

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.

Further Mathematics A Level

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.

Multi-skilled Maintenance Engineering Apprenticeship

Working for Aggregate Industries at Callow Quarry in Cheddar. We are excited to open applications for our Multiskilled Engineering Apprenticeship program, designed to nurture the next generation of electrical engineering talent. This role offers a unique blend of on-the-job training and academic learning, providing an excellent foundation for a successful career in electrical engineering within the construction industry. Based in our state-of-the-art facilities, this is a golden opportunity for individuals passionate about engineering, innovation, and sustainability.

Find out more: [Multi-skilled Maintenance Engineering Apprenticeship](#)



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 Leeds

Established in 1904, the University of Leeds is one of the largest universities in the UK. We're part of the Russell Group of research-intensive universities and are renowned globally for the quality of our research and teaching.

Top 100 Ranked in the top 100 universities in the world QS World University Rankings 2025	29 Staff have been awarded 29 National Teaching Fellowships	39,800 Students currently studying at Leeds
£1.3 billion Our annual contribution to the UK economy	Three We've won the Queen's Anniversary Prize three times	Commendation For our enhancement of student learning opportunities Quality Assurance Agency

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

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.

Chinese (Modern) BA

By studying this course, you'll be equipped with strong language skills and gain a deep understanding of modern China. In your first year, you'll gain a firm foundation in the contemporary Chinese language, readying you for immersion in Chinese society in your second year, when you'll live and study in either mainland China or Taiwan. Your residency will successfully prepare you for your upper years of study, as you'll have a richer understanding of Chinese culture and society, as well as a solid grasp of the language.

We emphasise the importance of embedding Chinese language studies in a firm understanding of the contexts in which the language has evolved and is used. You'll learn this through the authentic Chinese language material that you'll engage with during your studying and through a range of optional modules that cover topics such as Chinese society, literature and history.

Alongside gaining language skills, you'll develop a contextual understanding of China's influence as a major player on the world stage, including its social and cultural diversity and its complex motivations and actions. Constituting for almost a fifth of the global economy, you'll explore the dominant cultural, political and economic significance of China. You'll study the country's importance as a centre for technology, business and culture.

Find out more: [Chinese \(Modern\) BA](#)

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.

Heritage officer

Heritage officers support teams to take care of buildings, monuments and places valued for their cultural and historical importance.

Day-to-day tasks

In a typical day you may:

- inspect historic buildings and monuments to assess work to be completed
- respond to queries and give advice to members of the public and organisations
- research information using archives, heritage legislation and conservation standards
- review building plans and engineering drawings
- attend public events and present project proposals
- write reports and produce project plans
- make sure work meets project deadlines, budgets and conservation standards
- communicate with conservation and planning officials
- give technical advice to teams working on conservation projects

Working environment

You could work in an office or visit sites.

Your working environment may be outdoors some of the time and you may spend nights away from home.

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- customer service skills
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- knowledge of building and construction
- the ability to work well with others
- excellent verbal communication skills
- administration skills
- the ability to use your judgement and make decisions
- excellent written communication skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

You can get into this job through:

A university course

An apprenticeship

Working towards this role

University	Apprenticeship	Work
<p>There are lots of subjects that can be useful for a career in heritage. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• history• geography• cultural heritage studies	<p>You can start out by doing a historic environment advice assistant higher apprenticeship.</p> <p>English Heritage, Historic England and the National Trust are developing this route as an alternative to going to university.</p>	<p>You may be able to move into heritage officer work if you have relevant skills or experience in other professions. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• construction project management

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • building conservation • architecture • archaeology • Earth or natural sciences <p>A postgraduate qualification can give you an advantage when you're looking for jobs. You could study subjects like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • heritage management • historic conservation <p>As well as a degree you'll also need relevant work experience in the heritage sector. It's important to look for internships and work experience opportunities while you study. Many people get into paid roles through volunteering at first.</p>	<p>You would start off as a heritage trainee or technician.</p> <p>You may also gain relevant skills from an Archivist and records manager degree apprenticeship.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local authority planning • building surveying <p>Volunteering</p> <p>Work experience and volunteering are really important for getting into this type of work. You can look for opportunities with organisations like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Heritage • Historic England • National Trust • The Heritage Alliance <p>You could try your local council as they may own historic buildings or sites. There may be opportunities in departments, such as planning or regeneration, where you could get useful experience.</p> <p>You can also search for private companies in the heritage sector through the Historic Environment Provider Service Recognition scheme.</p>
<p>Entry requirements</p> <p>You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including a science, for a degree • a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study 	<p>Entry requirements</p> <p>To do this apprenticeship, you'll need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or 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.

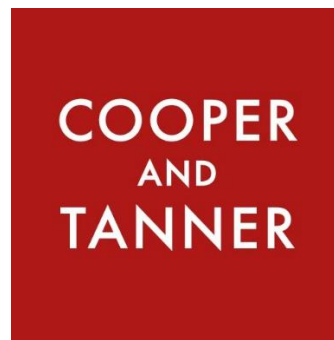
Employers have high regard for employability skills because they are much harder to teach than job-specific skills. Some employable qualities come naturally, while others can be acquired through education, work, or daily practice. You may already have some of the key employment skills, but you can work to improve those skills and develop new ones. In each edition of Employability Matters we will explore the employability skills that employers look for.

Reliability

Reliability means that you are trustworthy and your employer can depend on your word and capabilities. Trust is earned by consistently completing assigned tasks on time and delivering satisfactory work results. Being reliable also involves creating a culture of only making promises that you can keep. The best way to increase your reliability is to constantly meet and strive to exceed the performance levels your employer expects of you.

Explore more here: [reliability](#)

Employer of the Term



We are estate and letting agents, auctioneers and surveyors. Providing specialist advice on residential, agricultural and commercial property as well as livestock, agricultural machinery and antiques. We are proudly a multi-discipline practice that covers a diverse range of services.

The firm has been established for over 100 years, and we continue to evolve and adapt our business to meet the needs of our clients while honouring our rich history.

We operate from twelve locations throughout Somerset and Wiltshire. Within the towns and nearby villages of Bridgwater, Bristol, Castle Cary, Cheddar, Frome, Glastonbury, Midsomer Norton, Shepton Mallet, Standerwick, Street, Warminster, Wedmore, and Wells. Covering some beautiful areas such as the Mendip Hills, Somerset Levels, Wiltshire Downs, Chew Valley, Cam Valley and the Blackmore Vale. Our professional and valuation services stretch beyond and cover some of the larger conurbations of Bristol, Bath, Salisbury, Yeovil, Taunton, and Trowbridge.

We are regulated by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and Property Mark (NAEA & ARLA). If you have any queries, please contact any of our offices – you will receive a warm and professional welcome.

Find out more here: [Cooper and Tanner](#)

Important reminder

Work experience takes place the week commencing 30th June for Year 12 students and from 7th July onwards for Year 10. Please upload your placements on Unifrog as a priority. If you have yet to secure a work experience placement, Christmas is a great time to use your contacts and get this valuable opportunity confirmed.