

S3 OPTIONS

Make your choices,
know your pathway.

Our learning

Our future

Our responsibility



Options Process – Stage 1

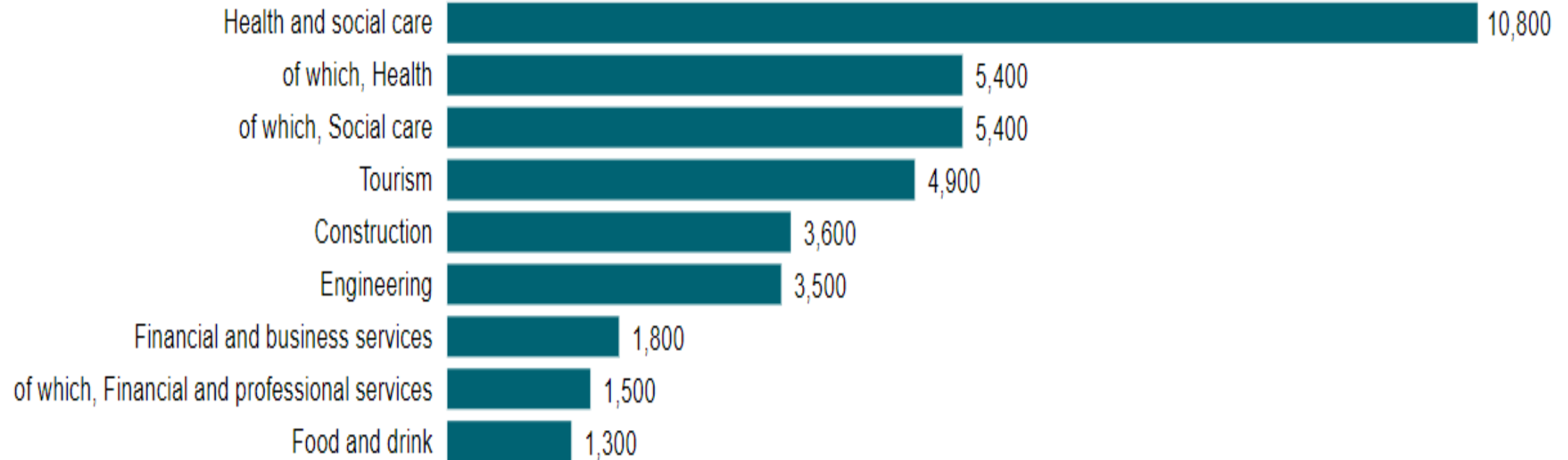
- Pupils are given an overview of the process and advised to look at the course choice booklet and speak to their class teachers over the next few weeks.
- Encouraged to research careers and the subjects required.
- Final Option form to be returned no later than **9th March 2023.**



South Ayrshire Labour Market Information

Prediction for 2032

Employment Forecast by Industry (people)



Source: SDS Regional Skills Assessment Data Matrix 2022



Ayrshire Growth Deal and South Ayrshire Investments

Replacement of existing staff and expansion requiring new staff, there are 4 key sectors within the Ayrshire economy which require additional employees:

- **Hospitality & Tourism**
- **Engineering including Space and Aerospace**
- **Health and Social Care**
- **Construction**

Mangata Networks – U.S. Satellite Company - <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/58609/U-S-satellite-company-to-bring-575-jobs-to-Prestwick-in-84-million-investment>

Skypath Initiative - <https://sky-path.org/>

Source: Skills Development Scotland Power BI report 2022





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My career options ▾

Learn and train ▾

Getting a job ▾



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Register

Welcome to My World of Work

When it comes to your career, there are so many possibilities.

But where do you begin? We're not just here to get you started - we're here to guide you every step of the way.



In school or leaving school



In work or looking for work

[Job categories | My World of Work](#)



Options Process – stage 2

- Options interview with guidance teacher
- Take the form home to discuss with parents/carers
- Parent signs the form to confirm agreement



S4 Option Form

- S4 should select a course from **all** columns - 6 options
- Choose an additional back up subject and write it down too
- If you are applying for a School link College course, please note College on the form and add a school subject as back up.

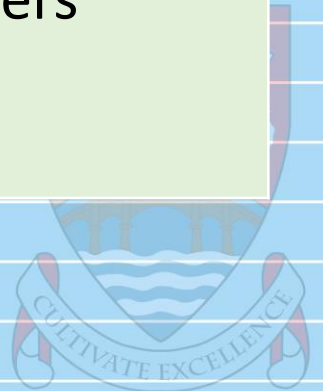
	A	B	C	D	E	F	Back Up Subject
Subjects are offered at National 4 or National 5 unless otherwise stated	Maths N4 with Level 5 Numeracy	English	Biology	Art & Design	Administration and IT	Art and Design	
	Maths N5		Chemistry	Biology image to the back	Biology	Business Management	
			Design and Manufacture	Business Management	Chemistry	Chemistry	
			French	Computing Science	Cyber Security NPA level 5		
			Geography	Modern Studies	Graphic Communication		
			Hospitality	Health and Food Technology			
			History	Music			
			Modern Studies	Physical Education			
			N4 Modern Studies and N4 History combined course	Practical Woodwork			
			Physics				

Sample



The Senior Phase

S4	S5	S6
6 Courses	6 Courses	4 SQA courses and 1 Achievement Course
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National 4, National 5• A few will take Highers (individual discussions with Year Head)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National 4, National 5, Higher• Exceptions – 5 Highers or ASN (individual discussion with HT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National 5, Higher, Advanced Higher• Exceptions – 3 Advanced Highers



Option Choices – what to think about - 1

Senior Phase – 3 Year Journey

Start planning your pathway to reach your goal

- When are you thinking of leaving?
- What careers are you interested in?
- If thinking of uni or college – which type of courses?
- What are the entry requirements?



Progression Pathways For All

S4 Award	Course level in S5	Course level in S6	After school
National 5 A/B pass	Higher	Advanced Higher	Degree at university or HND at college
National 5 C pass	National 5 or Higher (possibly over two years) or NPA	Higher or Advanced Higher	Degree at university or HNC / HND at college
National 4	National 5 or Additional related N4	Higher or NPA or Additional related N5	College HC > HNC > HND
National 3	National 4	National 5 Additional related N4	SVQ level 3 at college (available at level 4, level 5 or level 6 and 7)



Option Choices – what to think about - 2

Progression – Progression – Progression

- Build on qualifications year on year
- What do you hope to achieve by the end of S4?
- What do you need to get this year to reach the next target
- Which subjects will give you the best chance of success?



School College Partnership

Please refer to Ayrshire College Offer

[Ayrshire College](#)



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Thursday 9th March 2023

