

## 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.

#### ENGLISH LANGUAGE A LEVEL

English Language will appeal to those of you with a general and wide interest in both spoken and written language, in the history of language and why it changes, and in how we acquire language. Some of the course will be entirely new to you, other aspects will continue from the English Language course at GCSE.

Find out more: [Sixth Form Prospectus](#) and [Course Guide](#)

### 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.

#### Business Administration Apprentice

Based at Bristol Vet School's Langford Campus. To provide administration and/or clerical support at a basic level with supervision, to cover specific pieces of short-term work or assignments, or to support the administrative duties of the team.

Find out more: [Business Administration Apprentice](#)

### 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:



## 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](#)

## **Queen's University Belfast**

At almost 200 years old, Queen's University Belfast is one of the oldest universities in the UK. (Complete University Guide 2024). Founded in 1845, we are the ninth oldest University in the UK and have a rich history of leading change.

Some of our renowned graduates include Nobel Prize winner Seamus Heaney, 'Northern Ireland's Einstein' John Stewart Bell, and the father of emergency medicine James Francis Pantridge.

Choosing to study at Queen's could be one of the best decisions you make. We're a Russell Group university that prioritises academic excellence, meaning a relevant and valuable degree for you.

Explore further here: [Queen's University Belfast](#)

## **University Course of the Term**

Each term we will showcase a degree course offered at the university of the month to inspire and inform you.

### **Dentistry BDS**

The Dental School at Queen's has been responsible for delivering dental education in Northern Ireland since 1920. The 5-year curriculum has been designed to ensure our graduates have the knowledge, skills and attributes to work effectively and successfully in the dental profession.

- Students will have the opportunity to undertake clinical placements from year 1 of the course. During their course students will gain experience in a range of clinical settings to help develop their skills and career opportunities.
- Students who successfully complete the BDS programme can apply for full registration with the GDC which allows the registrant to practise as a dentist in the UK if the student fulfils the UK government's residency requirements.

Find out more: [Dentistry BDS](#)

## **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.

### **Music Therapist**

Music therapists use music and sound to help improve people's emotional well-being, relieve stress and build confidence.

#### **Day-to-day tasks**

As a music therapist you could:

- meet with clients of all ages, families and other professionals
- assess your client's needs, plan therapy goals and prepare for sessions
- use a variety of musical styles and instruments in client-led, group or individual therapy sessions
- monitor progress and have regular sessions with a senior music therapist
- write reports, make recommendations and keep confidential records
- clean and maintain instruments and order supplies

## Working environment

You could work in a therapy clinic, in a prison, in an NHS or private hospital or at a school.

Your working environment may be emotionally demanding.

## Skills and knowledge

You'll need:

- counselling skills including active listening and a non-judgemental approach
- knowledge of psychology
- knowledge of the fine arts
- sensitivity and understanding
- the ability to work well with others
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to understand people's reactions
- 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.

An apprenticeship.

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<p>You'll need to do an approved postgraduate course in music therapy and then register with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).</p> <p>To get on a postgraduate course in music therapy, you'll usually need a degree in music.</p> <p>However, you might be accepted if you have an education or psychology degree, and you have a high level of music skill.</p> <p>To apply for a postgraduate course, you'll need 1 or 2 years of paid or voluntary work experience in a health, education or social care setting.</p>	<p>You could do an Arts Therapists Level 7 Degree Apprenticeship.</p> <p>You'll usually need a qualification and experience in art, drama or music to apply.</p> <p>Entry requirements</p>
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## 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.

## **Confidence**

Confidence is defined as “a feeling or belief that you can do something well, or succeed at something.”

Confidence is an important employability skill. It can increase job security by making workers more adaptable, flexible, and problem-solving oriented. Confidence allows individuals to apply their knowledge in new situations, which is crucial in the workplace.

Explore more here: [confidence](#)

## **Employer of the Term**



Ocean Adventurers Indoor Play centre in Cheddar is our first Adventurer zone!! Run by a multi-award winning company (and former Kings' student) it is dedicated to providing an interactive and immersive environment for children up to the age of 12 to set their imaginations free. With three individually dedicated areas based upon age, from 0-2, 2-4 and 5-12 years old, our centre provides amazing features all with an exciting and out-of-this-world theme.

Fighting the typical stereotypes of soft play centres, Ocean Adventurers has been designed with the aim of reversing the generalised thoughts surrounding soft-play areas that there tend to be. This is an amazing facility that provides a fresh and hygienic approach by incorporating their industry-leading cleaning fogging system and procedures that makes this one of the cleanliest places possible.

Find out more here: [Ocean Adventurers](#)