

S5 OPTIONS

Make your choices,
know your pathway.

Our learning

Our future

Our responsibility



Options Process – Stage 1

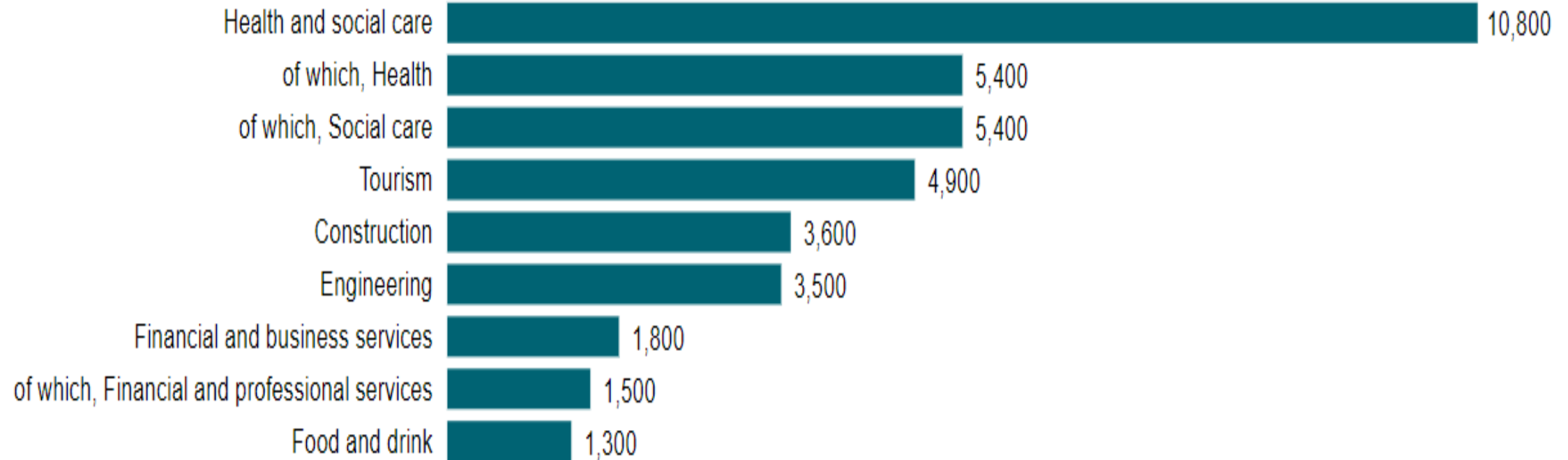
- Pupils are given an overview of the process and advised to look at the course choice booklets and speak to their class teachers over the next few weeks.
- Encouraged to research careers and the subjects required.
- Final Option form to be returned no later than **24th February 2023.**



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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Getting a job ▾



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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



S5/6 Option Form

- S5 should select a course from **all** columns - 6 options
- Choose an additional back up subject and write it down too
- Some choices are for S6 only

Sample

Option Choices	Name _____ Class _____			Back Up Subject Choice
Subjects Offered at National 5 and Higher unless otherwise stated. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p>Health and Food Technology (Higher Only)</p> <p>Physical Education (Higher Only)</p> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p>Modern Studies</p> <p>RMPS</p> <p>Physics (N5 Only)</p> </div> </div>	<p>Art and Design</p> <p>Biology</p> <p>Business Management (N5 Only)</p> <p>Computing Science (N5 Only)</p> <p>Geography (Higher Only)</p> <p>History</p> <p>Modern Studies</p> <p>Health & Food Technology (N5 Only)</p> <p>Physical Education (Higher Only)</p> <p>Physics (N5 Only)</p> <p>Sport & Recreation Industry (N5 Only)</p> <p>Team Sports (S5/6)</p>	<p>Administration and IT</p> <p>Biology</p> <p>Chemistry</p> <p>Computing Science (Higher Only)</p> <p>French</p> <p>Graphic Communication</p> <p>History (N5 Only)</p> <p>Practical Cookery (N5 Only)</p> <p>Physical Education (Higher Only)</p> <p>Practical Woodwork (N5 Only)</p> <p>Music (N5 Only)</p> <p>Higher Photography (S5/6)</p> <p>NPA Photography (S5/6)</p> <p>College</p>	<p>Art and Design</p> <p>Business Management</p> <p>Chemistry</p> <p>Health and Food Technology</p> <p>Health Sector – L5 Award</p> <p>Spanish</p> <p>Physical Education (N5 Only)</p> <p>Physics</p> <p>Music</p> <p>NPA Cyber Security (NPA Selection process for entry)</p> <p>RMPS (Higher Only)</p> <p>College</p>	<p>S6 Options: Advanced Higher Inclusive of Consortium Arrangements</p> <p>Physics (Kyle)</p> <p>Art and Design (Kyle)</p> <p>Modern Studies (Kyle)</p> <p>Chemistry (Kyle)</p> <p>Maths (Kyle)</p> <p>English (TBC)</p> <p>History (Prestwick)</p> <p>Geography (Belmont)</p> <p>Biology (Kyle)</p> <p>Music (TBC)</p> <p>Computing (TBC)</p> <p>History (TBC)</p> <p>Physical Education (TBC)</p>
<p>S6 Achievement Bundle: Every S6 pupil should choose one option from the Achievement Directory. Please circle your choice of course if it is not in a column.</p>	<p>Yass – Open University Line courses</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh straight to Gold</p> <p>Art and Design / Photography Portfolio</p> <p>Science Baccalaureate</p> <p>Social Science and Textile – Please choose in Column C</p> <p>Higher Leadership</p>			<p>Cyber Security – Please select in Column F</p> <p>Health Sector – Please select in Column F</p> <p>Team Sports – Please select in Column D</p> <p>Social Subjects Baccalaureate</p> <p>Music Leader Scotland Award</p>
<p>Option and recommended level of study (please circle)</p>				

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

The South Ayrshire Partnership

- 'Travel' Columns (columns E and F)
- School-College partnership courses
- SA Connect – AH Learning Hub (Consortium)
- AH online offer (SWEIC Regional Collaborative)



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?



Option Choices – what to think about - 2

Progression – Progression – Progression

- Build on qualifications year on year
- What did you get in 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](#)



The purpose of S6

- Gaining more qualifications
- Developing independent learning skills
- Developing skills in working with others
- Giving something back
- Learning more about the world

Advanced Highers and YASS Courses

- Independent Learning
- Research/project skills
- Deepening knowledge

Wider Achievement Options

- Develop skills
- Build community
- Work with others
- Give something back
- Achievement Bundles - accredited awards - competitive edge



S6 UWS Foundation Academy

Formal Presentation at S5 Assembly to follow on 10th March 2023



Ideal for any learner thinking about university education in the future.

5th June 2023 visit to UWS Ayr to undertake workshops and lecture by University lecturer/s.

Programme will run from October to December for 10 weeks in Kyle Academy.

Taught how to reference sources, write UCAS Personal Statement, Research and analysis papers in preparation for Higher Education Learning.

Successful completion the course will result in an additional Level 7 qualification.



What is the UWS Foundation Academy?

The University of the West of Scotland (UWS) is proud to deliver the UWS Foundation Academy, for senior school pupils across the West of Scotland.

This exciting initiative gives school pupils the opportunity to experience studying at university level, develop academic skills in a specific subject area, and improve the quality of their university application.

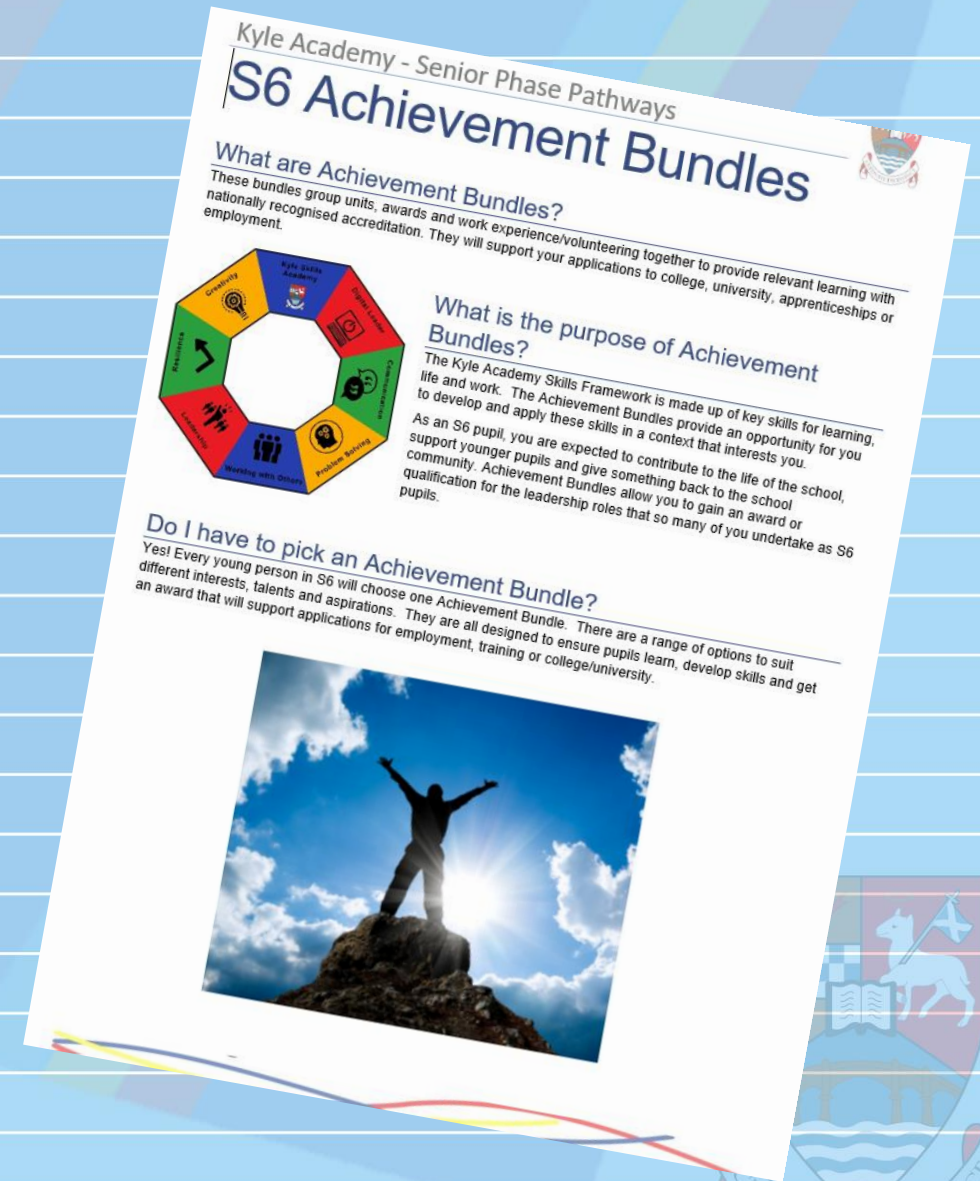
Following a successful pilot in AY 2022/23 with schools in Ayrshire, Renfrewshire, and Lanarkshire, the Foundation Academy is now expanding and offered to target schools across the West of Scotland.

Pathways

- Business
- Computing
- Creative Industries
- Education
- Engineering
- Health
- Life Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Social Sciences

S6 Achievement Courses

- Science Baccalaureate SCQF L7
- Social Subjects Baccalaureate SCQF L7
- Higher Leadership SCQF L6
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Award SCQF L4/5
- Duke of Edinburgh's Gold SCQF L7
- Art and Design Portfolio
- NPA Costume Design
- NPA Laboratory Science SCQF L5
- Music Leaders Award SCQF L5/L6/L7
- NPA Team Sports SCQF L5
- NPA Cyber Security SCQF L4/L5/L6
- Open University YASS courses SCQF L7
- Volunteering and work experience



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