



## 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 St Andrews

St Andrews is a unique and captivating place, and the University is a key part of its charm. Seven centuries of history link the students with the town, leading to the ancient and yet modern institution apparent today.

<b>Top</b> <i>St Andrews was ranked the top university in Scotland and second in the UK, reflecting its continued excellence across key academic and student satisfaction metrics. St Andrews once again ranked above Oxbridge in The Times and Sunday Times Guide.</i>	<b>95%</b> <i>According to the most recent Graduate Outcomes survey (2022-2023), more than 95% of our undergraduate first-degree level graduates were in either full-time employment or further study.</i>	<b>High student satisfaction</b> <i>According to the <a href="#">Complete University Guide 2026</a>, students at the University of St Andrews are the most satisfied in the UK.</i>
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Explore further here: [University of St Andrews](#)

## 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.

### **Neuroscience (BSc Hons)**

**Neuroscience** is the scientific study of the brain, nervous system, and how they shape our thoughts, emotions, and behaviour. It explores everything from how individual neurons work to how complex brain networks influence memory, movement, and mental health.

Studying neuroscience helps us understand what makes us human and supports breakthroughs in areas like mental health, dementia, stroke, artificial intelligence, and medical technology. It's an exciting field for anyone interested in how the brain works and how science can improve lives.

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

## 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.

### Palaeontologist

Palaeontologists study the history of life on Earth through fossils.

As a palaeontologist, you could:

- collect samples and data from field trips and museum collections
- examine specimens in the lab, using technology like CT scanning
- analyse data and catalogue fossil specimens
- carry out research and publish findings

- plan and deliver lectures to students
- give talks and manage displays and exhibitions
- provide expert advice for broadcasters and publishers

## Working environment

You could work in a laboratory, in a museum, at a university or visit sites.

Your working environment may be physically demanding, and you may spend nights away from home.

## Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- science skills
- maths knowledge
- knowledge of geography
- analytical thinking skills
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- excellent verbal communication skills
- excellent written communication skills
- persistence and determination
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently

## You can get into this job through:

- a university course

### University Course

You'll usually need to complete a first degree followed by further study for postgraduate qualifications at master's or PhD level.

Subjects include:

- botany
- Earth sciences
- geology
- palaeontology
- zoology
- biological science

Employers like universities or research institutions will expect you to have completed, or be working towards, a PhD in your specialist area of interest in palaeontology.

### Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 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.

## **Determination**

**Determination** is a valuable employability skill that reflects your ability to stay focused, motivated, and resilient when working towards goals. It helps you persevere through challenges, maintain momentum, and complete tasks even when obstacles arise. In the workplace, determination shows commitment, reliability, and a strong work ethic — qualities that employers highly value.

Explore more here: [Determination](#)

## **Employer of the Term**



### **JTS: Opportunities with a Family-Run Business**

JTS is a family-run business, founded in 1992, supplying a wide variety of snacks perfect for pubs and restaurants — from crisps to pretzels and everything in between. We stock both well-known brands and unique products to suit all types of venues. With over 30 years of experience, we proudly serve the leisure and hospitality industry across the South-West, Midlands, and Berkshire, delivering snacks, sundries, tableware, and barware directly to our customers' doors.

We are now looking for new colleagues to join our mobile sales team. You don't need previous sales experience — a friendly personality, a willingness to learn, and a positive attitude are what really matter. If you enjoy variety, like being on the move, and are excited by the idea of managing your own customer base within a set geographic area, this could be a great opportunity for you.

Find out more here: [JTS](#)

## **Important reminder**

### **Log Your Work Experience Now!**

#### **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](#).

**Don't miss out — make sure your placement is logged so you're ready for an exciting week of experience and learning!**