

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.

Politics A Level

A Level Politics is a fascinating and rewarding subject that enhances essential skills such as research, debate, writing, and critical thinking. This course offers a deeper insight into political systems in the UK and worldwide, keeping you engaged with current affairs and contemporary political issues. Studying politics empowers you to make informed decisions that shape society and broadens your awareness of the world around you.

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.

Engineering Advanced Apprenticeship

Our Engineers are problem solvers who ensure that all production runs smoothly and that Bakkavor delivers to its customers – would you like to join us? If you have a knack for problem-solving with a methodical mind, then our Advanced Apprenticeship in Engineering is an ideal opportunity to launch you into a rewarding career. Starting salary £22,000 increasing to £40,000 in year 4.

Find out more: [Engineering Advanced Apprenticeship](#)

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



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](#)

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 Strathclyde

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.

University of the Year Times Higher Education Awards 2012 & 2019	Scottish University of the Year Daily Mail University of the Year Awards 2024	Joint 25th in the world & 4th in UK Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024, for top universities pursuing the UN Sustainable Development Goals
£1 billion We're transforming our campus, with investment set to reach £1 billion by 2025. We're creating a first-class working and learning environment for our students and staff.	Four We've won the Queen's Anniversary Prize three times	World-leading research Research is of central importance in everything we do. Almost 90% of the researched produced by us has been rated as world-leading or internationally excellent.

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

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.

Social Work (BA Hons)

Social workers have a responsibility to promote the rights of powerless people, protect the vulnerable and disadvantaged and address the causes and effects of offending behaviour.

Validated by the [Scottish Social Services Council](#) and closely aligned to the Standards in Social Work Education, the degree will give you a recognised professional award in social work. It will also prepare you for the challenging role of being a social worker.

You will have the opportunity to study abroad, thanks to our well-established links with New York University.

Find out more: [Social Work \(BA Hons\)](#)

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.

Screenwriter

Screenwriters write the stories for feature films, TV programmes and computer games.

Day-to-day tasks

In this role you could:

- come up with themes and ideas
- research background material

- develop plots and characters
- lay out the screenplay to an agreed format
- prepare short summaries of your ideas
- sell your ideas or 'pitch' to producers
- get feedback on your work from producers or script editors
- rewrite the script before arriving at an agreed version
- network with agents and producers
- handle your own tax and accounts, if freelance

Working environment

You could work in an office, from home, at a film studio, at a TV studio or on a film set.

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of English language
- excellent written communication skills
- persistence and determination
- excellent verbal communication skills
- the ability to use your initiative
- the ability to come up with new ways of doing things
- ambition and a desire to succeed
- knowledge of media production and communication
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- a college course
- applying directly
- specialist courses run by private training providers

University	College	Direct Application & Other Routes
<p>You could do a degree or postgraduate qualification to improve your job prospects, though this is not essential. Useful subjects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creative writing • English • media and communications • film studies • journalism • psychology <p>You should aim to get as much experience of reading other people's and writing your own scripts, alongside your studies.</p>	<p>When you're starting out you may find it useful to take a college course to help develop your skills and understand dramatic structure and production.</p> <p>Courses are available in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creative writing • scriptwriting • creative and digital media <p>Adult education centres, colleges and universities sometimes run short courses in writing for screen.</p>	<p>If you want to get directly into this job, you may have an advantage if you have writing and storytelling experience from another field like journalism, advertising copywriting or acting.</p> <p>You'll normally start by coming up with your own screenplays and ideas, and trying to sell them to agents and producers. Once you've had some work accepted and started to build a professional reputation, producers might then commission you to produce scripts for them.</p> <p>Other Routes</p>

Your university careers service can give advice on societies, work experience, internship and year placement opportunities that will help you build your creative network and develop your skills.		You could take short courses in screenwriting run by film schools, regional screen agencies and private training providers.
Entry requirements You'll usually need: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree • a degree in any subject for postgraduate study 	Entry requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry requirements for these courses vary 	

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.

Following instructions

The ability to follow instructions is an essential employability skill that benefits both students and future professionals. Employers value individuals who can carefully listen, understand, and execute tasks accurately, as this ensures efficiency and productivity in the workplace. Following instructions also demonstrates responsibility, attention to detail, and the ability to work independently or as part of a team—qualities that are essential for any career path.

Explore more here: [following instructions](#)

Employer of the Term

Sainsbury's

We make good food joyful, accessible and affordable for everyone, every day.

Offering delicious, great quality food at competitive prices has been at the heart of what we do since our first store opened in 1869. Today, inspiring and delighting our customers with tasty food remains our priority.

Our focus on great value food and convenient shopping, whether in-store or online is supported by our brands – Argos, Nectar, Habitat, Tu, Sainsbury's Bank and Smart Charge.

Find out more here: [Sainsbury's](#)

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, half term is a great time to use your contacts and get this valuable opportunity confirmed.