

DYW and Employability

Newsletter

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What's New?

Welcome back! Another strange time for us all but we are committed to moving forward in the most positive ways possible. This is an important term for our youngsters as many of them will be choosing subjects this month which will determine their choices for the future. This month's newsletter will give you plenty of information on where to get help with making these choice and will also highlight some of the amazing virtual opportunities available to pupils through DYW Live and other online platforms.

Course Choices

It is that time of year where some of our young people are thinking about leaving school, subject choice or what will happen after next term. This is a scary time for parents too. Below are a number of links that will help pupils explore their choice and give parents support to help their youngsters to move forward in a positive way

My World of Work

<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/where-can-subject-choices-take-you> A really useful tool which allows pupils to map various career paths depending on subject choice. You can:

- Choose up to 6 subjects, including Foundation Apprenticeships
- Explore job profiles, industries and Modern Apprenticeships where the subjects you've chosen could be useful
- Refine your search by what you're most interested in
- Bookmark subject combinations and save them in your account
- Use the tool as many times as you'd like to explore different subjects

You can also try the *About Me*, *Strengths* and *Skills Explorer* tools. The more tools you complete, the better career suggestions given. There is also a very useful link to how to make intelligent subject choices within the platform - <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/how-choose-school-subjects>

Other useful links

<https://www.dyw-wl.com/parents.html> - An excellent site which 'Helps you help them' and directs parents to links with SQA, My World of Work, Career information and heaps of other excellent resources

<https://education.gov.scot/parentzone> - Parentzone is Education Scotland's hub for all information on how to support your learner or offer your skills to schools to help support learning experiences

DYW Live

Due to the challenges of Covid-19, school pupils from this academic session will be less likely to be able to engage face-to-face with employers to learn about career pathways, skills, and roles within industry where normally they would often partake in live careers events within their school settings.

Nationally, Developing the Young Workforce are hosting a Virtual Careers Fair for S1s, S2s and S3s across Scotland in January 2021. We have sourced a range of resources for educators to be able to use within their classrooms or for young people and parents at home to learn about the world of work.

Aims:

- To raise awareness of the diversity of careers in the food & drink, healthcare and energy sectors and how to access them
- To enable young people to think about their subject choices in relation to pathways and make informed decisions
- To showcase desirable skills to the industry and how young people can develop themselves
- To support educators and parents to understand how to support their young people on their journeys

The Virtual Careers Fairs was launched w/c 25th January 2021 and focused on these three industries in the first instance:

- Tasty Careers
- Energising Careers
- Healthy Careers

The event is expanding as there are many opportunities available and resources to access throughout February and March. Mrs Burgess in Chemistry has already uses some of the resources to support her class in learning about renewables.

Access this fantastic resource here - <https://www.dyw.scot/newyearfirstcareer.html>

Opportunities for Staff

e-sgoil opportunities

e-sgoil are offering an exciting programme of free, online courses which will allow young people from across the country to participate in a range of live, interactive learning sessions focusing on skills and employability.

Follow the link below for access to the full DYW brochure and the area where teachers can register interest. <http://www.e-sgoil.com/experiences/>



SECTOR SPOTLIGHT – JOHNSTON CARMICHAEL



Want a career in accountancy but not sure if university is right for you? Joining us through our JC Futures programme could be the path you're looking for.

[Go to this Sway](#)

Work around the School

Miss Cordner, Miss Diamond and Mrs Price have set up a sustainability club for S1. Our focus is on the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations and how countries aim to achieve them by 2030.

We are looking at how we can be more sustainable in our everyday lives and how we can make our local community more eco-friendly.

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