



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Session 2023-24

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, 16th August 2022, at 8.40 am, in full school uniform.

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 lunchtime, 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



Monday – Thursday				Friday			
S1-S3		S4-S6		S1-S3		S4-S6	
08:40 – 08:50am	Tutor	08:40 – 08:50am	Tutor	08:40 – 08:50am	Tutor	08:40 – 08:50am	Tutor
08:50 – 09:40am	Period 1	08:50 – 09:40am	Period 1	08:50 – 09:40am	Period 1	08:50 – 09:40am	Period 1
09:40 – 10:30am	Period 2	09:40 – 10:30am	Period 2	09:40 – 10:30am	Period 2	09:40 – 10:30am	Period 2
10:30 – 11:20am	Period 3	10:30 – 10:45am	Interval	10:30 – 11:20am	Period 3	10:30 – 10:50am	Interval
11:20 – 11:35am	Interval	10:45 – 11:35am	Period 3	11:20 – 11:40am	Interval	10:50 – 11:40am	Period 3
11:35 – 12:25pm	Period 4	11:35 – 12:25pm	Period 4	11:40 – 12:30pm	Period 4	11:40 – 12:30pm	Period 4
12:25 – 1:15pm	Period 5	12:25 – 1:15pm	Period 5				
1:15 – 1:55pm	Lunch	1:15 – 1:55pm	Lunch				
1:55 – 2:45pm	Period 6	1:55 – 2:45pm	Period 6				
2:45 – 3.35pm	Period 7	2:45 – 3.35pm	Period 7				

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SQA Exam Results

S5 and S6 students should have received their SQA exam certificates on Tuesday, 8th 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

School blazers can be purchased from ALJ in Lanark and Scotcrest in Hamilton. Braiding has been added as an option for S6 students at the request of pupils and can be purchased 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 on our school website.

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, Miss Sophie Leckenby or Mrs Shirley Miller.

Staffing changes

We have welcomed a number of new colleagues this session: Ms Bandu Geurtzen (Teacher of Inclusion), Ms Emma Alexander (Teacher of Modern Languages), Ms Molly McCallum (Teacher of Modern Languages), Mr Scott Cameron (Teacher of Drama), Ms Jade Canning (Teacher of Business Education), Ms Laura Gray (Teacher of Geography), Mr Ewan Gardiner (Teacher of RMPS), Mrs Lianne Russell (Teacher of Biology), Ms Amy Gordon (Teacher of History and Modern Studies), Ms Nicole Owens (Teacher of History), Ms Jennifer Scott (Teacher of PE) and Ms Ashley McCluskey (Teacher of Psychology). Mrs Alison Donaldson (Teacher of Drama), Mrs Naomi McCormack (Teacher of Maths) and Mrs Angela McGhee (Teacher of Home Economics) will join us in the coming weeks.

Homework

Information on homework will be shared with pupils through Google Classrooms and with parents through Guardian Email.

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 – https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/forms/form/140/en/school_transport

school meals - <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals>

School clothing grants –

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200259/education_benefits/159/clothing_grants_and_free_school_meals

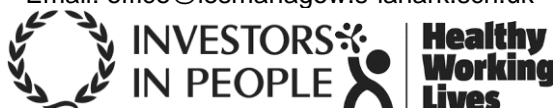
South Lanarkshire Council NEC and free bus travel scheme for under 22s –

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/nec/>

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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 Miss Fletcher is Principal Teacher of Pupil Support for all pupils in Milton House.

Mrs Docherty is Year Head for S1 pupils; Mr Gray is Year Head for pupils in S2 and S5; Mrs Cimmino is Year Head for S3 and S6 pupils; and Mr Robertson is Year Head for all pupils in S4. Contact information for all colleagues in the Extended Leadership Team can be found on the school website at: <https://www.lesmahagow.s-lanark.sch.uk/contact-us/>

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 13th September 2023. Individual photos will be taken of young people in S1, S3, S5 and S6. Year Group photos of S1 and S6 will also be taken.

Parent Council

The first meeting of our Parent Council takes place on Monday, 11th September in our school library, at 7.15 pm. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Key dates:

- September weekend – Friday 22nd and Monday 25th September 2023
- October break – Monday 16th – Friday 20th October 2023
- In-service Day – Monday, 13th November 2023
- Christmas Holidays – school closes at 12.30 pm on Friday 22nd December and reopens on Monday 8th January 2024.
- February Break – Monday, 12th and Tuesday, 13th February 2024
- In-service Day – Wednesday, 14th February 2024
- Easter – school closes at 2.30 pm on Thursday 28th March and reopens on Monday, 15th April 2024
- In-service day – Thursday, 2nd May 2024
- May Holiday – Monday, 6th May 2024
- May Holiday – Friday 24th and Monday 27th May 2024
- Summer holidays- School closes at 1 pm on Wednesday 26th June 2024

The dates of school holidays for Session 2023/24 can be found at:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200140/education_and_learning/82/school_holidays

The proposed holidays for Session 2024/25 can be found at:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200140/education_and_learning/82/school_holidays

An open afternoon will be organised for parents/ carers of S1 pupils on 12th September, when there will be an opportunity for tours of the school.

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Parents' Evenings

The dates of our Parents' Evenings for session 2023-24 are:

- Senior Phase – 8th November 2023 and 20th February 2024
- S2 – 6th December 2023
- S1 – 9th May 2024
- S3 – 29th May 2024

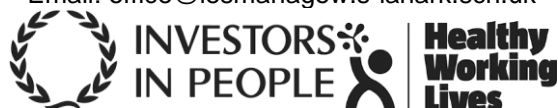
Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



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