

TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

NEXT WEEK

Week Beg 4 th March	SQA Practical Exams	Various
7 th March	World Book Day	English Dept & Library

FORTHCOMING

11 th March	Year Group Assemblies -	SMT
18 th March	"Young Musician of the Year"	C Robertson Cheyne
19 th March	Parent Council Meeting	B Lee

Pupil Notice

1st March 2024**P Statutory Consultation**

The consultation on the proposal to alter the distance that a mainstream secondary school pupil must live from their catchment school in order to qualify for free school transport from more than 2 miles to more than 3 miles has been extended by two weeks and will now run until 15th March 2024.

The link below provides further information, including a response form, and advice on enrolling to attend a public meeting for those wishing to know more.

Any proposed change would not take effect until August 2025.

Paper copies are available in schools and libraries.

You can also share your views on the school transport proposals (see link above) by emailing educationconsultations@southlanarkshire.gov.uk or using the QR codes displayed around the school.

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200140/education_and_learning/2196/secondary_school_transport_-_consultation



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Please note: a response has been submitted by the Pupil Council. Thank you to all involved.

P Conference of Schools

Well done to all young people who participated in this week's Conference of Schools in Hamilton. It was great to see pupils from Lesmahagow High School collaborating with students from Calderside Academy to deliver workshops to students from across the local authority. Your 'Care for the Climate' message was shared widely! Well done, everyone, and thank you to Miss Leckenby, Miss Gordon and Miss McCallum for leading and supporting the group.

B Lee

P Scripture Union

A reminder that the Scripture Union group meets each Wednesday in B101. New members are always welcome. Callum (our Chaplain) and the group would love to see you there. You can bring your own lunch; Callum will also bring some doughnuts for everyone to share.

B Lee

P Practical Exams

Good luck to all Senior Phase students who are completing SQA Practical Exams in March. Please speak to your class teacher, the Faculty Head or Mr Gray if you have any questions regarding SQA exams.

B Lee

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.

B Lee

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.

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. 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.

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 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.

LA Cimmino

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 the School Office.

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