

# Welcome

## S3 into S4 – Personalisation and Choice



# School Prayer

God our Father, creator of the world,  
you sent your son Jesus to be one of us  
and to show us how to live in the way of love.  
Inspire us with the Holy Spirit, who lives in our hearts.  
St. Joseph, guide our families and us on the path of life.  
Support us by the example of our house patron saints.  
Help us to live out our school values  
by following your example of love every day of our lives.  
St Joseph, pray for us.



# Programme

- Kate Faulds – Careers Adviser, Skills Development Scotland
- Joe Kane – Head Teacher



# S2/3 Option Choices Information Evening

**Kate Faulds  
Careers Adviser  
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# Support and conversations we have in school

## SDS careers advisers might speak to your young person about:



Finding out about their self, strengths and skills



Routes into careers including apprenticeships



Making decisions such as option choices



Building and developing networks



Different types of careers and how to research them



Help with creating CVs



Developing the types of skills that are useful in a job



Making applications and applying for courses

# The World of Work is changing

Jobs exist today which didn't even exist five years ago, and this will continue to be the case.

What is important is that your young person is able to use their career management skills and find the right career path for them.



# Career Management Skills



# The big five



**It's really important when you choose your options that you're making the best decisions for you.**



# How do I like to learn?



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# Where could these options take me?



# 2

# What subjects do I enjoy?



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# What subjects am I good at?



# What do other people think?



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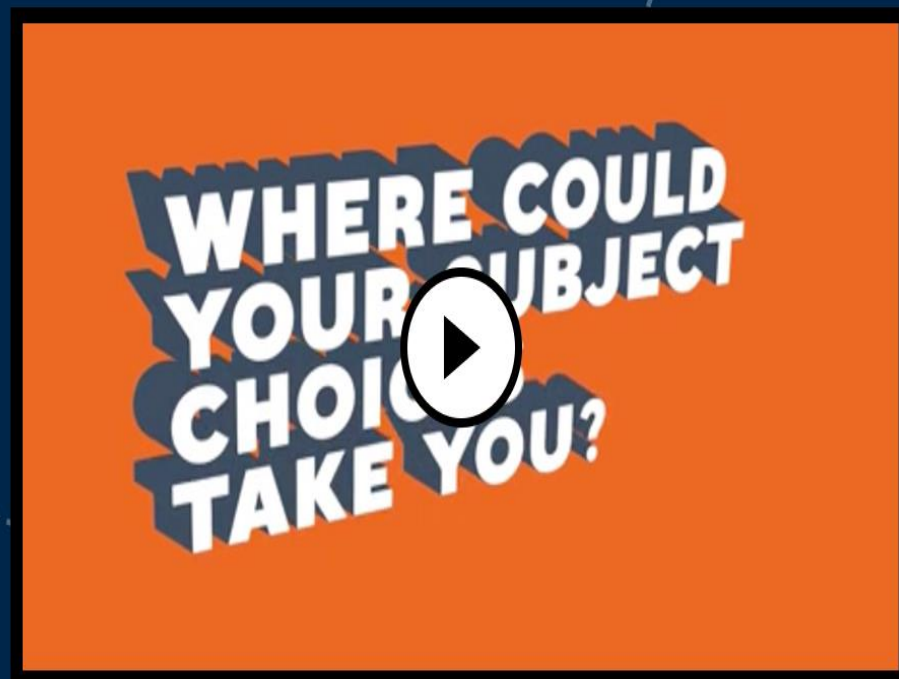
# Choosing your options

**Go to [myworldofwork.co.uk](http://myworldofwork.co.uk) and search 'option choices'**



# Our Option Choices tool and video will help you find your future job

The video shows you different paths to your future job



## Use the Option Choices tool to show you the subjects you'll need



Go to the Option Choices tool and use your chosen subjects to find your future job.

# Option Choices tool

Discover jobs that might suit you based on your option choices. Enter up to six school subjects including Foundation Apprenticeships.

Enter subject title

Choose some options



Show my career options



Home

# Support your child on their career journey

We've got lots of resources and steps to help parents and carers with career conversations.

Through a My World of Work account, you and your child can access our full range of support.

[Create an account](#)

Already have an account? [Sign in here](#)



## Support you can get from My World of Work



# Support you can get from My World of Work

We can help spark career ideas for your child. You can use our tools and resources to guide them through every stage of their career development.



## Option choices tool

Our Option Choices tool can help your child discover the jobs their chosen subjects can lead to.



## Results support

Our advisers operate the results helpline to support your child through their next steps.



## Industry areas

Discover the different types of jobs and routes within each sector.



## What skills there are

Your child can learn more about their skills, how they can develop them and demonstrate their skills to employers.



## CV and application advice



## Webinars for parents and carers

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As a parent or carer, you play a key role in influencing your young person's life and decisions. We want to support you to feel confident in this role. Join our Careers Advisers for information and support during our webinars.

### Parent and carer webinar on Scottish Apprenticeships

Thursday 19 January, 6:30pm

A webinar for parents and carers to find out more about Scottish Apprenticeships and how work-based learning can open the door to a wide range of careers.

[Register here](#)

### Watch our pre-recorded webinars

Our webinar series is recorded and available to watch on our YouTube channel when it's convenient for you. You can find out lots more information about topics to support your child, including:

- introduction to Skills Development Scotland and our careers service

Watch our webinars



# Get in touch!

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Drop in over interval and  
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Thank you

# Structure of S4-S6 - Qualifications

## S4

7 subjects

National 3

National 4

National 5

Wider Achievement

## S5

5 subjects

National 4

National 5

Higher

Wider Achievement

## S6

Up to 5 subjects

National 5

Higher

Advanced Higher

Wider Achievement



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# National 4

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- No examination
- Broadly set at work equivalent to that of late late S3 with elements of N5 content
- Progression is to National 5



# National 5

- Exams and Coursework tasks combined to give an overall graded award at either A, B, C, D or F
- Examinations, coursework tasks/projects
- Progression is to Higher (if attaining an 'A' or 'B' at National 5)



# Learner Pathways

- Some pupils will complete seven National 5 courses
- Some pupils will take a combination of National 4 and National 5 courses
- Some pupils will go to College and study six subjects, often a combination of National 4 and National 5
- Some pupils will study one or two National 3 awards with a combination of National 4 and National 5 in other subject areas



# Free Choice Model

- List of subjects
- You select five to take in S4
- School staff then attempt to create a schematic/timetable that allows as many pupils as possible to be placed in their chosen subjects
- The process of timetabling accounts for options from S2-S6
- Can have a direct impact on staff retention and recruitment

# Free Choice Model

- Free choice is not the same as a restricted column based model where pupils need select from a small list of pre-selected subjects in each of five columns
- However, free choice models are still restricted by the realities of timetabling, for example
  - Two of your five chosen subjects only occur once on the timetable and must be timetabled at the same time
  - Lack of uptake creates unviable sections

# Free Choice Model

- Are there any restrictions on the choices I can make?

Yes

- You cannot elect to take on a subject in S4 that you are not studying in S3
- By extension, this means you cannot take three Science subjects

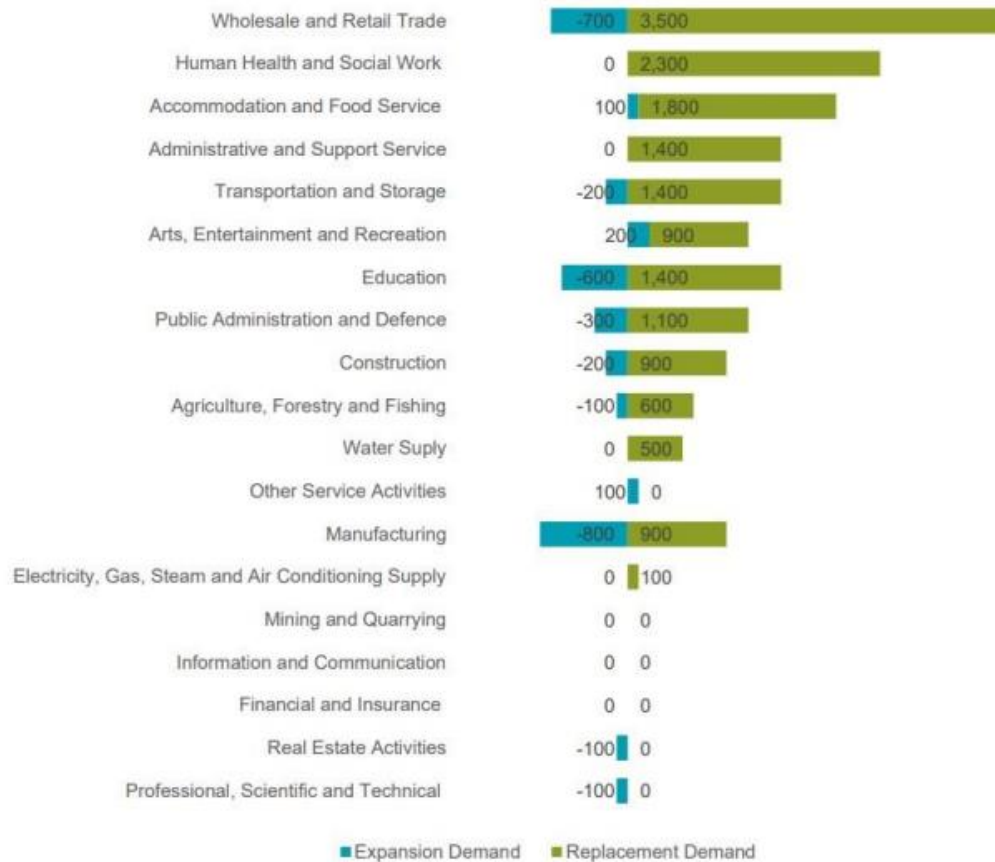
# Subjects on Offer

- Maths and English are compulsory
- Core RE, PSE and PE are also compulsory
- Select five subjects from:

History	PE (Team Sports)	PE (Aesthetics – Dance)	Computing Science	Graphic Communication
Geography	Biology	French	College Course	Art and Design
Modern Studies	Chemistry	Spanish	Travel and Tourism	Drama
Music	Physics	Music Technology	Business Management	Practical Cookery
Health Sector	Creative Industries			

# Regional Skills Assessment

Figure 10: Forecast total requirement by industry (2022-2025), Ayrshire





# Areas of Growth

## By Industry

Wholesale and Retail

Human Health and Social Care

Accommodation and Food/Service

Administrative and Support Services

## By Occupation

Sales

Clerical Services

Teaching/Research

Care Sector Employment

# College Provision - Kilmarnock

School-College Partnership Programmes	SCQF Level	Location	Day (s)	Times
Steps to Work: Hair and Beauty	4	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm-4pm
Skills for Work: Automotive Skills	4	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm-4pm
Introduction to the Construction Industry	4	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm-4pm
Skills for Work: Early Education & Childcare	4	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm-4pm
SVQ Performing Engineering Operations	4	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm-4pm
NPA Software Development	4	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm-4pm
Skills for Work: Uniformed Services	4	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm-4pm
NPA Professional Cookery	4	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm-5pm
NPA Hospitality	5	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm-4pm
NPA Sports & Fitness (Team Sports - Football)	5	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm-4pm
Skills for Work: Early Education & Childcare	5	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm-4pm
SVQ 2 Performing Engineering Operations (Robert Burns Academy) - Joint delivery with College staff	5	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm - 5pm
Performing Engineering Operation (Full Award)	5	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	TBC
Mental Health & Wellbeing Award	5	Kilmarnock	Tue/Thu	2pm -4pm

# College Provision – Ayr and Kilwinning

School-College Partnership Programmes	SCQF Level	Location	Day (s)	Times
NPA Digital Media with Film Making	5	Ayr	Tue/Thu	2pm-4pm
Sustainable Energy	5	Kilwinning	TBC	TBC
Advanced Woodwork	5	Kilwinning	Tue/Thu	2pm-4pm

- Advise that parents/carers exercise caution in respect of courses on offer in Ayr and Kilwinning
- Potential significant impact on time lost in school

# Your Choices

- Consider your own God given skills and talents
- Rely on the support of your family
- Do not base choices on the choices of your friends
- Read your report carefully, and reflect upon the options that give you the best chance of progressing to qualifications, college or employment
- Use My World of Work, Parentzone and Nationals in a Nutshell to help inform your choice



# Next Steps

- Time spent with family on My World of Work and reading the guidance issued this evening (accessible on the school website)
- Preparation for your options interview over the next fortnight
- Consider content of school report which will be issued near the end of January

# Common Questions

- Why can we not take three Sciences?
- Do I need to take....?
- Will my son/daughter get their first choice(s)?
- Where can I find out about....?
- Can they change their mind?