

Tutor Teachers – PLEASE READ RELEVANT ITEMS TO PUPILS

### TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

#### NEXT WEEK

21st August	Year Group Assemblies	
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#### FORTHCOMING

4th Sept	House Assemblies	
11th Sept	Parent Council Meeting	
12th Sept	P7/S1 Open Afternoon	
13th Sept	School Photographs	
22nd and 25th Sept	September Weekend Holidays	

Once confirmation has been given by HT/DHT, please detail briefly as above.

Full details of all pupils etc. **must** be given to departments at least one week before event.

No event should appear in NEXT WEEK section without first appearing in FORTHCOMING section

**BULLETIN: This is an essential channel of communication with staff and pupils.**

#### P Chess Club

The school chess club will return next Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August in room B209. All are welcome, especially S1s.

We will be learning some new defensive moves, along with the game of 'atomic chess.'  
Come along to find out more.

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#### P Welcome back

We hope that all students have enjoyed the first week back at school after the holidays. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, at 8.40 am in full uniform.

B Lee

#### P Water bottles

All students were given a Lesmahagow High School water bottle at Tutor Time on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August. These were organised through Participatory Budgeting to support sustainability. Water bottles should be filled before school, at interval time, lunch time or after school. Two water fountains are located beside the canteen in the Street area. Thank you to Mr Rae, the Participatory Budgeting group and Pupil Council for organising these for everyone.

B Lee

#### P Year Group Assemblies

There will be Year Group Assemblies next week, week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023. Assemblies will take place in the Street area during Tutor time on the following days:

Monday – S1, Tuesday – S2, Wednesday – S3, Thursday – S4 and Friday – S5 & S6.

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. Further information can be found in the Parent letter issued last session at: <http://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Information-Letter-to-parents-and-carers.pdf> Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

B Lee

**P Parent Council**

Our first Parent Council meeting takes place on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, at 7.15 pm in the School Library. All parents/carers are invited to join the Parent Council. Please see the school website for more 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, Miss Leckenby, Mrs Miller 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 (copies of the form are available from the school) - 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](mailto: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.

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**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 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