

## 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.

#### Computer Science A Level

Computer Science is arguably the most relevant subject of our modern times. Be it global communication, detailed scientific modelling, the running of mass infrastructure, development of interactive media, security of data, running of the banking industry, predicting weather patterns, designing physical products, or just simple gaming. Computer Science plays an active and crucial role. In fact, behind almost every contemporary task of our contemporary world lies a complex combination of hardware and software, serving the end user. Computer Scientists, therefore, are some of the highest paid and greatly sought-after graduates.

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.

#### Software & IT Support Apprentice

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: [Software & IT Support Apprentice](#)

#### 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



## 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 Hub (EH) for a quick chat with Mrs Devlin. You can look at prospectuses, work on your UCAS application or research your next steps. The EH 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](#)

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 Dundee**

With a student-friendly population and a self-contained campus, you'll find that Dundee is one of the best places in the United Kingdom to live, work, and study. Our core purpose is to transform lives, working locally and globally through the creation, sharing, and application of knowledge. Dundee ranked 33rd in The Times and Sunday Times league tables in their Good University Guide 2024.

We are placed in the top ten in the subject rankings for six of our disciplines:

2nd - Bioengineering & Bioengineering Sciences

2nd - Subjects allied to medicine

3rd - Dentistry

3rd - Medicine

7th - Biological Sciences

7th - Social work

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

## **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.

### **Pharmacology BSc (Hons)**

Pharmacology is the study of how drugs affect body functions in health and disease. It plays a vital role in helping to safeguard our health and welfare. BSc Pharmacology explores approaches to treatment. These approaches have a focus on neuroscience, metabolic disease, and cancer. These are all research strengths at the University of Dundee.

On the course you'll focus on topics like molecular pharmacology and quantitative pharmacology. You will learn how drugs behave depending on various factors. This gives you an understanding of how scientists explore biomedical discoveries. You will learn how scientists develop them from initial innovation to real-world application.

Our course curriculum is shaped by the work of our world-leading researchers to make sure you're learning the latest advances. This will also help you gain an understanding of the fundamentals of the field.

Find out more: [Pharmacology BSc \(Hons\)](#)

## **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.

### **Counsellor**

Alternative titles for this job include therapist. Counsellors help people discuss their problems and feelings in a confidential setting.

### **Day-to-day tasks**

As a counsellor, you could use different types of therapy to:

- agree what will be covered in sessions and keep records
- build trust with a client in person, online or over the phone
- listen carefully, ask questions and check understanding
- help your client to talk about their feelings, see things clearer and find ways to cope
- empathise but challenge when necessary

You could work with individuals, couples, families, or groups.

### Working environment

You could work in a therapy clinic, at a GP practice, at a school, at a college or from home.

Your working environment may be emotionally demanding.

You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- a college course
- training with a counselling organisation

University	College	Training
<p>You could do a diploma, degree or postgraduate course in counselling or psychotherapy.</p> <p>You might be able to study counselling alongside another subject like psychology, sociology, or criminology.</p> <p>You should look for a course that includes practical skills training and supervised work placements.</p>	<p>You could start by doing an introduction to counselling course. This can last up to 3 months and can help to work out if counselling is the right career for you.</p> <p>After that, you can do further training and complete courses like:</p> <p>Level 3 Certificate in Counselling Skills</p> <p>Level 4 Diploma in Counselling Skills and Theory</p> <p>Level 5 Diploma in Therapeutic Counselling</p> <p>You can find out more about the recommended training to become a counsellor from the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP).</p>	<p>You can volunteer and do training courses with organisations like Relate, Samaritans and Cruse.</p> <p>This can be useful experience before you take up professional counselling training.</p>
<p><b>Entry requirements</b></p> <p>You'll usually need:</p> <p>2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree</p> <p>a degree in any subject for a postgraduate course</p>	<p><b>Entry requirements</b></p> <p>Entry requirements for these courses vary.</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.

### Resilience

Resilience is the ability to face and adapt to challenges to overcome them. A person with strong resilience skills can handle disappointments because they don't let setbacks keep them from progressing. Like other people, they experience difficulties and stress, but they experience those factors more positively and don't allow them to impede success. For example, a resilient person who receives a rejection email for a job may feel discouraged but also determined to apply what they have learned from the experience to the next job application.

Explore more here: [resilience](#)

## Employer of the Term



In more than 50 countries across the world, Heidelberg Materials (formerly known as Hanson) stands for competence and quality. Our products are used for the construction of houses, infrastructure, and commercial and industrial facilities, thus meeting the demands of a growing world population for housing, mobility, and economic development.

At Heidelberg Materials, we've been contributing to progress for 150 years. With more than 51,000 employees at almost 3,000 sites in over 50 countries, we're one of the world's largest integrated manufacturers of building materials and solutions with leading market positions in cement, aggregates, and ready-mixed concrete. Our products and services are used in the construction of houses, infrastructure, commercial and industrial facilities.

At the centre of our actions lies our responsibility for the environment. We're front runner on the road to carbon neutrality and circular economy in the building materials industry. We're working on intelligent and sustainable building materials as well as solutions for the future. We also enable new opportunities for our customers through digitalisation. And while we've grown immensely in past decades, we remain true to our founding values. Ultimately, we think globally while acting locally. Most of our business activities have a strong local character – and are shaped by our employees on-site.

This means that talented and ambitious individuals have excellent opportunities for taking on responsibility in our subsidiaries and enjoy great freedom of action.

There are many other benefits of working at Heidelberg Materials, such as an atmosphere of togetherness in which people know and rely on each other, attractive remuneration and international development opportunities. Last but not least, occupational safety is a top priority for us.

Find out more here: [Heidelberg Materials](#)