

**P S2 Parents' Evening**

Thank you to all parents and carers who joined us this week for S2 Parents' Evening. Thank you also to all students who helped to greet guests and serve refreshments.

B Lee

**P Senior Phase December Assessments**

Well done to all Senior Phase students who have completed exams this week. Mr Boag, Chief Invigilator, the Invigilation Team and all colleagues who have supported students in exams have been very impressed by the excellent manners, behaviour and effort of students.

An electronic copy of the timetable can be found in S4-S6 Google Classrooms and paper copies are also available from Mr Gray, SQA Coordinator. If any student has any questions regarding the timetable, please speak to your class teacher, the Faculty Head or to Mr Gray.

The December Assessments provide students with an excellent opportunity to experience sitting assessments under SQA exam conditions, supervised by invigilators, in preparation for the final SQA exams in April/May. Feedback will also help students identify next steps in learning.

Class teachers will be available to support revision when pupils would normally have had classes. B107 will also be available as a study room, and there will be access to Chromebooks.

Good luck to all Senior Phase students for next week's exams!

B Lee

**P Christmas Lunch**

The School Canteen will be serving Christmas Lunch on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. Roast turkey with gravy and chipolatas, steak pie or vegetable tart, all served with roast potatoes, carrots and peas will be available at lunch-time, costing £2.20. There will also be a range of Christmas Specials available from the canteen.

The S6 Christmas Lunch will take place on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December.

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**P P7 Information Evening (online)**

The first P7 Information Evening will take place on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, online. Information will be shared with parents and carers of P7 students from Primary schools. Please contact the school office if any further information is required

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**P S5/6 Snow Ball**

The S5/6 Snow Ball will take place on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, from 7 – 9 pm in the Street Area. Tickets cost £3 and are available from the Social Subjects Base.

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**P Merit Events**

Well done to S1-S3 students who have already achieved a large number of merits. The next merit events are planned for 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December. There is still time to achieve more merits

to secure a place on the trips planned – keep working hard! Thank you to all colleagues involved in organising our merit events throughout the year.

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**P Christmas Assemblies**

Our Christmas Assemblies will take place on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, led by our Chaplaincy Team. Please contact Pupil Support to arrange alternative arrangements if required.

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**P Lost Property**

A number of lost property items (including expensive outdoor jackets) remain unclaimed in the lost property store. Please check with Joan and Lynn if you have misplaced any items within the school.

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**P Community**

A reminder of the importance of placing litter in the bins provided. It is important that we look after the local environment and show respect for our community.

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**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. From this session, school reports will also be available through ParentsPortal.

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 '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.

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**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.

**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.

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