

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.

Psychology A Level

Psychology will challenge you to think about important life issues such as how far you would go to make someone obey you if you were in a position of authority or whether your memory is really as reliable as you think. It equips you with essential research and evaluative skills. You will also learn how our understanding of human behaviour can be applied in both day-to-day situations and in specific areas such as mental health, improving health behaviours, criminal behaviour, and aggression.

Find out more: [6th Form prospectus](#) and [course guide](#)

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.

Apprentice Engineering Operative

ROTAMEC LTD

Rotamec are a well-established, ever expanding engineering company, looking for our next apprentice. You will be mentored by experienced, passionate engineers, who will push you to reach your full potential. You will be assembling and dismantling electric motors, pumps, and gearbox.

Find out more: [Apprentice Engineering Operative](#)

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



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 & 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 memorial gate entrance to school.

Calling all students!

Don't forget to check out the new additions to the Employability section of the Kings website, including Labour Market Information.

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](#)
[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)
[Apprenticeship search / Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education](#)

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

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:

University of Bristol

The University of Bristol attracts students from all over the world, creating a rich and exciting international community. The university is also lucky to be located in a vibrant, dynamic city with a reputation for creativity and sustainability.

With a choice of over 200 degree courses covering a broad range of subjects, our students engage with intellectually challenging courses that encourage independence of mind.

Explore further here: [University of Bristol](#)

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.

BEng Engineering design

Inspired by the Royal Academy of Engineering, this in-depth course aims to develop high-calibre engineers who can lead complex engineering projects that are vital to modern society.

After a broad, common first year, you can choose to specialise in mechanical, aerospace or civil engineering, studying technical units alongside students from these other engineering degrees. Unique modules in the first two years of this programme provide essential skills in problem definition, conceptual design, optioneering and manufacturing/construction processes.

In the third year you can choose from a wide range of technical modules from across the Faculty of Engineering and open units in other faculties. This gives you the chance to gain further technical expertise in your chosen specialisation and a broader learning experience in other subjects, such as artificial intelligence, numerical modelling, programming, and innovation and entrepreneurship.

Find out more: [BEng Engineering Design](#)

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.

Ecologist

Your day-to-day tasks will depend on the sector in which you work. For example, as an ecological scientist you could:

- carry out fieldwork
- survey and record information on plants, animals, environmental conditions, and biodiversity
- deliver lessons or lectures
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As a consultant ecologist you could:

- research the impact of human activity, like housing and intensive agriculture, on the environment
- build computer models to predict the effects of development or climate change
- research and contribute to legislation and policy

As a landscape ecologist, you could:

- manage and create wildlife conservation areas, woodland and meadows
- monitor species and habitats
- manage a team of volunteers

You can get into this job through:

A university course

Apprenticeship

University	Apprenticeship
<p>You'll need a degree or postgraduate qualification in a subject like:</p> <p>ecology conservation biology zoology marine or plant biology environmental science botany ecology and environmental sustainability</p>	<p>You may be able to do a postgraduate ecologist degree apprenticeship.</p> <p>This typically takes around 3 years to complete.</p> <p>You'll need a qualification and experience in an ecological science to apply.</p>
<p>Entry requirements</p> <p>You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree • a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study 	<p>Entry requirements</p> <p>You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a degree in a relevant subject for a degree 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.

Negotiation skills

Negotiation is a type of discussion used to settle disputes and reach agreements between two or more parties. Negotiations occur frequently within the workplace. Professionals may negotiate contract terms, project timelines, compensation and more. Negotiation is a skill that nobody is born with. But it's a skill that will help you at work, in business and in life... and it's one that you can practice with others until you can do it with ease, even if inside you're cringing.

Explore more here: [Negotiation Skills](#)