

Welcome

S2 into S3 – 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 into S3 Option Choices Information Evening

Kate Faulds
Careers Adviser
St Joseph's Academy

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?



1

Where could these options take me?



2

What subjects do I enjoy?



3

What subjects am I good at?



What do other people think?



5

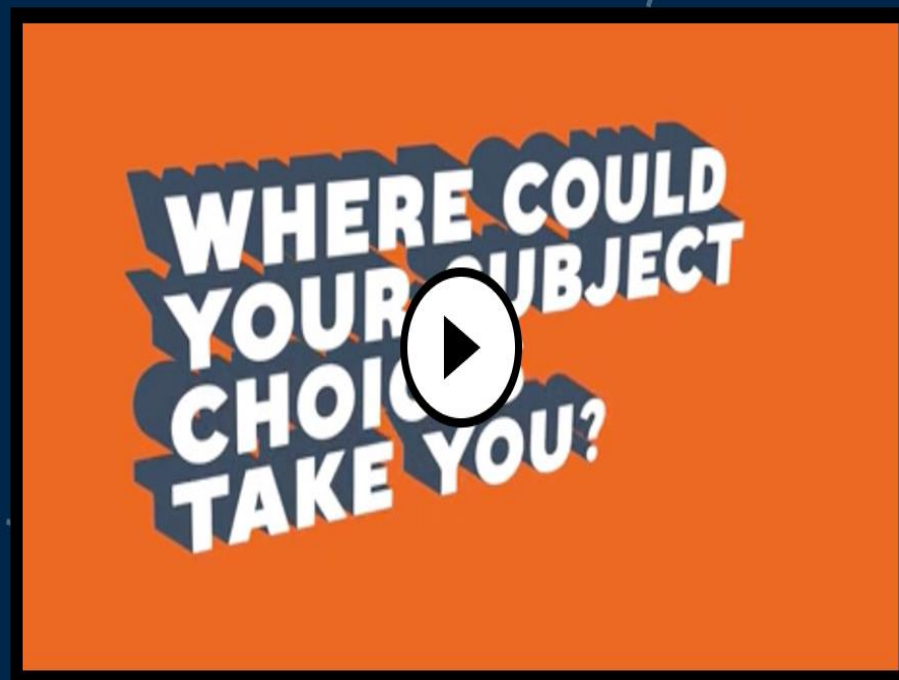
Choosing your options

Go to 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

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

Join our Careers Advisers for information and support during



Webinars for parents and carers

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!

Kate Faulds
Careers Adviser

Contact me on:

In school Monday-
Wednesday & Friday



07500 097 503

Drop in over interval and
lunch



kate.faulds@sds.co.uk



@StJoAcadCareers

Thank you

Structure of Schooling

S1-S3

Broad General Education

S4 – S6

Senior Phase



Structure of Schooling



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



S3 – Periods Per Week

33



National 3

Maths

4 Periods per week

English

4 Periods per week

Modern Languages
(French or Spanish)

3 Periods per week
(4 periods if both)

RE

2 periods per week

PE

2 periods per week

PSE

1 period per week

16/33



Personalisation and Choice

Social Subjects

History

2 periods per week

Geography

2 periods per week

Modern Studies

2 periods per week

Travel and Tourism

2 periods per week

20/33

Select Two of the above



Personalisation and Choice

Sciences

Biology

2 periods per week

Chemistry

2 periods per week

Physics

2 periods per week

Health Sector

2 periods per week

24/33

Select Two of the above



Personalisation and Choice

Arts and Wellbeing

Art and Design	2 periods per week
Drama	2 periods per week
Hospitality	2 periods per week
Music	2 periods per week
PE (Team Sports)	2 periods per week
PE (Aesthetic)	2 periods per week

28/33

Select Two of the above



Personalisation and Choice

Technologies

Business	2 periods per week
Computing Science	2 periods per week
Graphics	2 periods per week
Music Technology	2 periods per week
Practical Woodworking	2 periods per week
College Course	2 periods per week***

33/33

Select Two of the above



Personalisation and Choice

Flexible Period

French and Spanish
College
Leadership
Numeracy or Literacy

33/33

Select One of Above



College

Available within the Technologies column. If you select College, you only select one other Technology.

- Barista/Hospitality
- Early Education (Childcare)
- Hair and Makeup
- Bike Maintenance
- Construction Crafts



National and SCQF 3, 4, 5 – S4 and Beyond

S4

7 subjects

National 3/SCQF3

National 4/SCQF4

National 5/SCQF5



National 3 / SCQF3

- Assessed in school and graded as either a pass or fail
- No examination
- Broadly set at work equivalent to that of late S2 or early S3
- Progression is to National 4/SCQF4



National 4 / SCQF4

- Assessed in school and graded as either a pass or fail
- No examination
- Broadly set at work equivalent to that of late late S3 with elements of N5 content
- Progression is to National 5/SCQF5



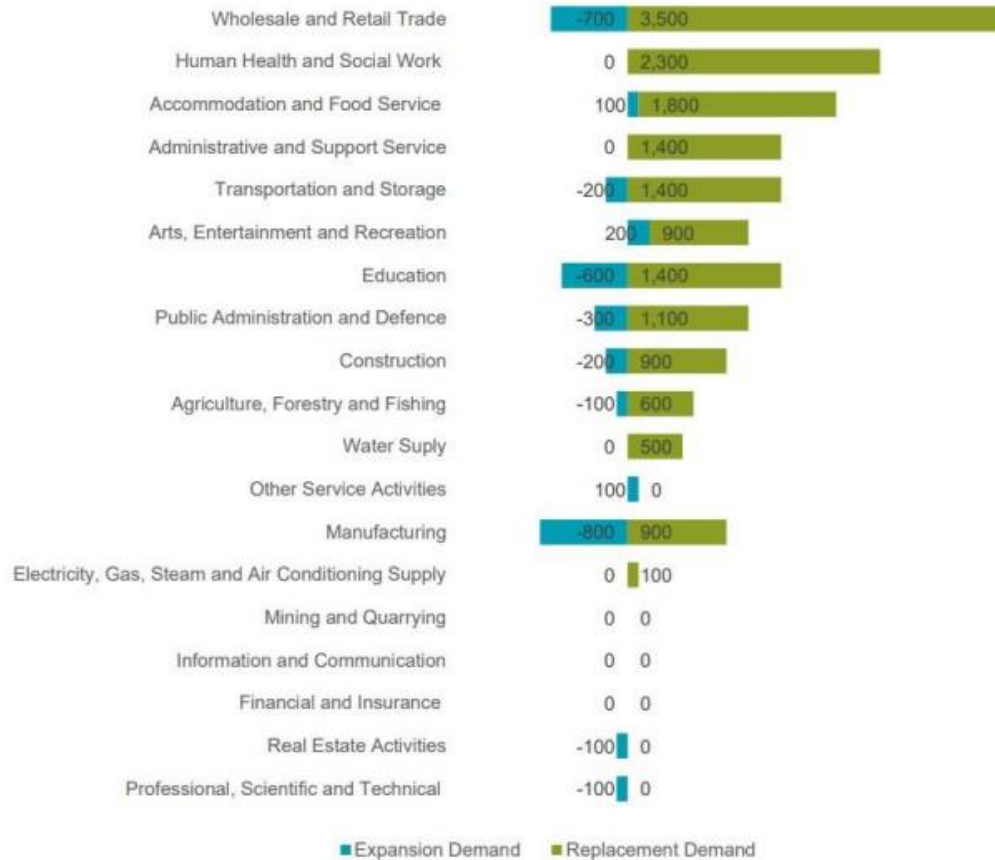
National 5 / SCQF5

- 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/SCQF6 (if attaining an 'A' or 'B' at National 5)



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

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



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



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 (issued last week)

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 I change my mind?