

SDS Orkney - School Careers Advisers 2020/2021 Parents' Evenings

Skills Development Scotland Careers Advisers have previously attended parents' evenings in person and offered information, advice and guidance to parents/pupils through short appointments and drop-in at our SDS stand. Due to Covid restrictions, school parents' evenings will now be subject to change because of adherence to government guidelines. SDS staff in Orkney would like to promote a remote service offer to parents of S2-S6 pupils on mainland Orkney in place of attendance in person by SDS staff at parents' evenings and separate from the arrangements made for parents by Kirkwall Grammar School and Stromness Academy.

SDS has a statutory duty to have Careers Advisers located in all schools throughout Scotland, and we work closely with school guidance staff to ensure that all pupils receive a tailored and appropriate service depending on individual needs. We deliver group sessions to S1-S4 pupils, Subject Choice support to S2 and S3 pupils and targeted support to S3-S6 pupils through careers appointments. Referrals are through Guidance Teachers, self-referral by pupils themselves or requests from parents.

In 2020/2021, we would like to offer telephone appointments to parents of pupils in Kirkwall Grammar School and Stromness Academy in place of our attendance at parents' evenings at intervals throughout the remainder of this school year as follows:

YEAR GROUP	DATE OF PARENTS' EVENING	TIME	DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT REQUESTS
S6 KGS & Stromness Academy	23 November 2020	5-7pm	16 November 2020
S5 KGS & Stromness Academy	7 December 2020	5-7pm	30 November 2020
S4 KGS & Stromness Academy	11 January 2021	5-7pm	4 January 2021
S3 KGS	1 February 2021	5-7pm	25 January 2021
S2 KGS	2 February 2021	5-7pm	25 January 2021
S3 Stromness Academy	8 February 2021	5-7pm	1 February 2021
S2 Stromness Academy	9 February 2021	5-7pm	1 February 2021

To request a 10-minute telephone appointment slot on the relevant evening, please email kirkwall@sds.co.uk or call us on **01856 872460**

Out with these appointment slots, we offer an all-age service and welcome contact from parents wishing to discuss their children's future at all points throughout the year.

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***The S2/S3 appointments are to coincide with subject choice for the following year**
***Separate arrangements exist for parents of North Isles Junior High Schools**