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# S2 Progression Pathways Information



December 2024



North Ayrshire Council  
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

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# Irvine Royal Curriculum Vision...

“The curriculum at Irvine Royal Academy is greater than the subjects in the school. The curriculum offers breadth, depth and progression...”

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# Meta-skills

## Self-management

Focusing



Integrity



Adapting



Initiative



## Social Intelligence

Communicating



Feeling



Collaborating



Leading



## Innovation

Curiosity



Sense-making



Creativity



Critical thinking



Skills  
Development  
Scotland



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Work





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[myworldofwork.co.uk](https://myworldofwork.co.uk)

# Top 10 skills of 2025

Credit: World Economic Forum

## Type of skill:

-  Problem-solving
-  Self-management
-  Working with people
-  Technology use and development

Creative Thinking

-  Analytical thinking and innovation
-  Active learning and learning strategies
-  Complex problem-solving
-  Critical thinking and analysis
-  Creativity, originality and analysis
-  Leadership and social influence
-  Technology use, monitoring and control
-  Technology, design and programming
-  Resilience, stress tolerance and flexibility
-  Reasoning, problem-solving and ideation



# Scottish Credit & Qualifications Framework (SCQF)

SCQF Levels	SQA Qualifications		Qualifications of Higher Education Institutions	Apprenticeships & SVQs
12			Doctoral Degree	Professional Apprenticeship
11			Masters Degree, Integrated Masters Degree, Post Graduate Diploma, Post Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship SVQ
10			Honours Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Professional Apprenticeship
9		Professional Development Award	Bachelors / Ordinary Degree, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate	Graduate Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
8		Higher National Diploma	Diploma Of Higher Education	Higher Apprenticeship Technical Apprenticeship SVQ
7	Advanced Higher, Awards, Scottish Baccalaureate	Higher National Certificate	Certificate Of Higher Education	Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
6	Higher, Awards, Skills for Work Higher			Modern Apprenticeship Foundation Apprenticeship SVQ
5	National 5, Awards, Skills for Work National 5			Modern Apprenticeship SVQ
4	National 4, Awards, Skills for Work National 4	National Certificate	National Progression Award	SVQ
3	National 3, Awards, Skills for Work National 3			
2	National 2, Awards			
1	National 1, Awards			



# School Curriculum Map



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Curriculum Map																																
Time blocks	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
S1	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	ML	ML	ML	IT	PE	PE	PE	HE	Soc	Soc	Soc	RMPS	Sci	Sci	Sci	Tech	Tech	Art	Art	Music	Music	PSE

S2	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	ML	ML	IT	PE	PE	PE	HE	HE	OL	Soc	Soc	Soc	RMPS	Sci	Sci	Sci	Tech	Tech	Art	Art	Music	Music	PSE
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S3	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	C	C	C	D	D	D	E	E	E	F	F	F	G	G	G	H	H	H	ML	ML	PSE	PE	PE	RE
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S4	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng	Eng	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	C	C	C	C	D	D	D	D	E	E	E	E	F	F	F	F	G	G	G	G	PE	PSE
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S5/6	A	A	A	A	A	A	B	B	B	B	B	B	C	C	C	C	C	C	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	PSE	PE	
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# S3 Curriculum Overview

- As pupils move from S2 into S3, there is the opportunity for some personalisation and choice within the timetable. All pupils will continue to study the following:
  - Mathematics
  - English
  - Modern Languages
  - Physical Education
  - Personal and Social Education
  - Religious and Moral Education
  
- They can choose a subject from each of the following curricular areas:
  - Science
  - Technologies
  - Social Subjects
  - Creative Arts
  - Health and Well being



# Curriculum Areas



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Expressive Arts	Health & Wellbeing	Social subjects	Science	Technologies
Art	Early Learning & childcare	Business Management	Biology	Administration & IT
Music	Physical Education Aesthetics	Geography	Chemistry	Computer studies
Music Technology	Physical Education Games	History	Physics	Design & Manufacture
Photography	Practical Cookery	Modern Studies	Practical Electronics	Games Development
		Religious, Moral & Philosophical studies	Science	Graphic Communication
				Health & Food technology





# Progression from BGE



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S2 Subject	S3 subject choices	Potential at S4	Teacher signature
Science	Biology		
	Chemistry		
	Physics		
	Practical Electronics		
	Science		
Social	Business Management		
	Geography		
	History		
	Modern Studies		
	RMPS		



# Example Option form



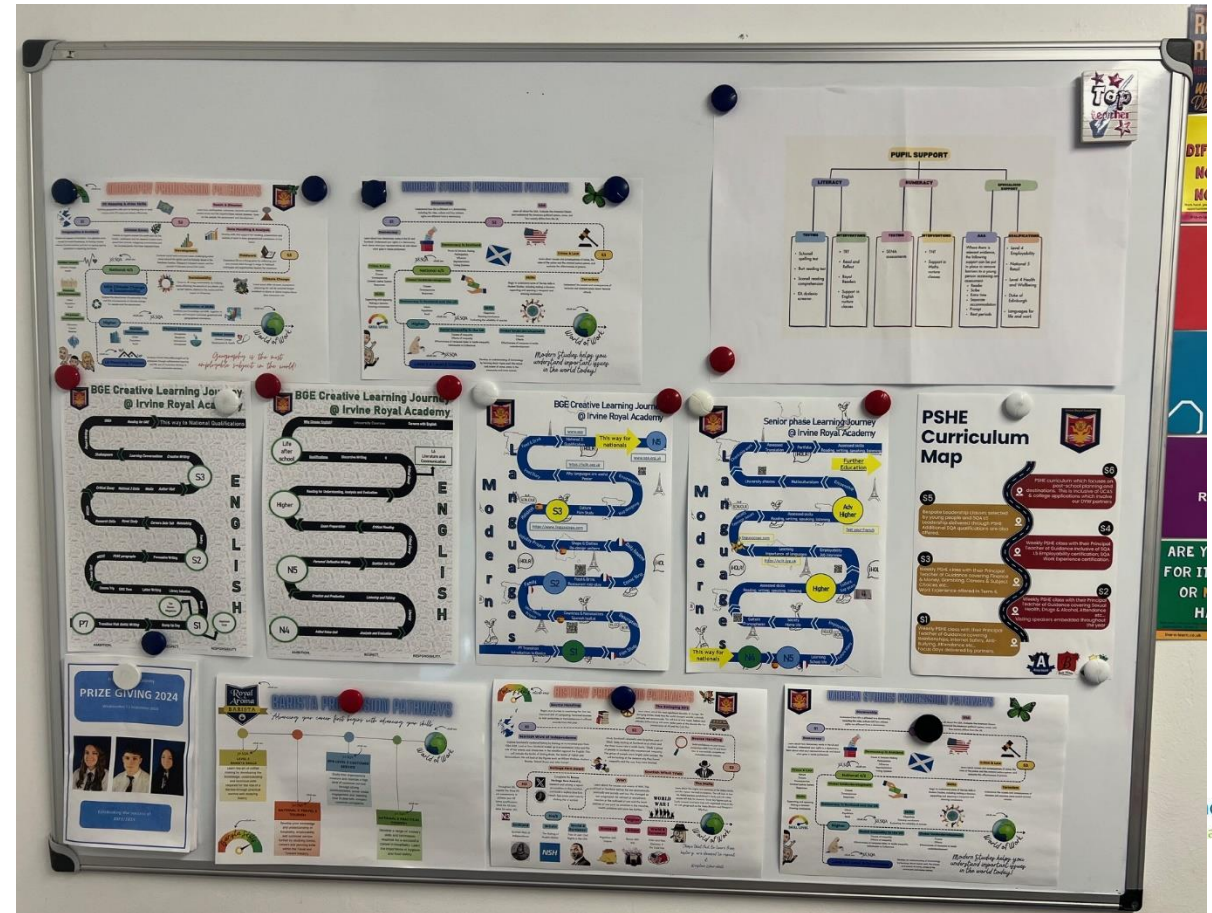
Column C (3 periods)	Column D (3 periods)	Column E (3 Periods)	Column F ( 3 periods)	Column G ( 3 periods)	Column H (3 periods)
Art & Design Music Photography Games Development Practical Cookery	Early learning & childcare Physical Education Practical Cookery History	Business Geography History Modern Studies Chemistry	Biology Chemistry Design & Manufacture Physics Science	Computing Science Design & Manufacture Graphic Communication Admin & IT Games Development History	Graphic Communication Music Music Technology Photography Practical Cookery Physics RMPS
Choice	Choice	Choice	Choice	Choice	Choice



# Curriculum and Progression Pathways



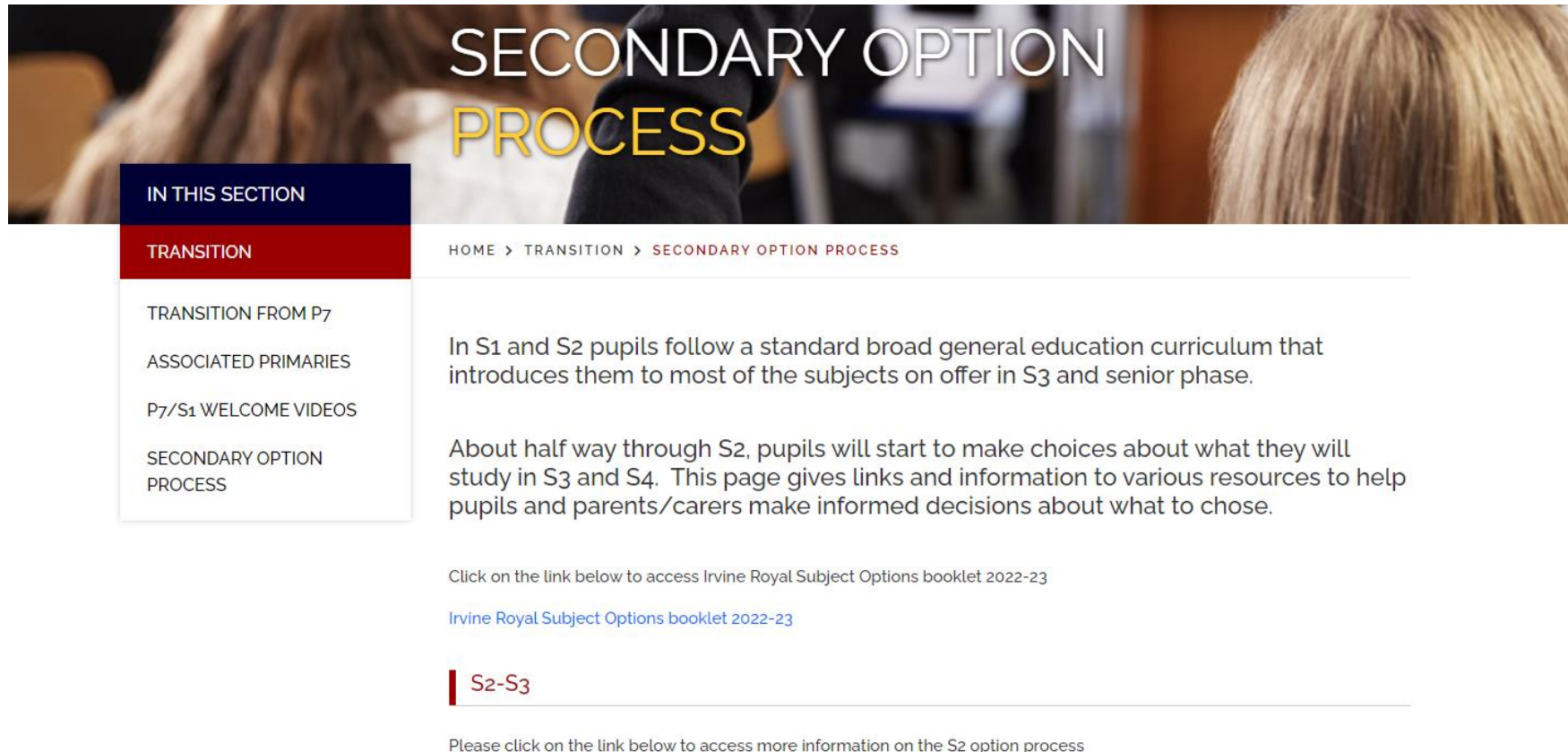
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# School Website

www.irvineroyal.co.uk

- Transitions – options process



## SECONDARY OPTION PROCESS

IN THIS SECTION

- TRANSITION
- TRANSITION FROM P7
- ASSOCIATED PRIMARIES
- P7/S1 WELCOME VIDEOS
- SECONDARY OPTION PROCESS

HOME > TRANSITION > SECONDARY OPTION PROCESS

In S1 and S2 pupils follow a standard broad general education curriculum that introduces them to most of the subjects on offer in S3 and senior phase.

About half way through S2, pupils will start to make choices about what they will study in S3 and S4. This page gives links and information to various resources to help pupils and parents/carers make informed decisions about what to chose.

Click on the link below to access Irvine Royal Subject Options booklet 2022-23

[Irvine Royal Subject Options booklet 2022-23](#)

### S2-S3

Please click on the link below to access more information on the S2 option process



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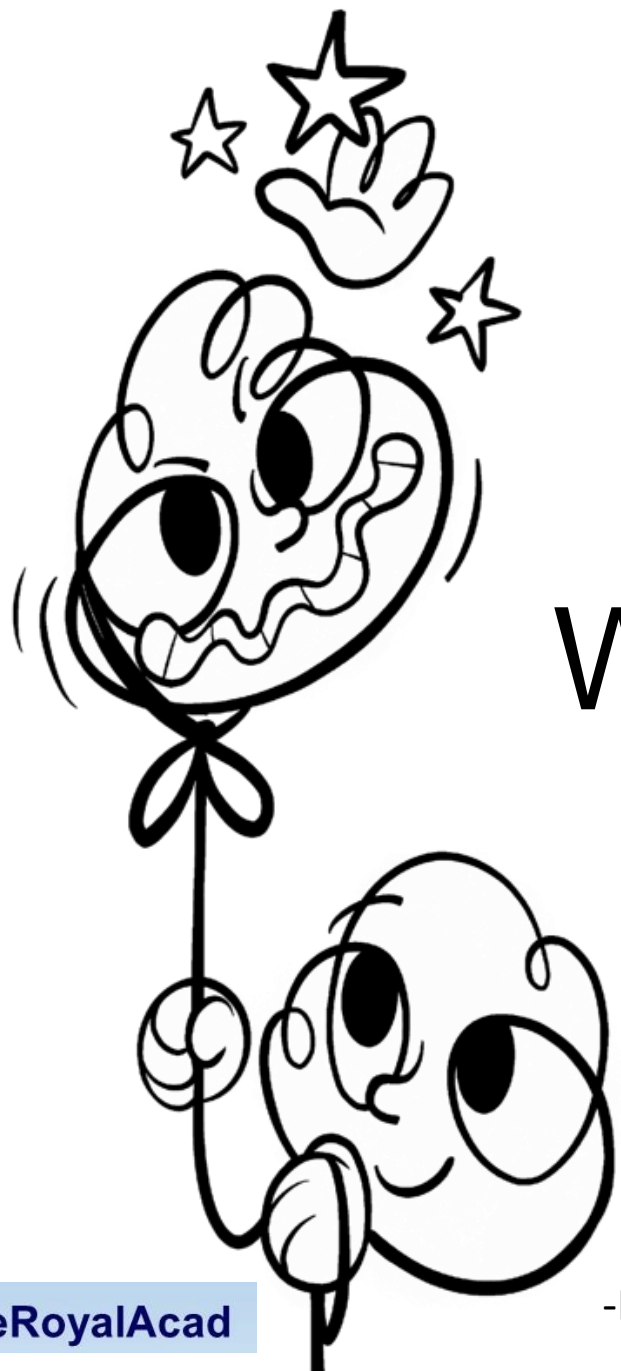


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What if **we** get it right?



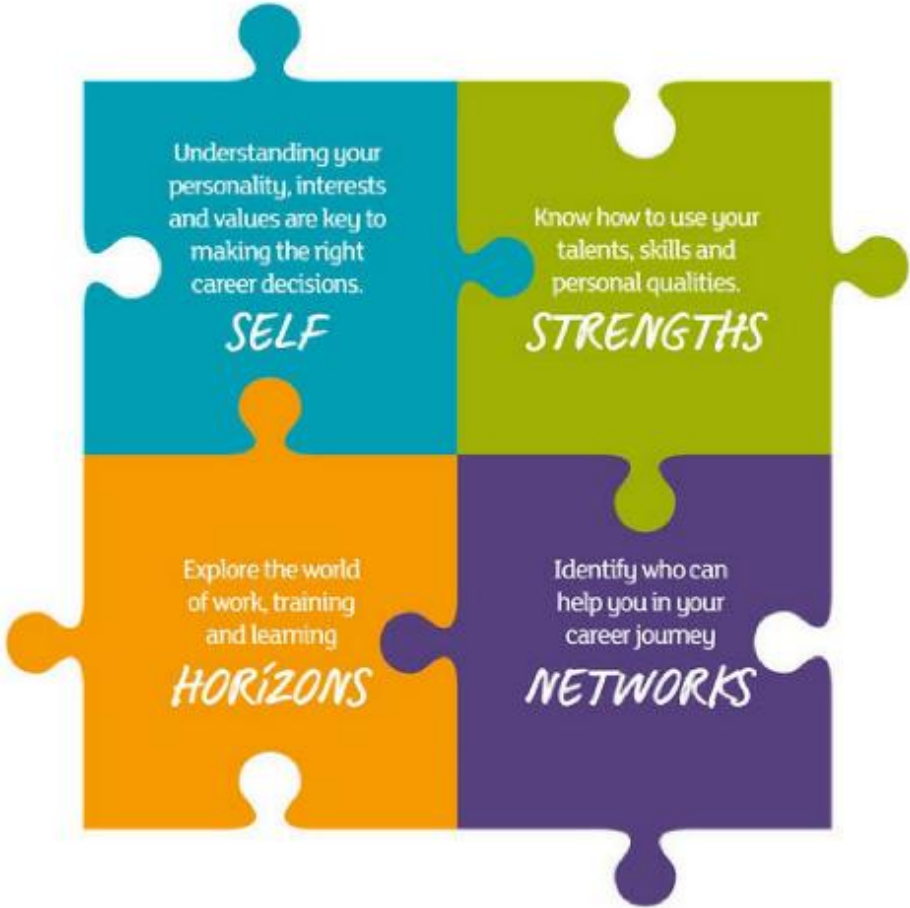


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# The role of the Careers Adviser in school



# Career Management Skills

These are the skills you need to make your career a success.

Your SDS Careers Adviser is just one of the people who can help you develop these skills.

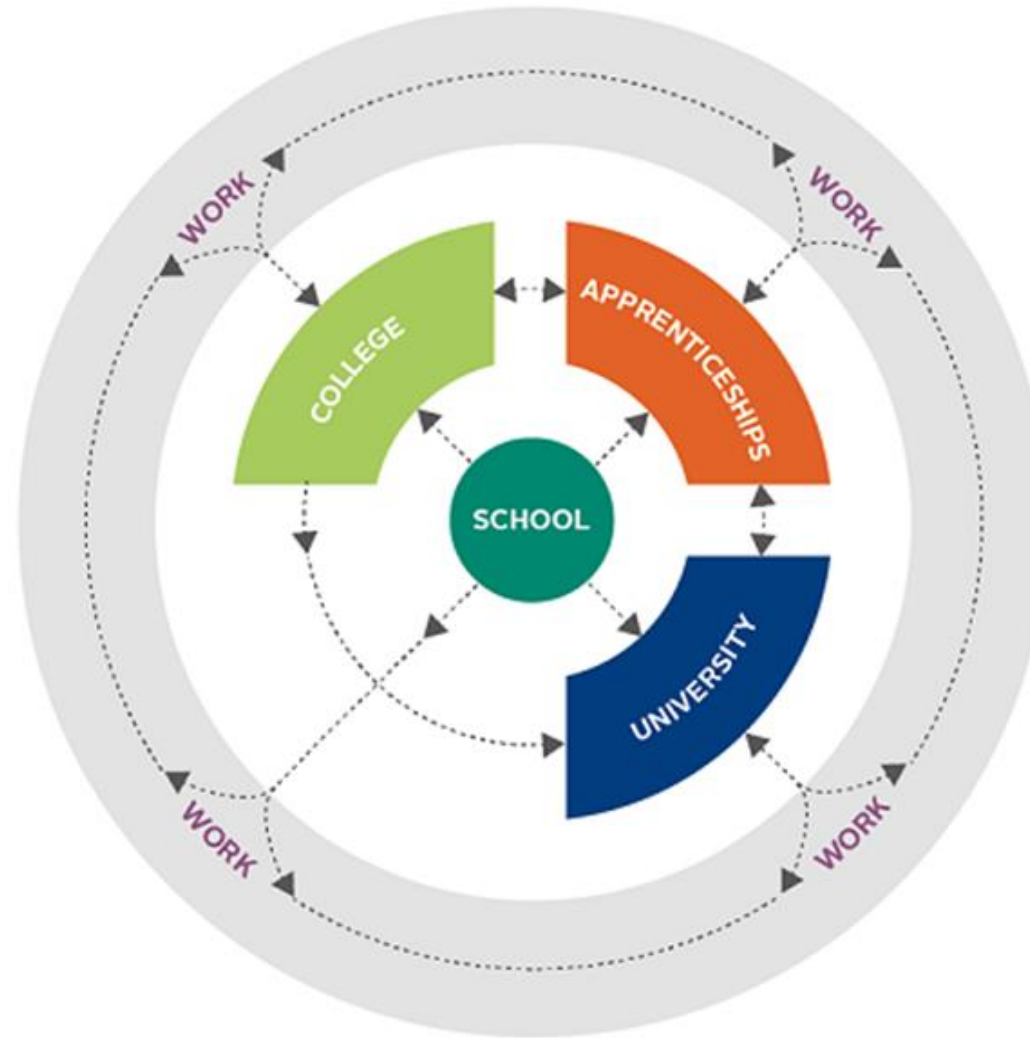
Some of them you'll have already – just by being you!



# Career Paths



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# Support for Option Choices

- S2 PSE class visits are scheduled for beginning of January to demonstrate Option Choice tool on [www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)
- 1:1 appointments available for any pupils wishing additional support (parents / carers can attend)
- Ongoing support from: Fiona Callan, [fiona.callan@sds.co.uk](mailto:fiona.callan@sds.co.uk)





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## 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>



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# Next steps...

- Week beginning 02 December – S2 Progression information starts.
- S2 Pupil Progress meetings – Wed 11 December 24
- Progression information closes Fri 12 December 24
- S2 Option choices – Week beginning 13 Jan 25
- 21 Feb 25 – Closing date for S2 option forms to be handed in.



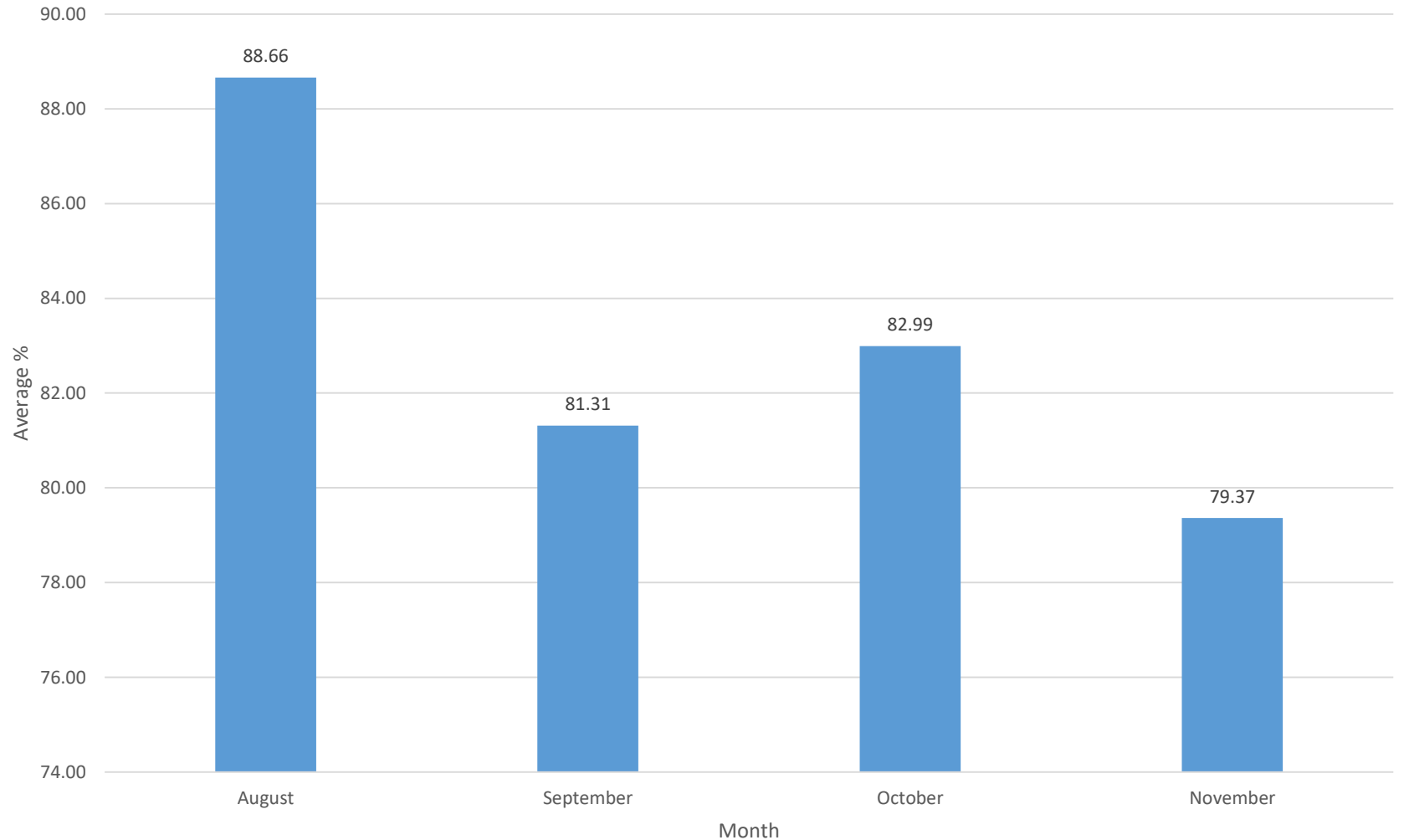




# S2 School Attendance

## August – November 24

S2 Average Attendance

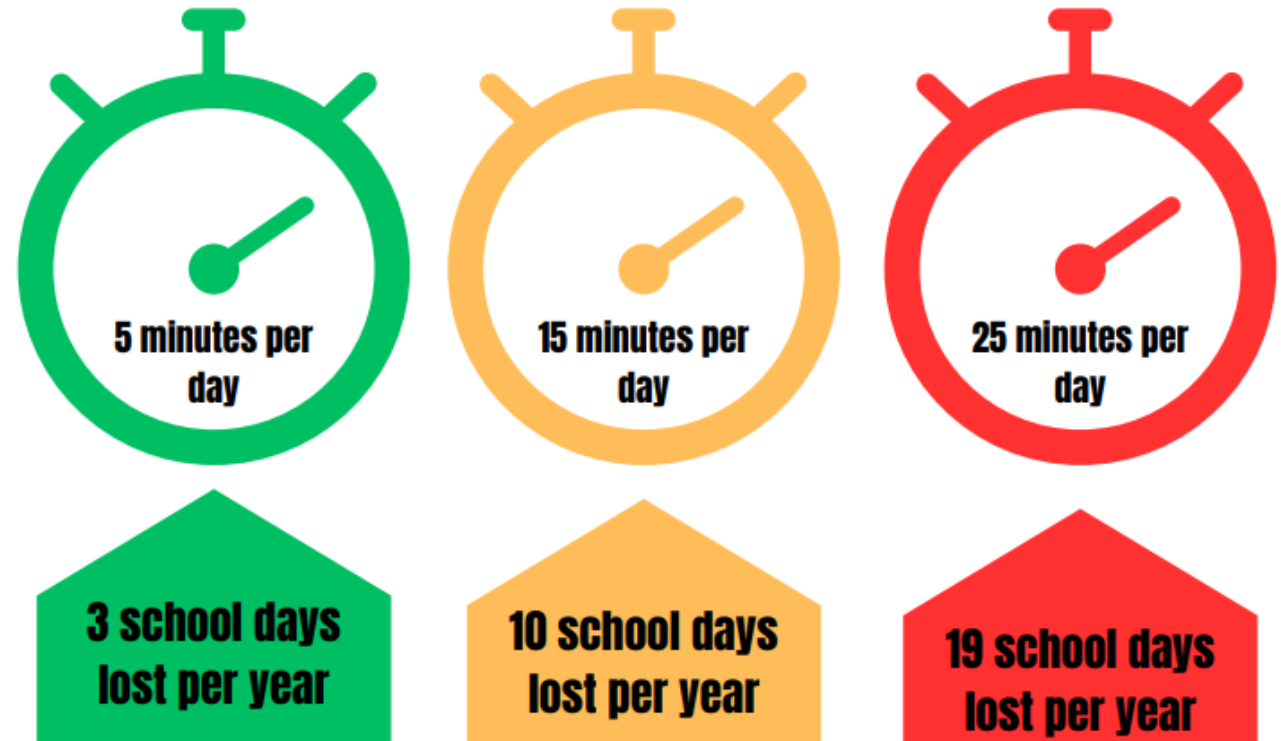




# S2 Late-Coming August – November 24

- 2708 instances of late-coming across the entire year group.

## EVERYDAY MINUTE COUNTS





# School Attendance

