

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.

Art, Craft & Design A Level

If you are self-motivated and passionate about art and design or are inspired by the challenge of working creatively to a project theme or design brief, then this is the course for you. You will get hands-on experience in a range of art, craft and design disciplines from fine art, drawing, painting, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics, and print making to digital design, textiles, and photography. Through creative problem solving, critical thinking and analysis you will build your knowledge of historic and contemporary art practice which will influence your creative directions and practical work. Enrichment opportunities include artist-led workshops, visits to local art galleries, residential trips to London, Paris and/or Barcelona.

Find out more: [Sixth 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 Care Assistant

Join our apprenticeship programme, for the opportunity to work and earn, alongside learning. You will join one of our care homes, to learn how to be an excellent Care worker. You will complete an externally accredited Level 2 in Health and Social Care. We will give you all the quality training you need to be successful in your role.

Find out more: [Apprentice Care Assistant](#)

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 library next to M7 in the main school building.

Calling all students!

Don't forget to check out 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](#)

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 Birmingham

We are the original 'redbrick' University, part of the prestigious Russell Group; our thriving student population enjoys a wide range of courses, and exceptional campus and research facilities. The 10 Nobel Laureates we count among our staff and alumni have contributed to some of science's greatest discoveries, including in recent times the Higgs Boson and Gravitational Waves. Our research provides innovative solutions to the challenges we face in our city, our region and across the globe. We encourage and empower people to turn ideas into reality and make important things happen.

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

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.

BSc Applied Golf Management Studies

Our Applied Golf Management Studies BSc is the world-leading golf degree that offers the chance to apply for membership of The Professional Golfers' Association (The PGA). Our graduates lead the development of golf throughout the world.

The Applied Golf Management Studies programme allows you to combine a high-level applied theoretical degree with membership of the PGA (subject to status and application) as a PGA Professional, PGA Coach or PGA Business Manager. The degree is taught in collaboration with The PGA, both at the University and at The PGA National Training Academy at The Belfry.

Across all three years of the degree, you cover modules in the areas of business management, applied sports science, equipment technology and coaching theory delivered by specialist staff from the University and the PGA. You also complete three PGA-assessed vocational placements in a golf environment (which are a requirement for full membership of the PGA).

Find out more: [Applied Golf Management Studies BSc](#)

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.

Library Assistant

Alternative titles for this job include information assistant, learning resource centre assistant. Library assistants help librarians to manage the day-to-day running of a library.

Day-to-day tasks

You could work on a customer service desk to:

- help users access print and online resources
- organise IT access and answer library users' queries
- check materials in and out
- deal with counter, phone and email enquiries

You may also:

- catalogue new resources
- shelve returned items and arrange repair of damaged materials
- promote collections or new library resources
- make sure copyright licence agreements are followed
- maintain databases and records
- help with events and activities like storytelling or author sessions

Working environment

You could work at a library, at a school, at a college or at a university.

You can get into this job through:

- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- volunteering
- applying directly

Apprenticeship	College	Volunteering	Direct application
<p>You could do a library, information, and archive services assistant advanced apprenticeship.</p> <p>This typically takes 18 months to complete as a mix of workplace learning and off-the-job study.</p>	<p>You could do a Level 2 Certificate or Level 3 Diploma in Libraries, Archives, and Information Services.</p>	<p>You could gain experience of working in a library through volunteering in school, college, or local authority libraries.</p> <p>You can find opportunities through sites like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Council for Voluntary Organisations • Do IT 	<p>You can apply for a job as a library assistant if you have some experience of working in a library, an archive or information service, for example as a volunteer. You may need GCSEs grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) or equivalent, including English, to apply.</p> <p>Experience working in an administration, customer services or IT role would also be useful for applying directly.</p> <p>For some assistant jobs, for example in industrial or commercial libraries, you may need qualifications at A level standard or higher. You may also need specialist knowledge like languages or science, depending on the job.</p>
<p>Entry requirements</p> <p>You'll usually need:</p> <p>5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship</p>	<p>Entry requirements</p> <p>You may need:</p> <p>2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course</p> <p>4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course</p>		

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.

Research skills

Research skills are the ability to find answers or solve a particular problem by studying materials and sources. It includes the ability to gather information, analyse, interpret, and review it before providing a solution. Research is essential in a wide range of industries, and any employee can effectively utilise it to increase productivity. Research skills can also be a collection of skills that can help you review the information and make an informed decision.

Some elements that make up strong research skills include attention to detail, searching for information, problem-solving and the ability to communicate results. Research skills ensure that you have a deeper understanding of an industry or product to craft an interesting sales message. With research skills, it's easy to shape the path you would follow to accomplish a particular goal.

Explore more here: [Research Skills](#)

Employer of the Term

Food Service Centre or FSC is a family business with over 30 years of award-winning experience in creating, launching, and managing bespoke customer food-on-the-move solutions. Our customers include a selection of blue-chip companies in various industries, such as Shell, National Trust, HMS Host and Dunelm. Additionally, we manage convenience retail projects for Shell globally in South America, North America, Asia, and several European countries.

Our Head Office is in Cheddar as well as an Innovation Centre near Bristol in Flax Bourton and an office in Prague (Czech Republic) We are also planning on opening an office in Malaysia in the next few months. As colleagues, we regularly get together to review performance, share best practice, and socialise! As well as working in a challenging and fast-moving environment, we have a caring and supportive working culture and believe it's important to have a big chunk of fun. No day is ever the same at FSC!

The FSC Academy is a comprehensive programme that has been structured to develop the employees of the future. Each candidate will spend essential time in several departments of the business, where they will be given the opportunity to develop and learn new skills whilst gaining qualifications. Through their presence in each department, they will gain valuable experience whilst supporting the department in essential tasks to meet their aims and objectives. Each period in a department will begin and end with an appraisal of each candidates' progress to date. This will assess and help shape them for future employment with FSC or elsewhere. Every academy student will also have a dedicated mentor making sure they have the necessary support.

You can apply to the Academy at any time of the year, but our start date cycles are usually in January and September. We are looking for enthusiastic students, willing and hungry to learn as well as having an interest in food.

To apply for the FSC Academy, please contact Toril Simpson (HR Manager) with an up-to-date CV and cover letter using toril@thefscgroup.com

Find out more here: [The FSC Group](#)