

## 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.

#### Photography A Level

Photography can be studied with any subject. Its nature means that it can contribute to any subject combination by offering a more creative approach and practical experience.

Photography is a creative subject which stretches the imagination and allows you to look at yourself and your environment in a new way. You will develop your skills in a series of inventive workshops using both traditional and digital methods and gain an appreciation of viewpoint, composition, camera functions and appropriate use of camera, lenses and lighting. Our studio is fully equipped for photo-shoots. You will be introduced to portraiture, landscape, still life, documentary, photojournalism, fashion photography and experimental imagery.

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 Store Manager, Farmfoods Ltd

We are looking to recruit an Apprentice Store Manager for our shop in Weston-super-Mare. We offer a permanent full-time (45 hours per week) position working a variety of shifts, 5 days from 7 each week. This is a 19-month training programme and upon successful completion you will be made a permanent employee. Starting salary £31,392.52

Find out more: [Apprentice Store Manager](#)



## 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 Oxford

Do you love to question and have an appetite for knowledge? Do you consistently achieve top grades in your class? Are you looking for an exceptional education in an environment which values individuals for who they are? Oxford might be the place for you.

<b>University of the Year</b> For 9 consecutive years <i>Times Higher Education World University Rankings</i>	<b>Top university</b> For English Language and literature, anatomy and physiology, and geography. <i>QS World University Rankings 2025</i>	<b>History</b> Oxford is a unique and historic institution. As the oldest university in the English-speaking world, it can lay claim to nine centuries of continuous existence.
<b>£15.7billion</b> The University of Oxford contributes around £15.7 billion to the UK economy and supports more than 28,000 full time jobs.	<b>Nine</b> In 2024 9 Oxford Scientists were elected as Royal Society Fellows	<b>World-leading facilities</b> We aim to provide our staff and students with state-of-the-art facilities within an inspiring and historic setting, to improve opportunities for interdisciplinary working, and to minimise our environmental impact.

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

## 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.

### **Classics (BA Hons)**

Classics (*Literae Humaniores*) is a wide-ranging course devoted to the study of the civilisations of ancient Greece and Rome and their reception into modern times. It is one of the most varied and interdisciplinary of all subjects. Classics students at Oxford have the opportunity to study the languages, literature, history, and archaeology of the Greek and Roman Mediterranean, as well as philosophy (both ancient and modern) and linguistics.

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

## 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.

### **Wardrobe Assistant**

Wardrobe assistants help to make, find and look after clothes and costumes used in theatre, film and TV productions.

## Day-to-day tasks

As a wardrobe assistant, you might:

- hire or help to create costumes and accessories
- check, clean and iron garments ready for use
- dress performers and help with costume changes between scenes
- alter and mend items
- store costumes and deal with returns once a production has finished

## Working environment

You could work at a film studio, on a film set, in a theatre or at a TV studio.

Your working environment may be cramped and hot.

## Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- design skills and knowledge
- the ability to work well with your hands
- the ability to work well with others
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- the ability to come up with new ways of doing things
- knowledge of the fine arts
- excellent verbal communication skills
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

## You can get into this job through:

- a university course
- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- working towards this role

University	College	Apprenticeship & other routes
<p>You can take a higher national diploma, degree or postgraduate qualification to work as a wardrobe assistant. Subjects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• costume design</li><li>• fashion</li><li>• textiles</li><li>• costume construction</li></ul> <p>These may give you an advantage later if you want to become a costume designer.</p>	<p>You could start by doing a college course to get some of the skills needed for this job, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fashion and textiles</li><li>• art and design</li><li>• T Level in Craft and Design (Textiles and Fashion option)</li></ul>	<p>You could apply to do an Advanced Apprenticeship to get into this role, like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Costume Performance Technician Level 3</li><li>• Garment Maker Level 3</li></ul> <p>These can take up to 2 years to complete.</p> <p><b>Other Routes</b></p> <p>Volunteering is a great way to build up your skills and to make contacts with people in the industry. Your contacts can be a good way of finding paid work later on. You can get volunteering experience through:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• student theatre and film productions</li> <li>• amateur or community theatre</li> <li>• dressmaking</li> <li>• casual work as a costume 'daily' or temporary helper on film and TV sets</li> </ul>
<p><b>Entry requirements</b></p> <p>You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a higher national diploma or a degree</li> <li>• a degree in a relevant subject for postgraduate study</li> </ul>	<p><b>Entry requirements</b></p> <p>Entry requirements for these courses vary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths for a T Level</li> </ul>	<p><b>Entry requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship</li> </ul>

## 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.

### Patience

Patience is an important skill in any job. It's all about staying calm and focused, even when things aren't going as planned or when you're facing challenges. Whether it's dealing with a tough project, working with others who have different approaches, or handling customer complaints, patience helps you stay level-headed and find solutions without getting frustrated. It's especially useful when tasks take longer than expected, as it allows you to stick with them and keep a positive attitude. Employers appreciate patience because it creates a more relaxed and productive work environment where everyone can do their best.

Explore more here: [patience](#)

## Employer of the Term



We are dynamic, energetic, innovative and progressive law firm with the right blend of youth and experience. We are completely independent. Our only concern is to ensure that our clients receive the best service.

Find out more here: [BGW Solicitors](#)

## Important reminder

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