



Education Resources
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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, 17th 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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SQA Exam Results

S5 and S6 students should have received their SQA exam certificates on Tuesday, 9th 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 \(southlanarkshire.gov.uk\)](#)

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, 14th 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, 12th September in our school library. All parents and carers are invited to attend.

Key dates

School Holidays:

September weekend – Friday 23rd and Monday 26th September 2022

October break – Monday 17th – Friday 24th October 2022

In-service Day – Monday, 14th November 2022

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

February Break – Monday, 13th and Tuesday, 14th February 2023

In-service Day – Wednesday, 15th February 2023

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

May Holiday – Monday, 1st May 2023

In-service day – Tuesday, 2nd May 2023

May Holiday – Friday 26th and Monday 29th May 2023

Summer holidays- School closes at 1 pm on Tuesday 27th 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](#)

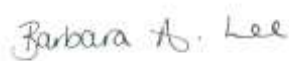
An open afternoon will be organised for parents/ carers of S1 pupils on 13th September, when there will be an opportunity for tours of the school. An open evening has also been scheduled for Wednesday, 21st September, when all members of our school community will be invited to visit our school.

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

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Barbara Lee
Head Teacher