

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.

Criminology Level 3 Diploma

Ever wondered how effective the police really are?
Or whether factors like face shape or postcode influence how people are perceived in the criminal world?
Curious about what happens to evidence once it leaves a crime scene?

Our Criminology qualification explores these thought-provoking questions and more. Blending elements of psychology, law, and sociology, the course develops a strong understanding of the criminal justice system, different types of crime, and the theories behind why people offend. It's an engaging and insightful programme for students who want to delve deeper into how crime is investigated, understood, and prevented.

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 3 Customer Service Apprentice

As a Customer Service Apprentice for Thatchers Cider, you'll learn everything there is to know about delivering outstanding customer service. You'll gain hands-on experience in our customer service department, working alongside experienced colleagues and supporting a range of activities that put the customer at the heart of everything we do.

Find out more: [Level 3 Customer Service Apprentice](#)



"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 & Careers 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](#)

Our nearest technical provider is: [Somerset Studio School](#)

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.

<div>Top</div> <div>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.</div>	<div>95%</div> <div>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.</div>	<div>High student satisfaction</div> <div>According to the Complete University Guide 2026, students at the University of St Andrews are the most satisfied in the UK.</div>
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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
<p>You'll usually need to complete a first degree followed by further study for postgraduate qualifications at master's or PhD level.</p> <p>Subjects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • botany • Earth sciences • geology • palaeontology • zoology • biological science <p>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.</p>
Entry requirements
<p>You'll usually need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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!