

## TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS

## THIS WEEK

Week beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Year group assemblies	
21 <sup>st</sup> August	SQA Priority Appeal Deadline	

## FORTHCOMING

30 <sup>th</sup> August	SQA Appeals Deadline	
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening	
10 <sup>th</sup> September	P7/S1 Open Afternoon	
11 <sup>th</sup> September	S1/S3/S5/S6 photographs taken	
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Council Meeting	

## Pupil Notice

18<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024**P Welcome back to school!**

We hope you had a great summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school year! It has been lovely to see everyone back in school and working hard in classes. Well done, everyone! A special well done to our new S1 pupils who are settling in very well and thank you to our S6 guides who have supported S1 as they have found their way around our school. We look forward to our first full school week!

B Lee

**P SQA Exam Results**

S5 and S6 students should have received their SQA exam certificate on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August. We are extremely proud of the hard work and effort of all of our students in 2023-24 and congratulate them on their results. Support and advice for any student who didn't receive the results they were hoping is available from teachers, Faculty Heads, Pupil Support Teachers and the Senior Management Team. For any questions relating to appeals, please see Mr Gray, SQA Coordinator. Adele Duffy, our Careers Adviser, will also be in school from 19<sup>th</sup> August to offer advice with career planning and pathways.

B Lee

**P Mobile Phones**

A reminder to all students that mobile phones should be switched off or on silent and kept in school bags during lesson times. It is important that students are able to concentrate on their learning during class time, without the distraction of their mobile phone.

If a phone is seen or heard during lesson times, students will be directed to put their phone away. After this chance to change, should the phone be seen or heard again, students will be asked to place their phone in a box or on the teacher's desk. Parents and carers will be advised if there are further concerns.

Students will be able to use their mobile phone if they choose to do so during social times (before school, interval or at lunch-times), or if permission for a particular reason has been given by the class teacher.

This consistent approach across all subject areas will benefit everyone's learning.

B Lee

**P Year Group Assemblies**

There will be year group assemblies in week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> August. S1 – Monday, S2 – Tuesday, S3 – Wednesday, S4 – Thursday, S5/6 – Friday. All assemblies will take place in the Street Area.

B Lee

**P Open Evening**

We are looking forward to welcoming members of our school community to our Open Evening on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Further details will be shared in next week's bulletin!

**P Open Afternoon**

We are looking forward to welcoming the parents and carers of P7 and S1 students to our Open Afternoon on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September. Further details will be shared in next week's bulletin!

B Lee

**P School Photos**

School photos will be taken for S1, S3, S5 and S6 students on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September. Year group photos will be taken for S1 and S6.

B Lee

**P Uniform Items and School Bags**

If you have any pre-loved uniform items or school bags that are no longer needed, we would be delighted if these could be handed into the school office so that we can add them to our uniform and school supplies for next session. Please help us to look after our environment– remember the importance of reducing, repairing, reusing and recycling!

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 - 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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