

Employability Matters!

The Kings Careers & Employability Bulletin

Kings Sixth Form course of the Term

Kings Sixth is an exciting, vibrant, and successful community that we want you to be part of. Each term we will showcase one of the inspiring courses we have on offer.

Sociology A Level

Sociology will change the way that you look at the world forever. It will enable you to interrogate the world around you, and you will never again quietly accept what you have been told. The many skills that you will develop on this course make you an ideal candidate for a variety of careers including journalism, law, human resources, advertising, business and industry, education, nursing and more.

Find out more: [20201027SixthFormProspectus.pdf \(kovessex.co.uk\)](#) and [20201027SixthFormCourseGuide.pdf \(kovessex.co.uk\)](#)

College Course of the Term

Our local colleges offer a variety of courses to suit all learning needs. They offer opportunities to school leavers and adult learners and can often support with an apprenticeship. Every term we will share a college course that will inspire and inform you.

Site Carpentry at Weston College

You will learn in-depth carpentry skills, including safe working practices; building methods and construction technologies; erecting complex structural carcass components (site carpentry); complex roof structures; and information, quantities and communication in a construction environment.

After the course you could become a construction site manager, a carpenter with advanced skills, or you could set up your own carpentry business.

Find out more: [Site Carpentry, City & Guilds | Weston College](#)

Apprenticeship of the Term

On an apprenticeship, you're employed to do a real job while studying for a formal qualification, usually for one day a week either at a college or training centre. By the end of your apprenticeship, you'll hopefully have gained the skills and knowledge needed to either succeed in your chosen career or progress onto the next apprenticeship level. Each term we will highlight an interesting opportunity so that you have greater awareness of the possibilities available to you:



Welcome to the first issue of "Employability Matters!"

Each term we will showcase a variety of employability and careers information to guide and support you on your journey to work. Make sure to follow any links in the document to get complete information about each opportunity.

Careers & Employability Guidance

If you would like a 1:1 careers appointment please contact your tutor – they will refer you to Mrs Devlin, Employability Co-ordinator, as needed.

All- Years Drop- In Sessions

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday lunchtime you can call into the Employability & Learning Hub (ELH) for a quick chat with Mrs Devlin. You can look at prospectuses, work on your UCAS application or research your next steps. The ELH is opposite the science block near the LRC.

The Kings of Wessex Careers Fair

At Kings Leisure & Fitness on 20th October 2021 – all students will have time away from lessons to attend. Parents & carers can attend 2.30-4.15pm. More information to follow.

Useful websites & Information

Careers information and support for students aged 11-19:

[Careerpilot : Plan your future work & study](#)

For information about apprenticeships:
[Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)
[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)

For up to date information about universities and applying to HE:
[UCAS | At the heart of connecting people to higher education](#)

Apprentice Dental Nurse

Cheddar Dental Practice

We have an exciting opportunity for an Apprentice Dental Nurse to join our friendly and busy dental practice. We are a dental practice with a well-established and friendly team. We would love you to join us as an Apprentice Dental Nurse. Desired qualifications: GCSEs at grades C/4 or above (or equivalent) in maths and English.

Find out more: [Apprentice Dental Nurse - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](https://findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk)

University of the Term

You don't have to go to university and can build a career without a degree - but university can offer so much more than just a career path at the end. Going to university is a great way to expand your knowledge, meet new people, experience a new culture, and enjoy new experiences. You'll get plenty of support at university, and a chance to experience a great student lifestyle. You will choose a subject to study at an advanced level. Each term we will introduce you to a university and provide a link for you to find out more:

The University of Plymouth

Discover a thriving waterfront city at the heart of the stunning South West.

The University of Plymouth sits on the idyllic South Devon coastline at the very centre of the city. One of the largest universities in the region, our growing international reputation is matched by some exciting campus developments.

With excellent national transport links, great shopping and culture, top sporting opportunities, pristine seas and south-coast sunshine, at the University of Plymouth you can live the lifestyle that only the South West peninsula can offer.

[University of Plymouth](#)

University Course of the Term

Each term we will showcase a degree course offered at the university of the month to inspire and inform you. The University of Plymouth boasts one of the most prestigious clusters of marine teaching, research and educational organisations in Europe. One course that might be of interest is:

BSc (Hons) Marine Biology

In this hands-on degree, one of the best in the UK and with an international reputation, you'll explore the diversity of marine life from coastal margins to the deep sea and gain an in-depth understanding of the biology of marine organisms. Teaching takes advantage of the South Devon coast as well as some of Europe's best marine facilities – so you'll have the opportunity to not just experience marine biology but to practice it at the highest levels in both the laboratory and out in the field.

You'll gain an understanding of marine life at the level of the biology of organisms – ranging from microbes found on coral reefs, the physiology and behaviour of marine vertebrates, to the biology of the marine algae that underpin the vast majority of other marine life. The aim of the degree is not only to teach you about marine biology, but to equip you with the practical, intellectual, and scientific skills to be a practising marine biologist.

Find out more: [BSc \(Hons\) Marine Biology - University of Plymouth](#)

Job / industry of the Term

Every term we will focus on a job or industry that will help you find more about the huge variety of jobs that are available in the UK.

Motor mechanic

Alternative titles for this job include light vehicle service technician, car mechanic.

Motor mechanics repair and service cars and vans. The average salary (a year) is £18,000 as a new starter rising to £35,000 for an experienced motor mechanic. Typical hours 38 to 45 a week.

You can get into this job through:

- a college course
- an apprenticeship

College	Apprenticeship
<p>You could take a college course before applying for work as a trainee with a garage.</p> <p>Relevant courses include: Level 2 Diploma in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Level 3 Diploma in Vehicle Technology</p>	<p>You can complete an intermediate or advanced apprenticeship as a motor vehicle service and maintenance technician. This will usually take 2 to 3 years. You'll do on-the-job training and spend time at a college or training provider.</p>
<p>Entry requirements You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course • 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course 	<p>Entry requirements You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some GCSEs, usually including English and maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship • 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

Employability Skill of the Term

Most employers look for certain skills and qualities in job candidates in addition to academic qualifications. Known as employability skills, these skills may not be job-specific, but they play an important role in improving your performance and value in the workplace.

Employers have high regard for employability skills because they are much harder to teach than job-specific skills. Some employable qualities come naturally, while others can be acquired through education, work, or daily practice. You may already have some of the key employment skills, but you can work to improve those skills and develop new ones. In each edition of Employability Matters we will explore the employability skills that employers look for.

Communication

Communication is one of the most important employability skills because it is an essential part of almost any job. Being an effective communicator means that you can convey your thoughts and ideas clearly, as well as listening to your co-workers' instructions, ideas and intentions. Depending on the job you want, you may have to be competent in several different types of communication, such as verbal, nonverbal, written, and visual. For instance, a customer-facing employee needs to have excellent verbal and nonverbal (gestures and facial expressions) communication skills.

Written and spoken communication skills will be assessed at different stages of the application process – employers will look at spelling and grammar in your application or supporting letter and they will want you to express your ideas clearly and concisely at interview.

If you are keen to improve your communication skills you can do so in many ways, performing on the stage, contributing in class, getting a part time job where you speak to colleagues and members of the public, or volunteering in the local community. Think about how you use nonverbal communication, do you nod when someone is talking and you agree with them? Do you frown if you're confused?

There is more information and some clear explanations about verbal and non-verbal communication here:

[Non-verbal communication - Communication - GCSE Hospitality \(CCEA\) Revision - BBC Bitesize](#)