

Choosing your subjects

Worksheet

Learning outcomes

This activity will help you to:

- ★ access information about subject choice on My World of Work
- ★ use the Subject Choices tool
- ★ understand how different combinations of subjects can lead to different career suggestions

Activity

Introduction

Choosing subjects is a big decision. It can have an impact on career opportunities in the future.

This activity will help you consider what factors are important when choosing subjects and how the Subject Choices tool can help you.

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Instructions

Before you start

- ★ Sign into your My World of Work account www.myworldofwork.co.uk
- ★ If you do not have an account, click 'register' at the top right-hand side of the homepage. If you need help to do this, watch this [video](#) on how to register

What to consider when choosing your subjects

Choosing your subjects is a big decision, My World of Work has lots of information and tools to support you

- ★ Read www.myworldofwork.co.uk/my-career-options/choosing-my-subjects for some information to support you when making subject choices; including the important questions you should ask yourself
- ★ This page can be accessed from the 'Subject Choices' tab at the bottom of your account page or within 'My career options'

Using the Subject Choices tool

- ★ Click on 'Use the Subject Choices tool' to discover jobs that might suit you based on subjects selected: www.myworldofwork.co.uk/tools/subject-choices
- ★ You can use the 'Subject Choices tool user guide' below to help you
- ★ You can enter up to six school subjects to explore how combinations of subjects can return different career suggestions
- ★ Once you have entered the names of subjects that you wish to explore click 'Show my career options'
- ★ Results will show a range of job profiles, industries and apprenticeships where your chosen subjects are useful
- ★ Check under each job profile which subjects would be useful
- ★ Take time to explore these options further. Which job profiles do you find interesting? Is there any you would like to consider in the future?
- ★ Bookmark any job profiles you find interesting. This will be saved to your account page
- ★ Try other combinations of subjects to see if job suggestions change



Tips to help you

- ★ Remember your networks and who is available to support you with subject choice – this could be your school Careers Adviser, a Teachers, an older sibling or a parent/carer
- ★ It's your decision – It is important to think about your strengths and interests!
- ★ Have you completed your core tools (About Me, Strengths and Skills Explorer)? The results will show if there are matches to these too.
- ★ If you have completed the Strengths tool check out the report which will also highlight relevant subjects which are suited to your strengths
- ★ It is important not to make subject choices based on stereotypes:
www.myworldofwork.co.uk/career-expert-stereotypes-and-subject-choices

Next

You can continue to make use of the Subject Choices tool. Why not discuss your results at home or in school? Remember your school Careers Adviser can help you explore subject choice further.

Subject Choices tool user guide

★ The Subject Choices tool on My World of Work lets you find out more about the jobs and industries that might suit you based on subjects. The tool lets you select a range of subjects and highlights jobs where these subjects would be useful

★ You can access the Subject Choices tool through the 'Subject Choices' tab at the bottom of your account page or within 'My career options'

★ Remember to make sure you are signed into My World of Work

★ Note: the pictures in this guide show what My World of Work looks like on a computer screen. If you use a mobile device, for example your phone or a tablet, My World of Work will look different and things may be in different places on your screen

Subject Choices information

When selecting the Subject Choices section of the site you will be taken to a page with useful information to support subject choices.

1. Read through the information on the page and when you are ready select "Use the Subject Choices tool"

Choosing my subjects

Thinking about what subjects to take at school? We can help you with the decision.

Why subject choices are important

Choosing your subjects is a big decision. It can have an impact on what you do when you leave school and what options are open to you. Ask yourself these three questions to help you make the right choice:

1. What subjects do you enjoy?
2. What subjects are you good at?
3. Where can certain subjects take you?

Try the [Subject Choices tool](#) and see where your subjects could be useful. Explore the jobs that are out there and bookmark the ones you're interested in. We'll save them in your account.

Get out of the classroom with a Foundation Apprenticeship

If you're going into S5 or S6, you can choose a Foundation Apprenticeship as part of your subject choices. You'll get to work with an employer and learn at college before you've even left school. You'll also earn a qualification that's the same level as a Higher. Find out more on [Apprenticeships.scot](#).

Talk to a careers adviser

We're part of Skills Development Scotland (SDS) – Scotland's national careers service. There's an SDS careers adviser based in your school. Before you make your subject choices, you'll have:

- The chance to have a one-to-one session in S2/S3 – your parents or teacher can come along too
- A group session with an adviser to help you think through the decision you're about to make

Use the Subject Choices tool

Find out where your subjects could take you.

[Use the Subject Choices tool](#)

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Subject Choices tool

2. Enter subject options you wish to explore; you can enter up to six subjects
3. When you have selected the subject(s) click on “Show my career options”
 - Subjects already entered can be removed by clicking the “X”

Subject Choices tool

might suit you based on your subject choices. Enter up to six school subjects including Foundation Apprenticeships.

Enter subject title

English X Mathematics X French X History X

1 2 3 4 5 6

Show my career options

Annotations:

- Enter subjects here (points to the input field)
- Remove subjects from list by clicking “X” (points to the X icons)
- Number of subjects entered is indicated here (points to the subject tags)
- Click to see career options based on subjects (points to the 'Show my career options' button)

4. The results will show you job profiles, industries and apprenticeships where your chosen subjects are useful
5. Results highlight which subjects link to the job profiles
6. You can click on job profiles to research options further

Explore subject choices

Where could my subjects take me?

We've found the results below based on the subjects or Foundation Apprenticeships you picked. Start exploring the jobs, industries and Modern Apprenticeships that might suit you. You can refine your search, or try entering different subjects to see how your results change. You can choose up to six subjects or Foundation Apprenticeships.

Enter subject title

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Show my career options

Refine your search by picking the heading that feels closest to what you're interested in. We'll show you the kinds of jobs you could do.

Refine your search

Job profiles 198 results

Industries 11 results

Broadcast journalist 3 English, French, History

Magazine journalist 3 English, French, History

Creative

Financial services

ICT and digital technologies

Annotations:

- Results are sorted by number of subjects matched, as indicated (points to the subject icons on the job profile cards)
- Click a title to see the full job profile information (points to the 'Broadcast journalist' title)
- Click to refresh results after changing subjects (points to the 'Refine your search' button)
- Results also show matches to your About Me, Strengths and Skills Explorer information (points to the subject icons on the industry cards)

7. Explore as many subjects or combinations as you wish