

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.

Music A Level

A Level Music explores a range of different skills across three units: performing, composing and appraising. Throughout the course, students will explore the key musical elements and composing techniques that they will need to successfully write their own music. Students will also have opportunities to improve their instrumental/vocal skills through regular rehearsals and performances in a variety of settings. A wide variety of different styles and genres of music are studied throughout the course, meaning there is something for everyone plus lots of new types of music to fuel your interest in the subject. 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.

Level 2 Playworker Apprentice

Join Pamfa Sports as a Level 2 Playworker Apprentice! Love working with children and want to turn that passion into a career? You'll gain hands-on experience in a fun, supportive environment while working towards your Level 2 Playworker qualification. You'll support children aged 3-11 in a fun, safe, and engaging environment creating exciting play opportunities, building confidence, and encouraging healthy activity. This role is ideal for someone who's enthusiastic, caring, and enjoys making a positive difference every day.

Find out more: [Level 2 Playworker Apprentice](#)



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 Glasgow

The University of Glasgow has been changing the world since 1451. We are a world top 100 university and a member of the prestigious Russell Group of leading UK research universities.

<div>World Top 20</div> <div>We are ranked in the top 20 universities in the world for sustainability.</div>	<div>6</div> <div>We have been awarded the Queen's Anniversary Prize [QAP] six times since the award's inception.</div>	<div>UK Top 25</div> <div>In the Guardian University Guide</div>
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Explore further here: [University of Glasgow](#)

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.

Geography (BSc Hons)

Geography explores the world around us — from physical landscapes and climates to human societies and urban development. Students study how people interact with their environment, the impact of climate change, and global social and economic issues. It's an interdisciplinary course that combines science, research, and critical thinking, preparing graduates for careers in environmental management, urban planning, sustainability, and international development.

Find out more: [Geography \(BSc Hons\)](#)

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.

Border Force Officer

Border Force officers protect UK border entry points like ports and airports, by enforcing immigration and customs regulations.

Day-to-day tasks

As a Border Force officer, you would:

- check travel documents and passports
- question passengers about their reasons for visiting the UK
- search people, luggage and vehicles
- work with the police and immigration officials on operations
- write case notes and reports
- attend court as a witness

Working environment

You could work at a border post.
Your working environment may be physically demanding and outdoors in all weathers.
You may need to wear a uniform.

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of public safety and security
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- excellent verbal communication skills
- the ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning
- the ability to work well with others
- knowledge of English language
- customer service skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

You can get into this job through:

- a college course
- an apprenticeship
- working your way up
- applying directly

College Course	Apprenticeship	Work	Direct application
You could do a college course in public services which could help you to develop some of the skills and knowledge needed in this role.	You could do a Public Service Operational Delivery Officer Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship with the Civil Service. This can take up to 1 year and 6 months to complete.	You could join the Civil Service as a Border Force assistant officer, then apply for an officer post when vacancies become available.	You could apply directly to become a Border Force officer.
Entry requirements Entry requirements for these courses vary.	Entry requirements To do this apprenticeship, you'll need: 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths		Entry requirements To enter at officer level, you'll need at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), including English and maths, or equivalent qualifications.

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.

Assertiveness

Assertiveness is a crucial employability skill that involves confidently expressing your thoughts, needs, and boundaries while respecting others. It enhances your ability to communicate effectively, set clear expectations, and negotiate effectively in the workplace.

Explore more here: [Assertiveness](#)

Employer of the Term



We offer a wide range of high-quality, person-centred support services to help you thrive in one of our residential care homes or your own home. If you or a loved one are looking for tailored residential or home care, specialist dementia or nursing care, or support to live well with physical or learning disabilities, we're here to help.

We need people to join our amazing team across all roles of our business from care and support workers, maintenance, chefs and admin roles, who all play a part in looking after our customers within our residential homes, as well as out in the community.

Find out more here: [Somerset Care](#)

Important reminder

Work Experience Dates

- Year 10: 6 – 10 July 2026
- Year 12: 29 June – 3 July 2026

Students in Year 10 and Year 12 should log their work experience placements on Unifrog – The Universal Destinations Platform.

For guidance on adding your placement details, watch this walkthrough video: [How to Log Your Work Experience on Unifrog](#).