



**THE OUTREACH
PROGRAMME**
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At the University of Kent we believe that anyone with the academic ability to study at university should have the opportunity to do so.

Our outreach programme is designed to encourage people to embrace the value of higher education and help them to realise the important part it can play in their lives. We tailor the provision we offer to our partner colleges to meet the specific needs of their students.

Outreach for BTEC and A level students

For students on BTEC and A level courses at our partner colleges, our outreach programme provides

an insight into what it is like to study at university and the subjects they could choose. Working alongside our student ambassadors, we help them to develop some of the skills they may need for their future, such as independent learning and self-motivation. By encouraging them to explore all the possibilities open to them, we can help them to make important decisions about their next steps.

Outreach for Access students

We understand that returning to education can often be confusing as well as exciting. Mature students may require extra support with the application process and choosing the courses and universities that are

right for them. Our outreach provision for mature students on Access programmes is designed to increase their confidence in relation to applications for higher education and improve their knowledge of the courses available to them.

Our programme includes:

- talks and events that focus on the application and UCAS process
- individual and small group mentoring to support attainment
- transitional support.

Support from our student ambassadors

Much of our programme is delivered or supported by our student ambassadors, many of whom studied at our partner

Outreach for BTEC and A level students		Outreach for Access students
Year 1	Talk: What is university? What do you want from your future? Considering the options for higher education	Progression talks focusing on UCAS and the application process, making the right choices and student finance
	Subject-specific curriculum support	Personal statement advice and guidance
	Subject-specific small group mentoring for attainment raising and confidence building	Access Progression Day providing insights into life as a mature university student (on campus)
	General university taster day	Students as researchers event (on campus)
	Subject-specific taster day	Subject-specific small group mentoring for attainment raising and confidence building
	Studying my subject at university (subject-specific talks)	Post-application monitoring and support
	FE partner college residential (two-day residential in June)	GCSE Maths mentoring support (limited availability)
Year 2	Talk: Application to university: next steps including UCAS	Post-offer support, UCAS Extra talks
	Talk: Student finance (can be delivered to parents/carers and/or student groups)	Head Start transition support for students coming to Kent
	Personal statement writing support	
	Work-ready interview support	
	Studying my subject at university (subject-specific talks)	

colleges before coming to Kent. Our ambassadors are great role models and their involvement in outreach work gives them the opportunity to put their learning into practice, gain vital skills that will be useful in the workplace and share their passion for learning. Our mature student ambassadors are especially well placed to provide your Access learners with moral support and a unique insight into life at Kent as a mature student.

Scholarships and funding

We offer a range of scholarships and funding support. Partner Scholarships are worth £1,000 for each year of study and are available only to students applying from our partner schools and colleges. Applicants who are interested in becoming involved in outreach work may also apply for Student Ambassador Stipends of £1,000 per annum. (The number of awards available is limited; eligibility and selection criteria apply.)

In addition to the funding available exclusively to applicants from partner schools and colleges, we also offer:

- mature student bursaries
- Kent Scholarship for Academic Excellence
- Kent Financial Support Package.

See www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships for more details.



Our relationship with you

The University has formal relationships with the East Kent Colleges Group (which includes Canterbury College), Mid Kent College and West Kent and Ashford College. These relationships encompass outreach and progression activities, the development of higher and degree apprenticeships and the delivery of Kent higher education programmes (HE in FE).

For many students in colleges, the opportunity to progress into higher education within the college is a valuable option. All of our activities include details about the wide range of alternative routes into higher study, including HE in FE, foundation degrees, HNDs and HNCs, and apprenticeships, so that participants know about all the options available and can make informed and appropriate choices.

In addition to working directly with staff and students in colleges, we are also actively engaged in collaborative provision. The University is part of the Kent and Medway Collaborative Outreach Programme (KaMCOP) and we work together with other universities on a range of new and unique initiatives with FE.

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