

P Scripture Union

Mrs Baillie and Jean Lennox look forward to seeing everyone at our Scripture Union Club on Wednesdays at lunchtime in B101 (Literacy and Numeracy Hub). New members are always welcome – feel free to take your lunch with you! Please see Mrs Baillie for more information.

B Lee

P Lunch and After School Clubs

Thank you to our Sports Development class and Mr Ross for arranging for all pupils to have the opportunity to sign up to our extra-curricular clubs this week. Thank you also to all colleagues and students who have offered to lead and support extra-curricular clubs this session. All students are encouraged to participate in our extra-curricular programme. Please let us know if there are other clubs you would like to see included in the programme or if you'd like to lead or help with any of the clubs.

B Lee

P Home Economics

All pupils are reminded to bring a container for Home Economics when cooking. Thank you!

P St. Andrew's Hospice 6K Run – Strathclyde Park, Sunday, 22nd September 2024

Information was shared at assembly on 30th August about an opportunity for all S5 and S6 students to participate in the St. Andrew's Hospice 6K Run/Walk at Strathclyde Park on Sunday, 22nd September (am). Thank you to Andy Flynn from St. Andrew's Hospice for sharing information about the event and how funds raised are used to support families across Lanarkshire. Please see Mr Campbell in the Maths Department for further information.

B Lee

P Open Evening

Thank you to all students, families and friends who joined us at our Open Evening on Wednesday, 4th September. It was great to see everyone and we hope you enjoyed visiting departments and touring around our school. Thank you to all students who helped on the evening – you were great hosts! We look forward to seeing everyone at future events.

B Lee

P Open Afternoon

We are looking forward to welcoming the parents and carers of P7 and S1 students to our Open Afternoon on Tuesday, 10th September 2:15 – 3:15. Please see the invitation letter which will be sent by Mr Robertson for further information.

B Lee

P Parent Council Meeting

Our first Parent Council Meeting of the new session takes place on Monday, 16th September, at 7.15 pm in the school library. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

B Lee

P Danceleaders Academy Recruitment Opened!

Interested in dance, coaching or becoming a teacher? Gain a Level 5 Qualification, boost your CV by gaining this course & volunteering with Active Schools.

Open to S3-6 Pupils.

Please speak to Clare Murphy in PE department.

C Murphy

P School Photos

School photos will be taken for S1, S3, S5 and S6 students on Wednesday, 11th 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 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 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.

