



I work for Skills Development Scotland providing career management skills coaching and guidance to students at Deans Community High School. It's more than likely that your young person will have encountered me in school whether in my office, a classroom or in the school corridor. I very much hope that you and your families are keeping safe, well and optimistic. During these 'unprecedented times' Career Advisers are working from home. Given the uncertain future ahead, it is more important than ever to help young people in the Senior Phase to develop the Career Management Skills to make decisions that are right for them. Please read on to find out what SDS support is available for your child and what actions they could take this summer to continue developing these decision-making skills. Take Care, Evelyn Rogers

If Your Child Is Continuing With School:

We may be contacting your child over the summer and beyond to discuss their plans. This is likely to happen by phone or email. You or your young person can also contact us direct on M: 07887 824725, our local office on 01506 434249 or by emailing evelyn.rogers@sds.co.uk

•The summer holidays can give young people time away from school and exam pressure to consider what really interests them. SDS offers a range of tools and information on myworldofwork.co.uk that can support your child in exploring these interests, learning more about themselves and developing their Career Management Skills to prepare them for the choices that lie ahead.

•In a normal year, the summer holidays would also offer a wide range of opportunities for young people to experience the world of work. Things may be different this summer but there are still ways to get involved through volunteering – find out more at myworldofwork.co.uk/learn-and-train/volunteering

They should know that many Colleges and Universities are offering Virtual Open Days to support new students in their transition to continuing education. For more information visit ucas.com and local college websites.

If Your Child Is Leaving School:

SDS staff are contacting school leavers (via phone, email and text) to confirm their plans and offer guidance. If we haven't been in touch, please contact us using the details below - it may be that the contact details we have are no longer accurate.

SDS are offering School Leaver Webinars each week on a variety of topics designed to help young people leave school successfully. Invites are emailed to school leavers. Links to previous webinars can be found at myworldofwork.co.uk/school-leaver-webinars.

•Use myworldofwork.co.uk and apprenticeships.scot to explore jobs and courses, find out more about apprenticeships, build a CV, write a personal statement and practice for interviews as well as much more. We also produce a Snippets Bulletin highlighting local opportunities to help support young people with their job search. Get in touch for the updated version of these.

•SDS is also offering the Results Helpline 0808 100 8000 to support anyone needing help on results day - Tuesday 4th August 2020

Talk to your Careers Adviser – M: 07887 824725

Email: evelyn.rogers@sds.co.uk (send me a contact telephone number)

Or call our Careers Centre on 01506 434249 to speak to one of our other Careers Advisers

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