

**TRIPS / OUTINGS / EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

6 th January 2025	School re-opens at 8.40 am	B. Lee
Week beginning 6 th January	Year Group Assemblies	B. Lee
20 th January	Inter-house Swimming Competition	Mr Gardiner
22 nd January	Parent Council Meeting	B. Lee
22 nd January	S2 Science Trip	B. Lee
24 th January	Holocaust Memorial Day Assemblies	B. Lee
27 th January	Holocaust Memorial Event, Carlisle High School (Evening)	B. Lee
29 th January	S1 Science Trip	B. Lee
29 th January	S3 Parents' Meeting	B. Lee

FORTHCOMING

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P School Holidays!

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the activities organised in the last week of term!

- S1 enjoyed their Party on Tuesday afternoon – thank you to the PE Department for organising.
- S6 pupils completed Barista training and welcomed guests from Bankhouse Care Home on Tuesday afternoon for some Christmas cheer. Everyone enjoyed the visit! Thank you to Mrs Baillie for supporting our pupils during the training.
- Senior Phase RMPS students visited the Samye Ling Centre at Eskdalemuir as part of their coursework. Thank you to Mrs Smith and Mr Gardiner for organising.
- Wednesday was a very busy day, with Christmas Jumper/Festive Accessory Day, S1/2 Merit Trip to the Crazy Golf at Braehead, S6 Christmas Lunch and Senior Phase Snow Ball! Thank you to the Merit Committee for organising the Merit trip, our School Canteen for catering for the Christmas lunch and all colleagues involved in organising the Snow Ball!
- On Thursday, Pupil Council and Scripture Union members, musicians and vocalists took part in our Christmas Assemblies – well done to all involved and thank you to Rev. Garrett and Scripture Union Leaders for their help in organising and leading the assemblies. Thank you also to Miss Kilday and Mr Pollock for supporting the musicians.
- Also on Thursday, S2/3 students enjoyed their Merit Trip to Braehead – well done to everyone who gained enough merits to take part. Thank you to the Merit Committee for their hard work in organising the Merit events throughout the year.

School closes at 12.30 pm on Friday, 20th December and re-opens at 8.40 am on Monday, 6th January. Thank you for all your hard work this year. We hope everyone has a restful and relaxing holiday.

P Year Group Assemblies

There will be Year Group assemblies in week beginning 6th January, starting with S1 on Monday.

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P Parent Council Meeting

Our January Parent Council Meeting takes place on Wednesday, 22nd January, in the SMT Room. We look forward to seeing everyone there. New members are always welcome. Please contact the school office if you would like to request the on-line link for the meeting to be forwarded by the Parent Council.

P Newcastle vs Arsenal Football Trip

There is an opportunity for S1-S3 pupils (depending on uptakes this may be extended to seniors) to attend a football trip on the 3rd February to Newcastle for the Newcastle vs Arsenal game. The cost of the trip is £99.00 and a deposit will be required to secure your place at the beginning of January. See Mr Ross for more details.

N. Ross

P Home Economics

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

N Ross

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.

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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.

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@southernlarkshire.gov.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.

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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