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Follow This Guide and Explore All Colleges at Canterbury

Easy and convenient – whenever you feel like going out for some fresh air, how about taking your flat-/housemates on a self-guided tour around campus to find out more about your College community and others? Colleges are more than residential buildings, they are interactive spaces where students, staff and alumni come together to connect, teach, learn, create and so much more. At Kent we are proud of our Colleges at Canterbury named after T.S. Eliot, Ernest Rutherford, John Maynard Keynes, Charles Darwin, Virginia Woolf and Alan Turing. Park Wood has an exciting future ahead as we are building this new College community with its members over the next academic year. Below you will find a section on each College and a map at the end. Feel free to make this tour your own and start wherever you like.

Turing College, established in 2014 Alan Turing Mural and Turing Tapestries in Hut 8

Find out more about the life and achievements of the great code breaker, computer scientist and mathematician Alan Turing. The College's name giver played a significant role at Bletchley Park and is known for his pioneering work in mathematics and computing. The mural is located in Hut 8 on the lower level of the Turing Hub. On your way out why not stop by the stairs to have a look at the magnificent Turing Tapestries "Celebration: Turing, daisy and avatar" and "Memorial: Turing corrected with oestrogen", created and donated by the artist Gillian Bull.



Alan Turing Mural in Hut 8



'Pleasure in Painting' exhibition in Keynes Atrium



'We are Keynes - 50 years' exhibition in the corridor off Keynes Teaching Foyer

Keynes College, established in 1968 'Pleasure in Painting' Exhibition in the Atrium Keynes' 50th Anniversary Portrait Exhibition



Keynes College was Kent's third College to open and named after Lord John Maynard Keynes, the leading early twentieth century economist. The academic year 2018/19 marked the College's 50th anniversary and its celebratory 'We are Keynes – 50 years' exhibition is now a permanent feature on display in the corridor off Keynes Teaching Foyer (on the first floor). This very special portrait exhibition showcases Keynes' diverse community during 2018/19.

Explore the current 'Pleasure in Painting' exhibition by local artist and alumna Elizabeth Akehurst on both levels in the Atrium. Her paintings from the last 16 years combined with her personal story make for an interesting visit to the artsy College.

For some relaxing time visit the Keynes duck pond and look out for the ducks and terrapins.

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Oliver Postgate Mural - 'A Canterbury Chronicle' – History of Kent



Eliot College, established in 1965 Historic Canterbury and Kent Murals in Eliot Hall

Welcome to the University's oldest College! This is where it all started when the first 500 moved into Eliot College in 1965. Named after the poet, playwright and Nobel Laureate T.S. Eliot, this College is at the heart of campus life. T.S. Eliot's play 'Murder in the Cathedral' narrates the events leading up to the murder of Archbishop Thomas Becket in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170 connecting Eliot to Canterbury. Learn more about the history of Canterbury and the history of Kent by visiting Eliot Hall – and admire the beautiful Cathedral and town views from its windows.



'History of Canterbury', originally displayed in NatWest bank, now in Eliot Hall



Lord Rutherford Bust in the Plaza

Rutherford College, established in 1966 Ernest Rutherford Bust and Commemorative Garden



The University's second oldest college named after the physicist Lord Ernest Rutherford is a 'mirror image' of Eliot College. For some quiet time visit the commemorative garden to the right of the College's main entrance, pass the bust when you are crossing the plaza to get to the dining hall where you can view the mural picturing people from the Rutherford community.



Mural in Rutherford Dining Hall



Darwin Rose Garden

Darwin College, established in 1970 Darwin Rose Garden



Have a smell of the beautiful roses in Darwin Rose Garden dedicated to the famous scientist Charles Darwin right behind the College named after him. In his West Kent home Darwin wrote 'The Origin of Species'. You can access the garden via a small path to the left of the College. Did you know that all Darwin house names, built in the 1980's, are connected to either Darwin's life and career, famous local people or the history of the College?



Darwin College Entrance

Woolf College, established in 2008 Virginia Woolf Mural in Woolf Common Room

Woolf College is the University's only postgraduate College with all postgraduate students being members. Not just a nice place to relax – come and learn more about Virginia Woolf, the impressive British writer and name giver to the College, in the Woolf Common Room. Virginia Woolf was a regular visitor to Kent, notably to Sissinghurst (the home of Vita Sackville-West). She was also known to convalesce at Moat House in Blean, on the outskirts of Canterbury, and wrote 'that even compared with Florence and Venice there is no lovelier place in the world than Canterbury'. And don't forget to also look out for Woolf's resident cat, Gandalf!



Park Wood College, established in 2020/21 Oasis Garden in Park Wood



Park Wood is the largest community here on campus and this is an exciting opportunity for all student members of Park Wood to get involved in creating and shaping a College identity and community in Park Wood over this academic year and beyond. Relax and connect with nature and the community in the Kent Community Oasis Garden which is located on the Crab and Winkle Way in Park Wood (see map below).

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Scale
approx 0.15 miles
Approximate walking time: 3 minutes (based on 3mph)

