

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.

Business BTEC Level 3 National Diploma

Business is a dynamic subject that has never been more relevant and through studying the diploma you will experience a wealth of real-world examples and acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills that will be recognised and valued. The diploma is a two-year programme which is equivalent to two A Levels and can be combined with other subjects. The course is made up of eight individual units of work. Six of these units are mandatory which leaves two optional units. The mandatory units include Developing a Marketing Campaign, International Business and Personal and Business Finance.

Find out more: [Sixth Form Prospectus](#)

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

Working for St Monica Trust in Winscombe. Are you looking for a new challenge? Are you kind, compassionate and caring? Support to develop your career in your chosen field. Gain a level 2 qualification whilst earning and learning. You will come away with the experience of working in an authentic working environment. You will meet people with a range of experiences and backgrounds.

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



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](#)

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 Derby

Top 5 for employability Uni Compare Annual Student Review Rankings 2025	Top 20 in England and Wales for social inclusion The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025	Top 5 for course quality Uni Compare Annual Student Review Rankings 2025
Top 15 UK university Uni Compare Annual Student Review Rankings 2025	96% of graduates in work/further study Latest HESA Graduate Outcomes survey	Top 25 in the UK for overall student satisfaction Complete University Guide 2025

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

University Course of the Term

Each term we will showcase a degree course offered at the university of the term to inspire and inform you.

Animation BA Hons

On our BA (Hons) Animation programme, you'll experiment with the latest digital software, learn about the principles of animation, produce distinctive animated films and develop the professional awareness you need to launch your career. Working with experienced teaching staff in our newly refurbished, dedicated production studio, you will gain the knowledge and expertise you need through traditional and digital animation practice.

- You will experiment with a broad range of methods, materials and processes, from traditional hand-drawn animation to 3D digital techniques.
- The course will encourage you to select from and combine methods in pursuing your individual interests, developing a distinctive approach to animation production and helping you to realise your own unique vision.
- You will explore the use of animation for storytelling, social commentary, personal agenda films, documentary, music videos, live performance, broadcasting and advertising.

Find out more: [Animation BA 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.

Osteopath

Osteopaths massage, move and stretch clients' muscles and joints to improve wellbeing or help with a health issue.

Day-to-day tasks

As an osteopath you could:

- ask clients about their health and medical history
- look at their posture and how they walk, paying attention to their muscles, bones and joints
- use X-rays to help with your diagnosis and plan a course of treatment
- use gentle techniques like stretching, movement and massage
- give clients advice on exercises to do at home, lifestyle and diet

Working environment

You could work in an NHS or private hospital, in a therapy clinic, at a client's home or from home.

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of medicine and dentistry
- physical skills like movement, coordination, dexterity and grace
- the ability to work well with your hands
- sensitivity and understanding
- to enjoy working with other people
- customer service skills
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- analytical thinking skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

You can get into this job through:

A university course.

University
To become an osteopath, you'll need to complete a degree or postgraduate master's degree approved by the General Osteopathic Council . Courses usually take 4 years full time, or you might be able to study part time over 5 years.
Entry requirements You'll usually need: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English, maths and science• 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including a science, for a degree• a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study

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.

Analytical skills

Analytical skills are the traits and abilities that allow you to observe, research and interpret a subject to develop complex ideas and solutions. When you use several of these skills together, it's analytical thinking. You can apply analytical thinking in many situations in both your professional and personal life. Analytical thinking often involves trial and error and other systematic processes, which allow the thinker to reach a reasonable conclusion.

- Analytical skills are soft skills that help you identify and solve complex problems.
- Many jobs require analytical skills, like critical thinking, research and data literacy.
- Demonstrating analytical skills on your CV / application and in interviews can help you be a competitive job candidate.

Explore more here: [analytical skills](#)

Employer of the Term



AWARD WINNING CHOPS HAIRDRESSERS IN CHEDDAR

Chops Hairdresser in Cheddar has won multiple awards and has over 16 years of experience in education, providing excellent client service, and extensive haircare knowledge. Chops Hairdresser in Cheddar has been around since 2005 with the goal of bringing a city salon culture to the countryside. Milo McMahon now runs Chops with an eco-conscious philosophy at the heart of everything we do at Chops

We have an extremely talented team covering all aspects of hairdressing. Our homegrown stylists have been developed through our award-winning academy

Find out more here: [Chops Hairdressers](#)