



What is Skills Development Scotland?

We're Scotland's national skills body. We contribute to Scotland's economy by supporting people and businesses to develop and apply their skills. We deliver Scotland's career service through every state secondary school, our network of high street centres and online.

Our career information, advice and guidance service helps people of all ages to understand the world of work and to develop the skills for lifelong career management.

Visit www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk

In schools

Careers advisers work with your child in group sessions and individually. This begins from the P7-S1 transition all the way through to S6. Your child can make an appointment if they feel that they need further support, and you can come too. I am in Waid Academy from Monday to Thursday each week and based in the booths just past the entrance to the atrium. Pupils can find me at the booths or request an appointment at reception or with pupil support. I attend Parents' Evenings and look forward to working with the Parent Council going forward.

Breakdown of key SDS school activities by year group:

Year Group	Activity
S1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group work during PSHE
S2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group work during PSHE Individual appointments discussing subject choices
S3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group work during PSHE
S4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group work during PSHE – routes and pathways Individual appointments
S5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual appointments
S6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual appointments

In centres

Our careers service doesn't stop once your child has left school. You can find careers support – for you or your child – in Skills Development Scotland centres across the country. The closest centres in this area are in Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy and there is also an area in the Levenmouth Campus of Fife college that is staffed by SDS staff. Find out opening times for these locations at www.myworldofwork.co.uk/centres

We're here to help

Research shows you have the greatest influence on your child's career decisions and so it is important for you to stay up to date. We support your child at school and beyond and our support extends to you too. We have a variety of resources highlighted overleaf to help you support them with career decisions.

My Kid's Career

Our website My Kid's career can help you understand the current and future jobs in demand, and where the biggest opportunities will be. You can find information on the different career paths following school and support for career discussions at home. Visit www.mykidscareer.com

My World of Work

Your child has access to My World of Work – our online service that offers the latest personalised career information and advice. There is lots of information on there to support you too. Visit www.myworldofwork.co.uk/parents/topics

Apprenticeships.scot

We offer three types of apprenticeships:

Foundation Apprenticeships – For pupils in S5 & S6. They choose this qualification as part of subject choices and get the chance to work with employers

Modern Apprenticeships – For anyone who is 16 or above. A modern apprentice is employed and works towards a qualification with a college or learning provider

Graduate Apprenticeships – For anyone who is 16 or above. A graduate apprentice is employed and works full time while gaining an Honours or Masters degree

You can find out more about all three apprenticeships and search for vacancies on apprenticeships.scot

Digital World

Designed to inform people about the variety of opportunities in digital technology. There's so much more to the sector than coding, which is just one of the rewarding and creative roles. Young people can 'create a digital human' to explore the variety of jobs across different industries. Visit digitalworld.net

Career Management Skills

Careers advisers can help pupils to develop their Career Management Skills. Having the right information - or knowing how to get it - helps you make decisions about what to do. That's where Career Management Skills come in. They help you understand yourself and the world around you to take control of your career with all its potential opportunities.

They are grouped into 4 themes:

Self	Understanding your personality, interests and values and what you want from a job
Strengths	Knowing how to use your talents, skills and personal qualities
Horizons	Exploring the world of work, training, learning and the opportunities available to you
Networks	Identifying who can help you in your career journey



Thank you for your time and you can contact me at scott.sloan@sds.co.uk with any questions or to arrange an appointment