

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.

French A Level

“If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.” Nelson Mandela

Do you have a passion for the French language and culture? Do you enjoy travelling and meeting new people? Would you like the opportunity to live and work abroad? Would you like to be able to communicate confidently and effectively? If so, this could be the course for you. An A Level in French will prove a valuable complement to both science and humanities combinations. Proficiency in a modern language is increasingly seen as an essential ancillary skill.

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 Business Admin Apprentice

Bell Decorating Group Limited

Bell Group are one of the UK's largest family owned and operated Property Maintenance Contractor. With a network of 40 branches nationally and currently employing over 2000 employees. The Group's main objective is to provide optimum quality of workmanship in all aspects of the property maintenance services that we offer. Clients include the Ministry of Defence, BT, Barratt Homes, Scotrail, National Trust, Engie, The Royal Household together with various NHS Trusts, local authorities and housing associations.

The employee will be working in an office completing paperwork and supporting the company with admin jobs.

Find out more: [Business Admin Level 3 Apprenticeship](#)



Kings
Academy

“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 Careers Office for a quick chat with Mrs Devlin. You can look at prospectuses, work on your UCAS application or research your next steps. The Careers Officer is in the humanities corridor.

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 Chester

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.

1st <i>In the North West for University of the Year (WhatUni? Student Choice Awards)</i>	89.8% <i>Of University of Chester graduates are in employment or further study-outperforming the sector average</i>	High student satisfaction <i>Second in North West England for Halls and Student Accommodation</i>
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Explore further here: [University of Chester](#)

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.

Dance (MA)

If you are seeking the opportunity to focus on innovative creative practice as a dance performer, choreographer, film maker or educator, and would like to challenge yourself and step into new territory, this is the course for you. It is carefully designed to help you develop your practice and knowledge at a professional level. Offering expert tuition and exploration of creative dance making, compositional forms, research methods and critical frameworks, you will receive support to realise your creative ambitions, developing your creative dance skills, theoretical understanding and research interests. Our modules cover advanced-level teaching in essential theories and practices, performance and creative approaches, technological platforms, areas of research strategy, analysis, documentation and essay writing. During your MA studies, you will undertake either a written research dissertation or a practical project, leading to the production of a substantial piece of creative work (for example, a substantive performance, workshop, lecture or event). The foundation of this course is our belief in artistic development through active self-discovery, enabling you to execute your own highly engaging and creative work.

Find out more: [Dance \(MA\)](#)

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.

Forensic psychologist

Forensic psychologists study criminal behaviour and the reasons behind it and help to treat people who have committed offences.

As a forensic psychologist, you could:

- help police identify possible suspects, known as criminal profiling
- advise on how to reduce stress and improve life inside prisons
- provide psychological therapy to help people understand and overcome their problems
- carry out research, prepare risk assessments and write reports

- offer advice to parole boards, mental health tribunals and courts
- work closely with other professionals and train new psychologists

Working environment

You could work in a prison, in an NHS or private hospital, at a police station or in the community. Your working environment may be emotionally demanding and you'll travel often.

Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- knowledge of psychology
- counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach
- analytical thinking skills
- the ability to understand people's reactions
- sensitivity and understanding
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- excellent written communication skills
- 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

To become a forensic psychologist, you can either follow the accredited degree process or complete a doctorate programme.

Accredited degree process

1. Do a psychology [degree or conversion course that is accredited by the British Psychological Society \(BPS\)](#).
2. [Apply for graduate membership](#) to obtain the Graduate Basis for Chartered Membership (GBC).
3. Study for a master's degree in forensic psychology that is accredited by BPS, known as stage 1.
4. Complete 2 years of supervised practice as part of stage 2 of the BPS qualification in forensic psychology.

Doctorate programme

Some universities offer a doctorate programme in forensic psychology. This is the equivalent of the accredited master's degree and 2 years of supervised practice.

There's a lot of competition for postgraduate training. To apply, you may need:

- a first or upper second class (2:1) degree
- evidence of excellent research skills
- relevant work experience, for example in a prison, probation or youth offending service

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths
- 3 A levels or equivalent

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.

Project management

Project management is an important employability skill that shows your ability to plan, organise, and coordinate tasks to achieve a clear goal. It involves setting priorities, managing time and resources, solving problems, and keeping work on track from start to finish. In the workplace, strong project management demonstrates responsibility, communication, and the ability to deliver results — qualities that employers highly value.

Explore more here: [Project management skills](#)

Employer of the Term



Wells Cathedral Stonemasons was established to preserve and maintain the highly skilled workforce that had worked on the restoration. Since then, we've grown into one of the UK's leading specialists in stonemasonry, dedicated to preserving our craft and delivering exceptional work across restoration, conservation, and new build projects.

Our expert team brings decades of experience to every project—whether it's the meticulous conservation of a historic structure, the installation of elegant new masonry, or the creation of bespoke stone features. We're passionate about natural stone and are always happy to offer guidance, discuss your ideas, and help bring your vision to life.

Find out more here: [Wells Cathedral Stonemasons](#)

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!