

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.

SPORT BTEC, L3 DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE (EQUIVALENT TO 1 OR 2 A LEVELS)

If you enjoy sport and want to learn more about it or want to study sport further or have ambitions of working in the sport or fitness industry, then this is the course for you. This course will enable you to develop an understanding of sport science as well as preparing you for applying for and working in the fitness industry. There is a range of assessments, both practical and written, which enable you to showcase your learning and achievements to the best of your ability when you take the next step, whether that is supporting applications to higher education courses or potential employers in the fitness industry.

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.

Fabricator/Welder Apprentice

You will be working on a range of projects, using different metals to create or repair structures. This will include using a variety of tools and techniques to achieve high quality, and precise end results.

Find out more: [Fabricator / Welder Apprentice - Premier Fabrication Limited](#)

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 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](#)
[Employability Skills Guide](#)
[Labour Market Information](#)
[Your pathway at 16-18 years](#)

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 Huddersfield

A giant welcome from a close-knit campus!

There's loads to think about when choosing a university, from the big decisions like where you'll live, to the (no less important) small stuff, like whether you can get one-to-one support when you need it. Spoiler: of course you can.

So, other than teaching and support staff who take the time to listen, why else should you choose Huddersfield?

Well... those very same lecturers are among the most qualified in England, ranking in the top three for how many of them hold doctorates, while also being first in the country for winning National Teaching Fellowships. So, you'll be learning from experts who are as knowledgeable as they are welcoming.

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

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.

Acting & Performance BA (Hons)

Acting and Performance at Huddersfield is a production-based course for those that wish to create their own performances and workshops through acting or directing.

While studying with us, you'll:

Investigate a range of performance practices, including contemporary theatre and historical performance practices. Create your own performances for a live audience.

Benefit from workshop experiences – ideal for those who would like to pursue a teaching career.

At Huddersfield, we believe that to really grow as a creative artist, you need to be dedicated and look for opportunities to broaden your horizons. Our goal, therefore, is to give you the chance to develop your skills and knowledge to follow the pathway of your choice, whether through acting, directing, via the technical aspects of the subject, or by using your degree to teach others.

Find out more: [Acting & Performance](#)

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.

Ergonomist (Human factors specialist)

Ergonomists research ways to design products, workplaces, or systems to suit the people who need to use them.

Day-to-day tasks

In your day-to-day duties you could:

- visit workplaces and speak with clients to find out about issues that need solving
- work with teams of professionals to develop ideas
- design office layouts and advise on suitable furniture and equipment
- advise on the organisation of production lines and workstations

- design equipment and improve access for people with disabilities
- develop equipment and systems that are easy to use and less likely to lead to problems
- change transport design to increase the safety for the driver and passengers
- design signs that are easy to understand
- carry out user trials to test new designs, and provide feedback to the manufacturer or client
- act as an expert witness in cases of industrial injury

Working environment

You could work at a client's business, in an office or at a university.

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of psychology.
- maths knowledge.
- analytical thinking skills.
- knowledge of English language.
- complex problem-solving skills.
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail.
- thinking and reasoning skills.
- excellent verbal communication skills.
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently.

You can get into this job through:

A university course.

An apprenticeship.

University	Apprenticeship
<p>You can qualify as an ergonomist by doing a degree in ergonomics.</p> <p>You can also complete a degree in a related subject then take a postgraduate course in ergonomics. Related subjects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • occupational therapy • physiotherapy • psychology • sports science • design engineering 	<p>You may be able to get into this job by doing a Human Factors Specialist Level 7 Degree Apprenticeship.</p> <p>It can take around 3 years to complete this apprenticeship.</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"> • 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, 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.

Flexibility

Flexibility is a valuable employability skill that involves staying calm in the face of change, being positive, and planning ahead where possible. It includes individual flexibility, managerial flexibility, and company flexibility. To be flexible at work, it's important to communicate values and goals, set realistic expectations, and encourage feedback and diverse opinions.

Explore more here: [flexibility skills](#)

Employer of the Term



Cheesemakers since 1952, Lye Cross Farm are proud to produce Cheddar cheese in the heart of the West Country. Situated in an area of outstanding natural beauty, Lye Cross Farm has 4,300 acres of the very best pastureland in the world, which is home to a herd of 1,200 dairy cattle.

The Alvis family's multi-award winning company has secured a strong foothold in the UK market, and also exports to more than 40 countries. Whilst Cheddar Cheese is the most famous cheese in the world, Lye Cross Farm also sources other carefully selected quality cheeses, including Stilton, Red Leicester, and Wensleydale. Lye Cross Farm not only sells cheese to supermarkets, shops, and delicatessens, but also packages cheese for own-brand labels.

We are always on the lookout for great people to join our team, with opportunities in the following departments, so please let us know that you are looking!

Finance
Sales & Marketing
Production
Farming
Quality Assurance
Farm Shop & Local Sales

Find out more here: [Lye Cross Farm](#)