

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.

Design & Technology (Product Design) A Level

If you would like to further your knowledge, skills and understanding within the stimulating environment of 20th and 21st Century Design and Technology, you will have the opportunity with this A Level Course. You will study Product Design and will learn about a variety of materials and manufacturing processes which will build upon your excellent knowledge gained in GCSE. We aim to inspire the designers and engineers of the future. If you have the enthusiasm and drive to creatively solve problems, produce high-quality prototypes with creative flair and learn about how design and technology impacts all aspects of our modern lives, Design and Technology is for you.

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.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, creative, and reliable candidate who is looking to progress their career in Hairdressing.

What you will do in your working day

- Shampooing and conditioning
- Apply treatments
- Precision cutting
- Blow drying
- Straightening hair
- Keeping salon workstation clean and tidy
- Shadowing senior hair stylist

Find out more: [Hair Professional Apprentice - Winscombe Hair & Beauty](#)



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 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](#)

For information about apprenticeships: [Find an apprenticeship](#)
[Amazing Apprenticeships](#)
[Search for Apprenticeships](#)

For up to date information about universities and applying to HE: [UCAS](#)

A wealth of information on careers including next steps, apprenticeships, and jobs:

[Somerset Your Futures](#)
[Somerset Careers Hub](#)
[Choices for 16–19-year-olds](#)
[Employability Skills Guide](#)
[Labour Market Information](#)

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:

University of Sheffield

Sheffield is an extraordinary place to live and study. It's one of the major cities in the UK, yet 60% of it is green space. It's a city that's safe, affordable, creative and welcoming. Live here and you'll get a vibrant big city feel as well as the space and adventure of the Peak District National Park which is (almost) on your doorstep. We will deliver life-enhancing research, innovation and education that not only transforms the lives of our graduates, but shapes the world we live in. We believe the best way to achieve this is by fostering an ambitious, inclusive, collaborative community.

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

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.

English Language & Linguistics

Change how you see the world through the study of language and linguistics – applying your knowledge of how languages work, how they are stored in speakers' minds, and how we make use of them.

From a foundation of linguistic concepts – speech sounds, grammatical structures, variation and history – you can take this degree wherever your interest flows. Choosing from topics such as first and second language acquisition, theoretical linguistics, language and gender, accents and dialects, the history of English, and language and literature, you'll have the opportunity to specialise and either pursue a one-term research project or year-long dissertation.

You will acquire digital skills that help to analyse language and linguistic data, with opportunities to use specialist software to analyse speech, map regional language variation, and work with numerical data. Because language is used in every facet of human life, English Language and Linguistics can contribute to every other field of study, and leads to many career options.

Find out more: [English Language & Linguistics](#)

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.

Steeplejack (Lightning conductor engineer)

Steeplejacks repair and maintain tall structures like industrial chimneys, towers, high rise blocks, monuments and bridges.

Day-to-day tasks

In your day-to-day duties you could:

- assemble scaffolding, mobile work platforms and industrial harnesses
- carry out building inspections, sometimes with drones
- repair or replace roofing, glass, masonry and leadwork
- paint structures and refurbish mechanisms like clockfaces
- dismantle or demolish tall chimneys or buildings
- install lightning conductors and aircraft warning lights on tall structures

Working environment

You could work on high rise buildings, on a construction site, at a power station or at monuments and castles. Your working environment may be outdoors in all weathers, at height, dusty and physically demanding. You may need to wear safety clothing and use safety equipment.

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of building and construction
- physical skills like movement, coordination and dexterity
- the ability to work well with others
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- knowledge of public safety and security
- the ability to work well with your hands
- excellent verbal communication skills
- the ability to operate and control equipment
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

Restrictions and Requirements

You'll need to:

- be able to cope with working at height
- have a good level of fitness

You'll usually need a full driving licence, as you'll be expected to travel to jobs all around the country.

You can get into this job through:

An apprenticeship
applying directly

Apprenticeship	Direct Application
<p>You could apply to do an apprenticeship with a construction, engineering or heritage conservation company to give you some of the skills to be a steeplejack.</p> <p>Related apprenticeships include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lightning Protection Operative Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship • Scaffolder Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship • Structural Steelwork Erector Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship 	<p>You can apply directly to become a steeplejack. Employers may ask for GCSEs, or equivalent, in maths, English, science or design and technology.</p> <p>Experience in general construction, scaffolding, roofing or electrical work may give you an advantage.</p> <p>If you want to work as a lightning conductor engineer, you'll need maths skills and a basic understanding of electrical theory.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering Construction Erector Rigger Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship • Fall Protection Technician Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship <p>These can take between 2 and 3 years to complete.</p>	
<p>Entry Requirements</p> <p>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. 	<p>More Information</p> <p><i>Registration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you'll need a Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) card or equivalent to train and work on a construction site.

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.

Time Management

Time is a finite resource, and how we manage it can greatly impact our personal and professional lives. Time Management is an essential skill that helps us make the most of our limited time, ensuring that we achieve our goals and maintain a healthy work-life balance.

Explore more here: [time management](#)

Employer of the Term



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Find out more here: [Petruth Paddocks](#)