

## Apprenticeship Week Coming Soon!

National Apprenticeship Week is taking place from Monday 5th February 2024 and here at King Ed's we will be providing students with a range of opportunities to help you discover more about apprenticeships!

Apprenticeships are becoming ever more popular for those A levels students wishing to gain employment with training in preference to a university place.

There are a number of different levels of apprenticeships as follows:

NAME	LEVEL	EQUIVALENT
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade A*-C or 9-4
Advanced	3	2 A level passes / Level 3 Diploma / International Baccalaureate
Higher	4, 5, 6 and 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6 and 7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Apprenticeships offer a training wage enabling students to enter the world of work far earlier, offering employment with training.

## Interested? Take a look at the support available:

### Upcoming Events

- An Introduction to Higher / Degree Apprenticeships Live Webinar  
Tues 6th Feb 2024 6pm-7pm
- Financial Services Apprenticeships with Barnett Waddingham  
Wed 7th Feb 2024 12.20-1.30pm -HH1.02
- Apprenticeship CV & Application Workshop Wed 6th March 2024 12.30-1.30pm - HH1.02/03
- Apprenticeship Assessment Centre & Interview Workshop  
Thurs 21st March 2024 11.30am-1.30pm -LT

You can also find a range of support available on our Apprenticeship Webpage here.

Plus we have a bespoke Apprenticeship Week Virtual Noticeboard (Padlet) with a variety of resources available to support your research.

## Year 13 Careers Newsletter Spring 2024

### Work Experience!

#### Expectation whilst at KE

All students are required to take part in a work experience placement during their time at college.

This can take the form of experiences within the workplace (outside of part time work), as well as work shadowing and virtual work experience.

#### Benefits

There are a range of benefits to taking part in work experience such as:

- An insight into the workplace/ career sector
- Develop employability skills
- Industry knowledge
- Networking with professionals

#### Support available

Students are expected to gain their own placements or shadowing opportunities.

There are 2 main ways in which work experience and volunteering opportunities are advertised within the college:

- Specialised support through the KE Pathways Programme
- Our Work Experience Padlet – please check this regularly for opportunities.

There is more information on our website Work Experience page here.

If you need more help & guidance with finding placements we are running work experience workshops for students from January onwards.

See dates below, drop in to find out more:

- Thurs 8 Feb 2024 - 11.10-12.10pm -FF0.04a
- Wed 24 April 2024 - 12.30-1.30pm - FF0.04a
- Thurs 13 June 2024 - 11.10-12.10pm -LT

## Careers Guidance Appointments

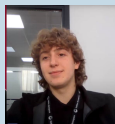
Please don't forget if you are unsure about your progression plans the careers team are available for 1:1 advice and guidance appointments.

### Feedback from 1:1s

- 100% of students found the interview helpful
- Rated 4.8 stars out of 5
- Students left feeling more confident about making decisions on their next steps
- Students should email [careers@kedst.ac.uk](mailto:careers@kedst.ac.uk) to book an appointment or scan the QR Code



## Spotlight on Alumni



### Jake's Bold Choice



In this newsletter, we highlight Jake Slack, an outstanding former student who, after completing A levels in Business, Economics, and Geography at King Ed's, opted for a Business Degree Apprenticeship at Collins Aerospace in Wolverhampton rather than the conventional university path.

In an interview with our Careers Adviser, Louise Harper, Jake discusses his decision-making process, the application journey, and his experiences working and studying.

Jake's choice was grounded in the desire for a hands-on learning experience that seamlessly blends academic knowledge with practical application.

His insightful approach to the application process, emphasising research, networking, and alignment with company values, serves as a valuable guide for students considering alternative paths. The interview provides a glimpse into the dynamic world of apprenticeships, showcasing the diverse opportunities available outside traditional academic routes and reinforcing the importance of proactive engagement in shaping one's career.

**Watch the full interview with Jake here.**

*We look forward to sharing more success stories from our alumni in future editions of our newsletter.*



### An Intro to Higher/ Degree Apprenticeships

ASK Apprenticeships will tell you all you need to know about apprenticeships - aimed at students and parents!

6th February 2024

(Online via MS Teams) 6pm-7pm [Click to Book](#)

### Financial Services Apprenticeships with Barnett Waddingham

7th February 2024

(HH1.02) 12.20pm-1.30pm [Click to book](#)

### HE Drop-In with Edge Hill University

Come and chat to the uni rep about all your Uni/UCAS queries.

28th February 2024

(Careers Hub) 10.45am -12.30pm

### Gaining Work Experience to Make Your Application Stand Out

28th February 2024

(HH1.02/1.03) 12.45pm-1.30pm

### Careers Research inc Higher Education & Graduate Options

Aimed at Parents and Students!

5th March 2024

(Online via MS Teams) 6pm-7pm [Click to Book](#)

### Apprenticeship CV & Application Workshop

6th March 2024

(HH1.02/03) 12.30-1.30pm [Click to book](#)

### Barclays Van

7th March 2024

Pop along to see the staff from Barclays on-site. They'll be on-hand to answer your queries on financial wellbeing, opening accounts & general advice on money matters

### An Overview of Student Finance

19th March 2024

(Online via MS Teams) 6pm-7pm [Click to Book](#)

### Apprenticeship Assessment Centre & Interview Workshop

21st March 2024

(Lecture Theatre) 11.30am-1.30pm [Click to Book](#)

Keep an eye out for all our upcoming events and activities within college as well as external talks during **NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK - 4th -8th March 2024.**



Take a look at our [careers events page](#) for more info on the above and recordings from previous talks.