



## Parent Information

# Careers Support for Pupils Making Subject Choices in S3

**Skills Development Scotland (SDS) is the national career service and has careers advisers in every state secondary school in Scotland.**

S3 Pupils in Kyle Academy are starting to think about the subjects they will choose to take their National Qualifications next year. With some important decisions and deadlines coming up for pupils your school's SDS careers adviser will work with pupils throughout their time at school to help pupils understand and explore all their options and build their career management skills.

### Option Choices

**At option choice time, find out about the help and support available from Skills Development Scotland**

Susan Wood, your Skills Development Scotland School Careers Adviser will be providing support to help pupils think about their option choices, including one-to-one career guidance. Every pupil will be taking some time out of a lesson to speak individually with the Careers Adviser about their plans. This will run from November until January to ensure all pupils have the opportunity. Following this, pupils will receive an email as a summary of this discussion so please look out for this coming home.

There's also the opportunity for you – as a parent or carer – to join the conversation and discuss where their options might take them in the future. Susan will be available at S3 Parents Evening in January. You can also get in touch with the school or email Susan Wood directly on [susan.wood@sds.co.uk](mailto:susan.wood@sds.co.uk)

You'll also find lots of helpful tools and information to help with option choices, on your career website, **My World of Work**. Registering for an account means your young person will be guided to the right personal content whatever stage they're at.

Take some time to explore with them the "Animal Me" Personality quiz and Skills tools which match careers to their personality type. From there they can explore different jobs, the routes and the qualifications they may need to get in.

The option choice tool can also help them explore the jobs their choices could lead to. Visit <https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/tools-and-quizzes/option-choices/>.



## Parent and Carer National Webinar 5 December 2024

Option choices – free webinar for parents and carers of S1 to S3 pupils, Thursday 5 December, 6.30 to 7:30pm.

Skills Development Scotland careers advisers are hosting a free webinar for parents and carers of S1 to S3 pupils on Thurs 5 Dec, 6:30 to 7:30pm to discuss option choices and the support and resources available from Skills Development Scotland to support young people and their parents and carers at this time.

Register for the session here: <https://ow.ly/b3vO50T4RVV>



The poster features the Skills Development Scotland logo in the top left corner, a white megaphone icon in the top right, and the text 'Parents and carers!' in large white font. Below this, it states 'Free webinar for parents and carers of S1 to S3 pupils with advice on option choices, and the support and resources available from Skills Development Scotland' and 'Thurs 5 Dec, 6:30 to 7:30pm'.

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