

Employability Matters! The Kings Careers and 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.

Mathematics A Level

Maths is a fun subject with many intellectually stimulating challenges; it gives students an opportunity to express themselves in a more analytical and technical medium. Maths provides a vital support for the study of many sciences and other subjects and is often required at A Level to study a range of subjects at university. Students will be able to demonstrate a higher degree of problem-solving and mathematical ability which is highly sought-after by many employers.

Find out more: [20211005KingsAcademySixthFormProspectus2022-23.pdf \(kovessex.co.uk\)](#) and [20211005KingsAcademySixthFormCourseGuide2022-23.pdf \(kovessex.co.uk\)](#)

Apprenticeship of the Term

On an apprenticeship, you are 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 will 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:

Countryside Worker Apprentice Holt Farms Ltd

An exciting opportunity to join our Maintenance and Conservation Team. Working in the team of five you will be learning new skills and supporting the team with all ground, site and conservation maintenance. We have various sites throughout North Somerset that the team look after, no one day will be the same!

Find out more: [Countryside Worker Apprentice - Find an apprenticeship \(findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk\)](#)

University of the Term

You do not 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 will get plenty of support at university, and a



Welcome back to “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 and 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 and Thursday lunchtime you can call into the Employability and 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.

Calling all Year 10 students!

Do not forget that now is the time to secure your summer work experience placement, paperwork to be returned by Friday 7th January 2022!

Useful Websites and Information

Careers information and support for students aged 11-19:

[Careerpilot : Plan your future work and 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](#)

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 Edinburgh

Founded in 1583, the University of Edinburgh is one of the world's top universities and is globally recognised for research, development and innovation.

You will also be living in a vibrant and historic capital city - regularly voted as one of the most desirable places to live in the world - with world-famous cultural festivals and the mountains and beaches of Scotland on your doorstep.

[The University of Edinburgh](#) | [The University of Edinburgh](#)

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 Edinburgh Law School has been ranked as 11th in the world for Law by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings. One course that might be of interest is:

LLB (Law)

The LLB at Edinburgh is designed to prepare you for a career as a lawyer in Scotland, providing the ideal foundation for further professional study. In accordance with the stipulations of the Law Society of Scotland and the Faculty of Advocates, we will ensure you get the knowledge you need for a future in the profession.

The LLB is not only a gateway to practising law: many of our graduates opt not to practise law, and the LLB is an excellent grounding for many other careers, including politics, policy and government work, as it will provide you with a range of useful oratory, academic and professional skills.

Find out more: [Home](#) | [Edinburgh Law School](#)

Job / Industry of the Term

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

Nail technician

Nail technicians repair, paint and decorate clients' nails.

The average salary (a year) is £15,500 as a new starter rising to £25,000 for an experienced nail technician. Typical hours 38 to 39 a week.

You can get into this job through:

a college course

an apprenticeship

working towards this role

College	Apprenticeship	Work
<p>You could take a college course before applying for work as a trainee with a beauty salon or nail bar.</p> <p>Relevant courses include: Level 2 or 3 Certificate in Nail Technology Level 1 or 2 Certificate in Nail Treatments Level 2 Award in Nail Art</p>	<p>You could do a nail services technician intermediate apprenticeship.</p> <p>This typically takes 12 months to complete as a mix of learning in the workplace and off-the-job study.</p>	<p>If you can show a real interest in nail art, you may be able to get a job as a trainee with a nail salon or beauty spa and learn on the job.</p>
Entry requirements	Entry requirements	Entry requirements

<p>You will 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>You will usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some GCSEs, usually including English and Maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship 	<p>You will usually need:</p> <p>some GCSEs, usually including English and Maths, or equivalent.</p>
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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.

Problem-Solving

Employers like to see good problem-solving skills because it also demonstrates that you have a range of other competencies such as reasoning, creativity, logic, resilience, lateral thinking, and persistence.

It is a vital skill for both your professional and personal life and is frequently assessed at job interviews. People who have good problem-solving skills are a valuable and trusted part of any team – they come up with new ideas, better ways of doing things, and can make it easier for people to understand things. If you are a good problem-solver, you can play an important role in troubleshooting issues, which can enable your team to overcome obstacles and solve complex problems.

You can become a better problem-solver by:

- Undertaking research assignments and projects
- Participating in brainstorming sessions
- Regularly developing your skills by solving puzzles and playing games

Explore more about problem-solving here:

[How To Improve Problem-Solving Skills For The Workplace \(successatschool.org\)](https://www.successatschool.org)