



Careers Education

Developing Scotland's Young Workforce is a priority for the Scottish Government. **Careers Education** has long been a major priority for the school. This leaflet sets out some of the key elements of provision within the school, and the important role that parents can play in supporting young people in this area. It also describes developments that have taken place in the last few years and some areas that we will be seeking to improve in the coming years.

Primary

Building on the children's experiences at pre-school, their learning is further developed at Early level through exploring a range of familiar jobs in the local community through play related to interdisciplinary learning contexts.

These early experiences in Career Education are progressed more deeply through a range of learning opportunities at First Level and into Second Level. Children investigate a range of different jobs through several interdisciplinary studies focused around the school and its wider community. The children's learning is enhanced by visits from a range of adults including emergency services, health professionals and people who help us in the school community. These first hand learning experiences raise children's aspirations about the variety of jobs available in the local community and beyond.

Secondary

Careers Education, managed by the Pastoral Care team, becomes more formal as pupils move up through the Secondary stages and prepare for the transition from school to work or Further and Higher Education. A wide range of opportunities are offered through

- ◆ The Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum
- ◆ Education Business Partnership events
- ◆ Course Choice preparation
- ◆ S2 Careers Fair
- ◆ Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) career events from S2 onwards
- ◆ Mock Interviews
- ◆ S4 work placements
- ◆ S5/6 self-found work placements to support pathways beyond school
- ◆ Senior Pathways Event
- ◆ Jobs Club
- ◆ Glasgow City Council vocational scheme, college or university hub courses
- ◆ Higher Education Fair
- ◆ University and College Open Days
- ◆ Careers Coach interviews (See Skills Development Scotland)
- ◆ Careers Library/Notice Boards/Portal Entries
- ◆ S6 Community Involvement work placements
- ◆ UCAS and college applications

Skills Development Scotland

Skills Development Scotland operate a Career Management Skills Framework which provides a range of services to assist individuals in making well informed decisions using effective career planning. The Career Management Skills Framework is underpinned by **Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)** to ensure the needs of young people within Jordanhill School are met. The universal offer to all pupils in S4, S5 and S6 is the use of the **'My World of Work'** website. Young people can request a one-to-one meeting with the Careers Coach at S4/5/6 Parents' Evenings or drop-in lunchtime sessions. Parents are welcome to attend. Skills Development Scotland staff can also deliver group work sessions for S2 to S6 pupils that introduce the concepts of Career Management Skills and Labour Market Information. Pupils will also receive guidance on the use of the 'My World of Work' website during Personal, Social and Health Education from S1 through to S3.

Research shows that young people look to parents as the biggest single influence on their choice of career. Please visit www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk services for individuals section 'My World of Work'. Activities in this section have been designed to stimulate discussion with your child on career planning. They can help you identify the key issues facing your child and how you can support them more effectively.

Please note that specific pupils who require targeted support will work with the school Skills Development Scotland Careers Coach over a number of sessions to ensure they reach a positive and sustained destination on leaving school. The Depute Head Teacher for S4/5/6 and Pastoral Care Staff also work with partners from Skills Development Scotland, Jobs and Business Glasgow and the 16+ Learning Choices team to make sure these pupils are fully supported in their career choice.

Careers Library

The school has an exceptionally well stocked Careers Library with all the latest careers information to hand. There is continuous online access to all the important careers, college and university web sites.

Pupils have the opportunity to complete online self-assessment and interest questionnaires to help guide them to the job families, careers or courses that are best suited to their needs. Parents can visit the Careers Library by making an appointment with the librarian.

Links to these sites are also available via the Careers section of the school web site.

Useful Websites

Careers

<http://parents.myworldofwork.co.uk>
www.ourskillsforce.co.uk
www.myworldofwork.co.uk
www.planitplus.net

Jobs and Business Glasgow

www.jbg.org.uk

University Courses and Applications

www.ucas.co.uk

Modern Apprenticeships

www.mappit.org.uk

College Courses and Applications

www.cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk
www.glasgowclyde.ac.uk
www.westcollegescotland.ac.uk
www.glasgowkelvin.ac.uk

What can parents do?

Although the course choice times in S2 and S4 are important, few young people have a clear idea of what they want to do with their lives at these stages, and many of those who do will change their mind!

Parents have an important role to play in supporting Enterprise in Education activities and events, and our careers education programme in general:

Parents should always encourage their sons and daughters to

- ◆ Keep their options open
- ◆ Play to their strengths and interests
- ◆ Make their own decisions – not follow their friends or their parents
- ◆ Consider the variety of pathways open to them
- ◆ Make use of all the facilities offered by the school
- ◆ Attend Careers Fairs, as appropriate
- ◆ Attend the Senior Pathways Event, as appropriate
- ◆ Encourage students to become involved in the S6 Community Involvement programme
- ◆ Encourage young people to become involved in voluntary work

Parents can also work with them

- ◆ Reading through information from the school
- ◆ Reviewing web sites
- ◆ Visiting school or local careers conventions
- ◆ Drafting letters of application for mock interviews and work placements
- ◆ Supporting college and university applications
- ◆ Visiting Skills Development Scotland offices

It is important however that parents provide support and do not substitute their words or views.

Finally, parents can make a direct contribution to our careers programme. We are always looking for companies or individuals to participate in working with the school to enhance Careers Education. If you or your organisation is interested, then please e-mail info@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

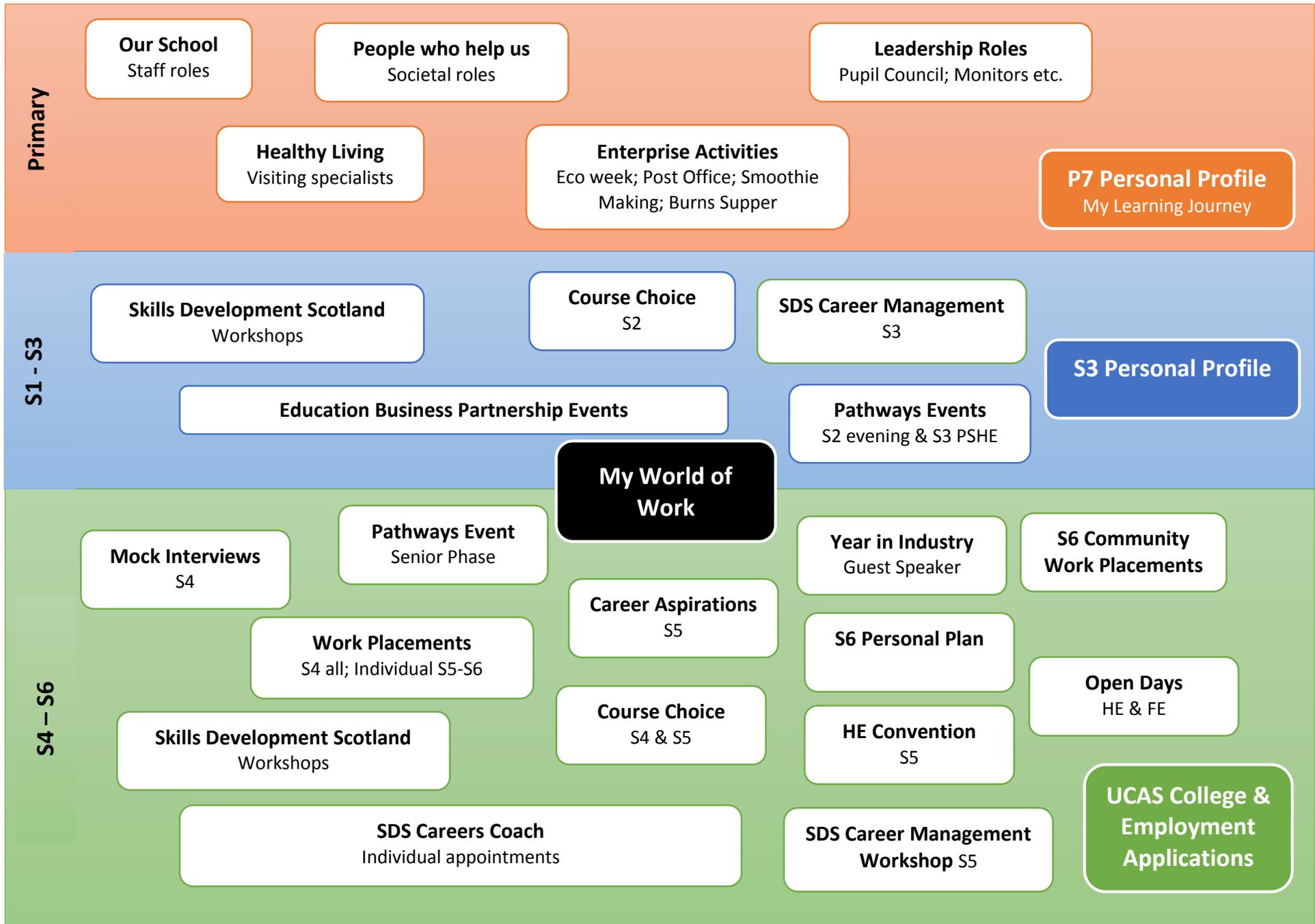
Careers Education recognises children's rights. The following articles, in particular, apply:

Article 28

You have the right to a good quality education.

Article 29

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.



Preparing children and young people (3-18) for the world of work



Developing the Young Workforce

Children and young people develop interests, strengths, skills and aspirations through experiences as part of the curriculum and life beyond school. A range of partners support these exciting journeys through co-design and co-delivery and together shape children and young people's decisions about their future and the pathways they follow. Where will these journeys take children and young people and how can **YOU** contribute?

www.educationscotland.gov.uk/developingtheyoungworkforce

