	Lunch	1.15 – 1.55 pm	Lunch				
1.55 – 2.45 pm	Period 6	1.55 – 2.45 pm	Period 6				
2.45 – 3.35 pm	Period 7	2.45 – 3.35 pm	Period 7				

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 To empower learners with the skills to succeed and realise their true potential.



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## **SQA Exam Results**

S5 and S6 students should have received their SQA exam certificates on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August. We are very proud of the achievements of our students and thank them for all their hard work last session. All questions regarding SQA certificates or appeals should be directed to Mr. Gray, SQA Coordinator.

## **Nut free school**

To keep young people with a peanut allergy safe, it is important that our school is a nut free environment. We ask for your help in explaining the importance of this to your young person and thank you for your understanding and support.

## **Uniform and Pre-loved Hub**

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 students 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 and ties are available from the school office. Full information regarding school uniform can be found at: [Uniform-Leaflet-June-2022.pdf \(lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk\)](https://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/Uniform-Leaflet-June-2022.pdf)

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. If any help is required in sourcing uniform items, please contact our Lead Teachers of Equity, Ms Anna Fletcher and Mrs Victoria McGregor.

## **Staffing changes**

We have welcomed a number of new colleagues this session:

- Mrs. Lesley-Anne Cimmino, Depute Head Teacher, Mrs Donna Queen, Teacher of Technical Education, Ms Shannon Kilday, Teacher of Music, Mrs Dieke Smit, Teacher of English, Mr Lewis McMillan, Teacher of Business Education, Miss Lauryn McMillan, Teacher of English, 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 has joined our School Office Team.
- Mrs Susan Crawford and Mrs Pauline Maxwell have joined our School Support Assistant Team.
- Mrs Rebecca Anderson, has been promoted to Principal Teacher of Inclusion, Mrs Gemma Smith, is Acting Faculty Head of Humanities and Mrs Victoria McGregor and Miss Anna Fletcher, have been appointed Lead Teachers of Equity, Inclusion and Engagement.

## **Homework**

Information on homework will be shared with pupils through Google Classrooms and with parents through Guardian Email. Further information on Guardian Email will be shared in due course.

## **Useful website links**

Applications for school transport, clothing grants, free school meals and free bus travel for under 22s can be made using the following links:

[School transport - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

[Free school meals - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

[School clothing grants - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

[NEC - Young Persons' Free Bus Travel Scheme Information \(southlanarkshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/NEC-Young-Persons-Free-Bus-Travel-Scheme-Information)

If any help is required in completing any applications, please contact your child's Pupil Support Teacher, our Lead Teachers of Equity or any member of the Senior Management Team.

## **School contact information**

Our Principal Teachers of Pupil Support are the main point of contact for parents and carers when contacting the school. Mr Mallaghan is Principal Teacher of Pupil Support for all pupils in Kerse House; Mrs Wright is the Principal Teacher of Pupil Support for all pupils in Logan House; and Mr Robson is Principal Teacher of Pupil Support for all pupils in Milton House.

Mr Gray is Year Head for S1 and S4 pupils; Mrs Cimmino is Year Head for S2 and S5 pupils; and Mr Robertson is Year Head for all pupils in S3 and S6.

Contact information for all colleagues in the Extended Leadership Team can be found on the school website at: [Contact Us | Lesmahagow High School](#)

### **School Photos**

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Individual photos will be taken of all young people. S1, S2, S3 and S6 year group photos will also be taken.

### **Parent Council**

The first meeting of our Parent Council takes place on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September in our school library. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

### **Key dates**

School Holidays:

September weekend – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

October break – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

In-service Day – Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Christmas Holidays – school closes at 12.30 pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and reopens on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

February Break – Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

In-service Day – Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Easter – school closes at 12.30 pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and reopens on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

May Holiday – Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

In-service day – Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

May Holiday – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Summer holidays- School closes at 1 pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023

All of these dates can be found on the South Lanarkshire website at: [2022/23 school holidays \(approved 9 November 2021\) - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

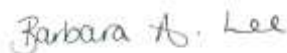
An open afternoon will be organised for parents/ carers of S1 pupils on 13<sup>th</sup> September, when there will be an opportunity for tours of the school. An open evening has also been scheduled for Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, when all members of our school community will be invited to visit our school.

The dates of our Parents' Evenings for session 2022-23 are:

- S2 – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- Senior Phase – 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023
- S3 – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- S1 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Barbara Lee  
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