We stand for ambition.

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Hear from members of our community – current students, alumni and staff – as they share their experiences of Kent.
We are all part of a vibrant, creative and inclusive university seeking to make our mark. We inspire each other to do outstanding things at Kent and that, in turn, empowers our graduates to do outstanding things in the world. It’s something we’re very proud of.

In this prospectus, you’ll meet Kent graduates who are:

**Creative thinkers** Little Bulb theatre company, started by four Kent drama students, received an Olivier Award for its wild folk opera *Wolf Witch Giant Fairy* (p54)

**Go-getters** Ema launched his fashion brand Jehucal while still a student at Kent (p34)

**Boundary-breakers** In 2022, Computer Science graduate Ezechi Britton received an MBE for services to diversity and young people (p6)

**Change-makers** Graduate Vicki Breakell is part of a team that released European bison into Blean Woods near our Canterbury campus, kick-starting a new era for conservation (p62).

Kent is a place where you can take your vision forwards and achieve your goals. Join us.

Make your ambition count at Kent.
We prepare you for the future
Whatever your ambitions are, they’re never too bold for Kent; we’ve helped our students achieve some amazing things. By building real-world experience into your degree, with facilities that mirror those you’ll encounter in industry, we prepare you to hit the ground running so you’ll have a serious advantage when you graduate.

Our Careers and Employability Service also help you with your future plans, from CV guidance to connecting you with employers at over 600 careers events every year.

We’re world-leading for research
Our reputation for world-leading research was confirmed by our outstanding results in the Research Excellence Framework 2021. For you, this means you’ll learn from leading thinkers whose work informs their teaching. It also means that you’ll be joining a community that pushes boundaries, that is ambitious, innovative and intent on making a positive difference to people’s lives.

We’re making a positive impact
We’re committed to making the world a better, more sustainable and equitable place. That’s why we’re responding to the United Nations’ urgent call for action by embedding their Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into everything we do.

Our FutureProof framework gets staff and students involved in the SDGs and inspires them to take action to ensure that we deliver a university of the future.
Ezechi Britton is a boundary-breaker. He graduated from his Computer Science with a Year in Industry course in 2003 and has since built a varied and successful career focusing on creating a better, more inclusive future. His efforts were recognised in January 2022 when he was awarded an MBE for services to diversity and young people.

Currently, his work to support underrepresented groups is focused in two organisations: Impact X and Code Untapped. An investor in and Chief Technology Officer at Impact X, he invests in start-ups with diverse founding teams. Code Untapped is a platform for underrepresented technologists, which Ezechi started with the hope of turning it into a start-up venture studio, recruiting the next generation of entrepreneurial technologists and building an ecosystem of tech start-ups.

With so much experience within the tech industry, Ezechi’s advice is worth listening to: ‘Technology is at the heart of everything and it’s genuinely meritocratic. With a laptop and an internet connection, you can learn to be a great coder. And, as a coder, you can literally take your ideas and turn them into a global product. That’s a superpower that only technologists have!’

Casting his mind back to his time at Kent, he is clear that his experience with us has helped him to thrive in his professional life: ‘I loved Kent and it’s been foundational to my progression as a professional. My favourite aspect of the course was the programming as I loved the feeling of creativity that it gave me. I met some incredible people and without my time there I wouldn’t be the person that I am today. So if you’re thinking about coming to Kent consider this a massive endorsement!’

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A-Z COURSES

A
Accounting and Finance
Actuarial Science
Advanced Legal Practice
Ancient History
Ancient, Medieval and Modern History
Anthropology
Architecture
Astronomy, Space Science and Astrophysics

B
Biochemistry
Biology
Biomedical Engineering
Biomedical Science
Business & Management
Business & Marketing
Business Information Technology
Business Psychology

C
Chemistry
Classical and Archaeological Studies
Classical Studies
Comparative Literature
Computer Science
Computer Science (Cyber Security)
Criminal Justice and Criminology
Criminology
Cultural Studies and Media

Data Science
Digital Design
Drama and Theatre

E
Economics
Economics with Data Science
Economics with Econometrics
Electronic and Computer Engineering
English and French Law
English Language and Linguistics
English Literature
English Literature and Creative Writing
Environment and Sustainability
European Legal Studies

F
Film
Finance and Investment
Financial Economics
Financial Economics with Econometrics
Forensic Science

G
Graphic Design

H
Health and Social Care
History
Human Biology and Behaviour
Human Geography

I
International Business
International Legal Studies
Journalism
Law

M
Mathematics
Mechanical Engineering
Media
Medicine
Military History
Modern Languages
Music Business and Production
Music, Performance and Production
Music Technology and Audio Production

P
Pharmacy
Philosophy
Philosophy, Religion and Ethics
Physics
Physics with Astrophysics
Politics and International Relations
Psychology
Psychology with Clinical Psychology
Psychology with Forensic Psychology

S
Social Sciences
Social Work
Sociology
Software Engineering
Spatial and Interior Design
Sport and Exercise for Health
Sport and Exercise for Health with Sport Management
Sport and Exercise Science
Sport and Exercise Science with Sport Management
Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation

W
Wildlife Conservation

Did you know...
1 Many of our courses offer placement year or year abroad options.
2 If you don’t meet our entry requirements, you may be able to take a foundation year.
3 You can add a ‘Year in’ Computing, Journalism, Television and Online Broadcasting, Data Analytics or a Language to your degree and gain a new in-demand skill set.

Find out more
For details of all our courses, including joint honours.

1 SCAN ME
Beautiful, unique, peaceful, green. That’s how our students describe our Canterbury campus, and they’re right. Built on 300 acres of parkland, with views over the historic city of Canterbury, it’s an idyllic place to study.

At the heart of campus are cafés, restaurants and bars, as well as student accommodation, a four-storey library, nightclub, sports centre, theatre and cinema. Getting around is easy too; you can walk across campus in 15 minutes.

Hi, I’m Lueje.
I’m a final-year Economics and Management student. I love it here, the campus is like a mini-city with beautiful green spaces.

Best non-alcoholic night out
The Gulbenkian to watch a film and then dinner at Woody’s bar in Park Wood.

Best place to get food
Hut 8 in Turing College. The food is really affordable and tasty. Homemade pizzas, delicious desserts and there are table tennis and air hockey tables!

Hey, I’m Michael.
I’m a final-year Computer Science student. You can usually find me playing or watching sport at the Pavilion in Park Wood!

Quietest place to study
Other than the library, I like studying in Darwin computer room. It’s hidden away and peaceful. You’ll quickly find your own study spot gems.

Best view
Outside the library, looking straight over Canterbury and the cathedral. There are always loads of people on the green enjoying the view in summertime.
Canterbury is a fascinating place to live. Historic with medieval alleyways, cobbled streets and a world-famous cathedral. Contemporary with cafés, pubs, rooftop bars, independent shops, restaurants, a theatre and cinema. All a 25-minute walk from campus.

Best place to relax
The Curzon cinema. I can’t think of a better way to chill out than watching a movie in a dimly lit room, in a reclining chair. They even bring your food to your seat!

Best place to grab food
I recently discovered a new restaurant called The Cheeky Ramen and had an amazing experience! Not only was the authentic Japanese food delicious, but the vibe was calming and nostalgic too. The childhood animations playing on the TVs, the lo-fi music in the background, and the playing of the gong when the food was ready added to the whole atmosphere.

Best coffee in the city
It has to be the Eleto Chocolate Café. You’ll find it a few streets away from the cathedral. They offer amazing Italian coffee, as well as a range of desserts and other drinks. It’s the perfect place for those with a sweet tooth to catch up with some friends.

Best night out
K-pop night at The Cuban. When you first walk in there’s a really cool swing where you can take photos with your friends, and an outdoor seating area where you can chill out and talk to people.

My happy place
Westgate Gardens for sure. It’s my favourite place to visit, especially in the summer when all the flowers are in bloom and the weather is sunny. Going there for a picnic with my friends for some downtime during exam season is a favourite memory of mine.

Hi, I’m Amelia
I’ve spent a lot of time in Canterbury during my three years at Kent. There’s so much to do, I could be here all day sharing it with you! Here are my ‘best bits’ of this special city.
Diverse, friendly, engaging. That’s how our students describe our Medway campus. You’re surrounded by historic buildings, renovated for 21st-century study with industry-standard facilities that support our professionally focused courses. With a restaurant, café and our student Hub, there’s also space to relax with friends.

Your community
Business student Shoumilli describes the Medway community as ‘like a big family’. A small, friendly campus, it’s easy to get to know people, so you’ll soon feel a part of our close-knit, supportive community. Kent is one of three universities that share the campus, and our students love the opportunity this brings to meet people with a wide range of interests and ambitions. You’ll also meet lots of local students who can help you to get to know the area.

The campus has two sites: Pembroke, home to the excellent Drill Hall Library, and the Historic Dockyard Chatham, a ten-minute walk from each other. As well as housing our Centre for Music and Technology, the Dockyard is often used as a film set because of its dramatic setting, so definitely worth a visit.

Joining a society is a great way to meet people; whether your passion is sport or sustainability, you’re a foodie or keen on gaming, there are lots to choose from. Student societies are open to students from all the universities at Medway, while as a Kent student you can also join societies based on our Canterbury campus. Just hop on the free campus shuttle bus and you’ll be in Canterbury in less than an hour.

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Help when you need it
We welcome commuting, mature, local and international students, offering exceptional academic support that suits their individual needs.

Our students are focused and ready to work hard to reach their career goals. We tailor our careers advice to their experience and the needs of their chosen profession. For those still deciding on their path, we can help them discover their options.

Hi, I’m Shoumilli.
I’m a Business and Management student and my advice is: come to Medway! It’s beautiful, historical and there’s loads of support.

Best night out
Karaoke night at The Deep End is always enjoyable and there are lots of bars and pubs near Pier Quays and on the dockside.

Best place to study
The library has a silent zone, a group study zone and a computer area so it’s a great space for all types of study.
Medway is a great place to study with fantastic transport links and lots to do in the local towns of Rochester and Chatham. Explore the area's history, relax in the cafés and bars, the cinema or theatre. For green space, visit a countryside park or take a riverside walk.

Hi, I'm Lupe.
I was born and raised in Buenos Aires, Argentina and moved to Kent in 2018 to study at Medway. I've enjoyed lots of things during my time at the University, here are my best bits.

**Best place to relax**
I love grabbing a book and walking to the pier in Pier Quays. You can watch the boats, chill on a bench and take in some fresh air. It's very peaceful.

**Best independent coffee shop**
Rochester High Street has some of the best independent coffee shops in Medway! It's a great place to go have a wander around, grab a coffee and visit Rochester Cathedral. I personally love The Deaf Cat café right across the street from it. This was the first independent coffee shop I visited when I moved to Medway.

**Best place to eat**
Taco Bell in Pier 5! I would highly recommend getting a crunchwrap supreme and the cinnamon twists.

**Hidden gem**
The Great Lines Heritage park, definitely. Go all the way down to the Chatham Naval Memorial and take a seat on one of the benches along the hill. It's a great walk with an amazing view of the Medway towns.

**Best ways to meet new people**
Go to events from the University or from Kent Union at the Hub. Join a society or sports club. And finally, stay on campus when you can! If you always go straight home after your teaching, you'd be missing out on lots of lovely opportunities.

**Best Kent student hacks**
Make use of Blackbullion for your budgeting and finances! It is a great service that the University has invested in. It is free for students, and can help you keep track of your spending and see how you can become more financially savvy. It’s really important in the current economic environment that students become more money smart.
Wherever you choose to live, you’ll soon feel at home at Kent.

Canterbury
Self-catered
Darwin College, Tyler Court, Woolf College; Park Wood, Keynes and Turing Flats and Houses
All our self-catered accommodation is a stone’s throw from the cafés, restaurants, shops and bars on campus. We have ensuite and shared facilities.

Eliot College, Keynes College, Becket Court
Our Bed and Flex meal plan includes a food allowance of £12 per day that can be used at a range of outlets on campus. Choose from Eliot College with shared bathroom facilities or from Becket Court or Keynes College with ensuite rooms. All our Bed and Flex rooms include a kitchenette and are very close to our campus shops and the central plaza.

Medway – Pier Quays
Self-catered
A riverside location, close to campus, with a Tesco Express, Subway and Domino’s nearby, Pier Quays is a great place to live. All accommodation is ensuite with a shared kitchen.

Benefits
• Everything’s on your doorstep
  You can walk everywhere on our campuses from whichever room you choose; helpful for those 9am lectures.
• All bills are included (including Wi-Fi) and fixed for 2023/24
  800 of our rooms are priced below the national average (UniPol 2021 Accommodation Cost Survey)
• Security and wellbeing support
  From 24/7 security and Residential Life Assistants, to our medical centres and college communities
• Free sports membership
  All rooms include a sports membership for residents at either Canterbury or Medway
• Guaranteed room offer
  Make us your Firm choice on UCAS and apply before our 30 June deadline to receive a guaranteed room offer
• Live on campus after your first year
  We set aside a number of rooms at both Canterbury and Medway for returning students
We’ve invested in superb facilities to give you the university experience you deserve. First-class academic facilities add another dimension to your studies and give you a taste of career options; our sports and arts venues give you the chance to stay fit, enjoy innovative performances and catch the latest movies. Here are some of our unique spaces.

1 Crime scene house
Ranked 1st in The Guardian University Guide 2023, our Forensic Science course gives students ‘real-world’ experience in our crime scene house and garden.

2 Templeman Library
At the heart of the Canterbury campus, the Templeman has spaces for silent, individual and group study, expert staff and fantastic digital resources.

3 Wigoder Law Building
Ranked in the top 20 in The Times Good University Guide 2023, Law at Kent helps students to develop practical legal skills in our replica court and our Law Clinic.

4 Recording studios
Our Music students gain valuable experience in our industry-standard recording studios, music production suite, rehearsal rooms and live performance spaces.
5 KMTV gallery
KMTV is a local TV station with studios on our Medway campus, close to our Centre for Journalism (CfJ). This gives CfJ students unique opportunities to gain valuable experience of creating content for TV. The gallery is used in conjunction with the studio for live broadcasts.

6 Colyer-Fergusson Music Building
Purpose-built with outstanding acoustics, Colyer-Fergusson is the perfect place for our student orchestra, big band, chorus and chamber choir to perform. It’s next to the Gulbenkian Arts Centre, which houses a cinema, theatre and café and offers special rates for students.

7 Beacon Observatory
The Observatory is a fantastic resource for our astronomy, astrophysics, space science and physics students, as well as interested members of the local community. Students can get involved in stargazing.
First things first, if you live on campus, Kent Sport membership is free. Here’s what you get. Rain won’t stop play at Kent – our indoor tennis courts see to that! We’ve also upgraded our indoor basketball court and have space for badminton, volleyball, netball and cricket, as well as a room for martial arts. Plus high-quality gym and fitness suites with qualified instructors. Outdoors we have 3G, 3G, astro and grass pitches.

More exciting than it sounds, The Shed is a superb makerspace, equipped with 3D printers and a laser cutter where students from the Computing, Engineering and Mathematical Sciences Division and members of TinkerSoc, the Tinkering Society, can build things for their course or their own interests.

A dedicated virtual trading floor, the Bloomberg Finance Lab gives students access to real-time data from the financial markets and an insight into what it would be like to work in that fast-paced environment.
Supporting you
To enjoy and achieve your best in your studies you need to feel comfortable in your environment. Our academic support is designed to help you get the most out of your time here and not worry about the small (or the big) things.

If you need specific study advice or guidance, our Student Learning Advisory Service can help. With videos online, workshops and personal appointments (either online or face-to-face), it's easy to take advantage of what's on offer. You'll also have an Academic Adviser throughout your time at Kent.

If you're an international student and need to improve your English language ability, you can take our International Foundation Programme. On successful completion you move onto the first year of your chosen degree and, if you want to continue to improve your English language skills, you can take advantage of our free lessons. Visit kent.ac.uk/ifp to find out more.

New way of learning
Learning at university is different. You’re the one in the driving seat, so you get to choose what you study and how.

When the seminar door opens, your lecturers will inspire you to open your mind, push the boundaries of your subject and exchange ideas with confidence.

And as experts and world-leading researchers, they’ll introduce you to cutting-edge knowledge. You’ll have every opportunity to test new theories and even contribute to regional, national or international change.

As well as outstanding facilities that bring your subject to life, our courses are designed to give you options while you’re at university and after you graduate.

Take our elective modules as an example: they allow you to study from different subject areas, giving you a fresh perspective and a new way of thinking. You may study philosophy but want to learn about film theory or choose to study English but want to try your hand at beginners’ Latin.

Whatever degree you choose and however you like to learn, we’re right behind you as you explore, experiment and start to map your future.

Broden your horizons
Keen to fast-track your learning? Spending a year abroad, going on field trips or studying another subject for an extra year might be the answer.

If you want to experience life in a different country, more than 80 of our undergraduate degrees offer the chance to study abroad. A life-changing experience for many students, it also shows future employers that you’re flexible in your outlook and have the drive to succeed.

If you’d rather stay local, studying another subject for a year might be more appealing. With our ‘Year in’ options in Computing, Journalism, Data Analytics, Television and Online Broadcasting or a Language, you can study something entirely different following your second or final year – great for exploring new career paths.

Or maybe your course will take you beyond the lecture theatre and on the field trip of a lifetime, like it did for Jess (p.28). Develop your skills, gain hands-on experience and apply the knowledge you’ve gained to exciting projects in the field.
I’m a conservationist, get me in there!

Wildlife Conservation student Jess Callaghan recalls her incredible field trip to Costa Rica. This phenomenal experience of a lifetime has left her energised and motivated for her final year of study.

Jungle living
We were based at the Caño Palma Biological Field Station, which is only accessible by boat. We all soon fell in love with jungle-living: falling asleep to the chorus of frogs and insects and waking up to the roars of howler monkeys! I loved hanging out with the capuchins when they came down to forage at 7am.

Down to work
We were separated into groups to complete mammal, macaw and caiman surveys, morning turtle census, night turtle patrol and other ad hoc activities.

The caiman survey
Cruising along the river at night by torchlight, looking for the red reflective eyeshine of spectacled caimans was an unforgettable experience. It started raining heavily with thunder and lightning but beneath the roof of the boat we stayed dry – we felt as though we were in Jurassic Park!

Night turtle patrol
Patrolling the beach under the stars, with the smiley-faced moon, bioluminescent sand glowing under each footstep, then seeing Green Sea Turtles nesting and counting the eggs as they were laid. The feeling of physically protecting the turtles is indescribable. I can’t recommend this experience enough; truly inspiring. What an incredible night!

La Fortuna, Arenal Volcano, waterfalls
We finished off the field trip of a lifetime at La Fortuna, swimming in a waterfall, with water so crystal-clear that you could see the fish. We then hiked to the base of the Arenal Volcano, spotting sloths, toucans and capuchins; a fantastic adventure.

I had a fantastic time at the Caño Palma Biological Field Station and I’m now very eager to travel back to the rainforest when I finish my degree.
Gaining work experience while you are at uni can give you a headstart when you graduate. Lots of our courses offer placement years, relevant to your degree, which take place between your second and final year.

Meet Ben

Shortly after beginning his degree, Ben decided to add a placement year to his Electronic Engineering course:

‘It looked like a great opportunity and transferring was simple, definitely one of my best decisions at university. You find your own opportunity, but the placement team provides amazing support. I worked in Research and Development at Leonardo, an electronics company.

Every day I worked on something new, I was never bored and was a valued team member. My company was very keen for me to get involved in as much as possible so that I could discover what I enjoyed and build a diverse skill set.

My role was focused on developing new, or improving existing, technologies. I made complex prototypes and evaluated their effectiveness. This was perfect for me because it gave me the opportunity to develop software and hardware in unison, I really loved taking a concept and creating something I could hold in my hands.

At the end of the placement, I was delighted to be offered a graduate job. I can’t wait to return and find out if all my designs worked.

Working on live projects was a fantastic experience and putting the knowledge I’ve gained at university into practice was greater. I’ve gained confidence both in my technical ability and soft skills, all of which is propelling me through my final year of university.

A placement was the best thing I have done for my career other than university itself.’

The year abroad option is between your second and final years. You can choose from a great range of destinations across the world, from Spain to Singapore. It’s an amazing life experience and a great way to boost your CV.

Meet Anna

‘I grew up near New Malden, which is like the Korean capital of the UK and that really gave me a nudge to travel and experience different Asian cultures. So when the chance came to study in South Korea for a year, I grabbed it.

I studied at Korea University, where teaching is in English. I enjoyed being able to study literature and media alongside my business topics. One day I’d like to get into book publishing, so this was a great bonus for me!

I’d say Korea is one of the safest places I’ve ever been to as a solo female traveller. If I was out at night, and unsure about where I was, the locals would come and help me. They’re so friendly!

I embraced Korean culture in as many ways as I could, but mostly through the cuisine. I tried it all, from Dakbal (fried chicken feet!) in the Hof bars to my favourite dish, Doenjang Jjigae which is a hearty, soy-based soup often served with seafood. I enjoyed learning culinary etiquette too, some things weren’t eaten as I first thought!

One of my favourite memories is my trip to Busan. We went during the cherry blossom season when, like in Japan, the blossom falls from the sky like raindrops.

My year abroad was exciting, rewarding and fulfilling. It gave me a new perspective on life and I’m a lot more resilient now. I got everything out of it that I wanted to and more.’
At Kent, you don’t just learn in lectures and seminars. Regular events give you the chance to hear new perspectives on world affairs and to draw your own conclusions.

History and Politics student Meg Payne was excited when, in autumn 2022, Russian punk collective Pussy Riot were invited to campus to perform and speak to students. Meg found their story of fighting the powerful and their extraordinary performance inspiring and thought-provoking.

‘Riot Days was certainly a spectacle. Pussy Riot performed electro-punk music while wearing their iconic coloured balaclavas, against a backdrop of hard-hitting visuals of their story, their activism, Putin’s face, drenching the audience with water; it was a completely immersive and arresting experience.

But beneath their punky and creative exterior is a story of courage: in 2012, after an anti-Putin performance in Moscow Cathedral, three of their members were jailed for “hooliganism motivated by religious hatred”.

Pussy Riot’s philosophy that “each voice is important, even if you only do something small” is an inspiring message, as it’s easy to feel that your activism isn’t bringing about change. We may not all be able to have the global impact that Pussy Riot have achieved, but inspired by them, we can ensure our voices are heard.

Despite Russia’s current dire political situation, Pussy Riot remain hopeful for their country’s future. Until then, they’ll continue to spread their message of feminism and activism across Europe, and Kent will continue to welcome these activist artists to inspire everyone on our campus and in our region.

Please study one thing: believe in yourself and believe that each of your gestures is very important... You can make your own change.

Maria ‘Masha’ Alyokhina
Pussy Riot
I’ve always loved fashion but when I was growing up I couldn’t afford the brands I wanted to wear, so I thought if I can’t buy it, I’ll make it.’ Having his own fashion brand was a dream, but Emay was realistic about how to achieve it. ‘When I wrote my personal statement, I said I was coming to Kent to get the skills to start my own company that will be recognised worldwide.’

True to his word, Emay started Jehucal at the end of his first year, but it was in his second year, with the support of Kent’s ASPIRE centre (which helps students to develop business ideas), that it really took off.

Building a business while studying is hard but for Emay, university was the ideal place to start: ‘I switched my degree from business management to accounting, made notes in lectures and implemented them straightaway. Even now I’m still using my notes! I don’t think my brand would have grown so quickly if I hadn’t been at uni. I met people from all over the world; in ‘normal’ life our paths wouldn’t have crossed, but at uni you chill and share ideas, then they know someone who knows someone, and on it goes.’

‘Just two hours after finishing my last exam, I received an email saying my brand had been picked to curate an installation for London Fashion Week. It was surreal; the most exciting moment of my career so far at that point.’

Emay has been moving forward ever since, producing high-quality, high-end, in-demand fashion, including his iconic ‘Mirrors’ bags. His latest venture is a capsule collection in collaboration with Chivas Regal, creating ‘Memories that last Till Forever’ that launched in November 2022.

Emay is not just a fashion innovator, he was also a pioneer of Kent’s ‘selfie’ year, which allows students to spend their year in industry developing their own business. ‘I’m proud that I was able to leave an imprint on such a big establishment; a legacy for future students.’

Emay is the owner and founder of Jehucal, a London-based clothing and accessories label worn by those with style, including famous names such as actor Hero Fiennes Tiffin and Arsenal player Emile Smith Rowe.
By choosing to go to university, you’re taking the first step to wherever you want to go. Come to Kent and you’ll receive the support you need to get there.

Gain valuable experience
One piece of advice we give to all our students is to make the most of all the opportunities on offer. The combination of a good degree and relevant work experience can give you the edge when applying for jobs when you graduate. Alongside your degree and the academic support you receive, there are lots of ways you can develop your skills at Kent.

1. Sign up for a year in industry, study abroad or work abroad. You’ll have a fantastic time and future employers will be impressed with your ability to succeed in new environments.
2. Apply to be a student ambassador and get training while working alongside Kent staff.
3. Work part-time. Kent Union runs JobShop, which can help you find paid, part-time work.
4. Volunteer in an area you care about. It’s rewarding and you’ll further develop your communication skills.
5. Join the team that produces the student newspaper, or work for the student TV and radio stations.
6. Become a course rep. You’ll be part of a 300+ strong team of volunteers who make sure student voices are heard.

Careers and Employability Service
Our dedicated careers service helps you to think about, and decide on, your future path. Every year Kent students and graduates achieve amazing things. We’re very proud of that. We know how hard they work to reach their goals, and that inspires us to go the extra mile to support them.

Come and meet us
You may know the career you want, but need advice on how to get there. Or, you may be unsure of what you want to do. Either way, our careers advisers can help. Meetings are relaxed and informal. Our advisers are impartial and will help you to explore your options objectively, ensuring you’re aware of the pros and cons.

Workshops and events
We hold over 600 careers events a year, which connect you with employers and help you to explore work experience opportunities. At our annual Employability Festival, you’ll meet prospective employers and we can also put you in touch with our Alumni Careers Network.

Employability Points Scheme
Sign up to Kent’s Employability Points Scheme and cash in your points for exclusive work experience opportunities.

Take a Study Plus course
Our Study Plus courses offer skills development and workplace preparation sessions, bite-size video workshops and professional development programmes.

Online tools and resources
Being able to access support when you need it is invaluable, so we have a range of free online resources that cover areas including:

1. Your CV – how to improve and target it and how to enhance your cover letter
2. Interviews – on-demand mock interviews provide you with instant actionable feedback
3. Career opportunities – a free online programme that helps you think about your career and the opportunities available
4. Assessments – free access to verbal, logical and numerical reasoning tests and situational judgement tests
5. International opportunities – resources to help students work anywhere in the world; specialist support for international students looking to remain in the UK after they graduate.

Fee Mak
‘Getting involved’ at Kent helped Radio 1Xtra presenter Fee Mak turn her passion for music into an exciting career.

At Kent to study French and Business, Fee’s love of music and curiosity about new sounds meant she was drawn to students who made their own music. Impressed by what she heard, Fee thought their work should reach a wider audience, so with very little previous experience of radio, she headed to the student-run radio station CSR 97.4FM, passionate about introducing Canterbury to new artists, and ready to learn.

Fee’s weekly Sunday morning show, #LowkeyWIN, showcased up-and-coming talent and was the perfect distraction from uni stress for her listeners – and for her. Although at first she felt she was ‘winging it’, she learnt fast, developing her own style which led to her being scouted by London station Westside Radio 89.6FM, eventually hosting the drive-time show. When the chance to work at BBC Radio came up she grabbed it, covering various daytime shows at Radio 1 and Radio 1Xtra, before becoming presenter of Radio 1Xtra’s Sunday breakfast show.

Fee’s definitely on the rise and her decision to get involved with student radio has ended up being life-changing: “In 2017, I was a student with ideas but no radio experience and CSR FM was the best place to kick-start my career and build on a brand new skill.

‘I highly, highly, highly encourage you to use the resources available at the University. There’s literally a society for every hobby possible and if there isn’t, the space and support is there to create it. Your experience is what you make it and I’m grateful that I can look back and say “Despite being afraid, I’m glad I took that opportunity” because you never know where it can take you.’
My degree had given me the skills I needed, but the chance to apply them at KMTV was invaluable. I learnt so much about producing content for broadcast.

Abby Hook secured her first job in television before she graduated; two months on, she found herself in Downing Street reporting on then Prime Minister Liz Truss’s first address to the nation.

Abby started working at Kent TV station KMTV in July and on her second day discovered just how fast-moving the industry is. KMTV Channel Director Andy Richards took her aside to tell her that within a month she would be presenting Kent Tonight, the Channel’s flagship news programme. “That was all my hopes and dreams in one sentence!”

Alongside presenting, Abby also produces her own news packages for broadcast and conducts live interviews, gaining valuable experience in all areas. So, when the opportunity to go to Downing Street to report on Liz Truss’s first speech as Prime Minister came, she was ready. “I was told the night before, so was able to get everything together, check all the equipment, sort out train times, routes to Downing Street, etc, then check the equipment again! I went to bed, but don’t know if I actually slept. When we arrived at Downing Street, the intern I had with me wasn’t allowed in, so from that point on it was just me – and the rest of the world’s media! I managed to secure a great spot, quite central.

“When I think back now, I still can’t believe I was there. It was very surreal. It was a very wet day and as I was about to go live, I found myself next to the BBC’s Huw Edwards. We made eye contact, we were both soaking wet, he asked me if I was OK and we had a laugh at our situation. I was one of the youngest there, but I wasn’t treated any differently by anyone, we were all doing the same job. I felt privileged to be there with all those experienced journalists in such a historic location and proud of how hard I’d worked to get there. It’s definitely the highlight of my career so far and has really fired me up to keep working hard and be ready to make the most of all the opportunities that come my way.”

Abby studied at Kent’s Centre for Journalism, graduating in 2022 with a First.
Build your support network
Supporting mental health, wellbeing and disability needs is at the heart of what we do. Getting to know your campus and the people in it can help you to create your own network of friends and comfortable spaces.

There are lots of opportunities to meet people; we run a Wellbeing Café, weekly mindfulness sessions and you can sign up for ‘just coffee’ and ‘walking buddy’ to pair up with someone new for a study break and companionship. We also run support groups and wellbeing events throughout the year, as well as online support where students can chat to other students.

Professional support
Our professional practitioners work with students individually to understand their requirements, and to develop strategies including Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs), which make the support students need clear to their academic division.

Counselling
All students have access to a free confidential counselling service, with all counsellors fully qualified members of BACP, BABCP or UKCP. Options available include face-to-face; video calls; internet relay chat (IRC) and email exchanges.

Mental health support
Our mental health advisers can provide short-term focused interventions to promote wellbeing and help with developing coping strategies. We also run mental health peer support groups.

Disability support
We support students with mobility difficulties, visual impairments, deafness and hearing loss, and a variety of long-term health conditions, setting up relevant help with accessing information, teaching and exams.

Autism support
Before term starts, you can attend an orientation day specifically for autistic students. Once at Kent, you may have regular meetings with an adviser or mentor and be invited to join weekly peer support meetings and social support groups for autistic students.

Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD)
Specialist advisers and study skills tutors provide guidance and assistance to students who have a diagnosis of dyslexia, dyspraxia, or wish to seek diagnosis for any of these conditions or ADHD during their time at university.

Accessible information
We want you to be able to access learning in the ways that best suit your needs. We have tools that help you convert files to more accessible formats as well as a software finder that recommends accessibility tools and apps for you. If you want to talk through the options, we’re here to help and demonstrate.

Specialist wellbeing support
We also have specialist staff to support care-experienced and estranged students, and survivors of sexual assault or harassment, bullying and hate incidents.
Cathy
SpLD Adviser

‘I meet with students who think they may have an SpLD such as dyslexia, dyspraxia or ADHD. We discuss their strengths, difficulties and preferences, and write an Inclusive Learning Plan tailored to their needs. I help them make the most of uni support with relevant specialists.’

Jane
Educational Support Assistant

‘Educational support assistants partner with students to provide study support skills that complement their learning needs. As Kent has so many courses, this can vary from support in lectures to undertaking lab tasks, improving the student experience in a really practical way.’

Angelo
Mental Health Adviser

‘As a mental health adviser, I provide specialist support so that every student living with a mental health condition (diagnosed or undiagnosed) has equal access to professional advice that enables them to achieve their personal and academic goals.’

Bee
Forensic Science

‘My disability adviser helped me get support when I slipped my disc in my back and when I got diagnosed with autism! All of my lectures are wheelchair accessible and I have an Inclusive Learning Plan suited to me.’

David
Mathematics

‘Student Support and Wellbeing has been crucial in helping me deal with and ride out the ups and downs in my mental health. My mental health adviser has helped me manage the transition between seasons day to day, and the Counselling Service has helped me tease out more challenging problems.’

Paige
Biomedical Science

‘Student Support and Wellbeing has really helped me keep routine within my studies so I can stay on track to manage my emotions and actions so I don’t become extremely overwhelmed by life in general.’

SIGN LIVE.

We want you to reach your potential, so we go the extra mile to make sure you do; if that means taking groundbreaking decisions on support, we will.

When Kasia Senyszyn, Accessible Information Manager, met with a Deaf student who is a British Sign Language (BSL) user, she was determined to find a way for him to take part fully in university life.

Kasia has been learning sign language for five years, so this cause was close to her professional and personal heart. This particular student is also a refugee and BSL is his third language. He had already been through a great deal before he got to us, and communication was a major barrier for him. Through our wonderful interpretation agency, Interpreting Matters, and SignLive he can communicate more easily with his lecturers and peers. I meet with him weekly and seeing his enthusiasm and sheer joy in being at Kent is a delight.

‘We’ve since had a second BSL user join us, learning from friends about the support we offer deaf students, including SignLive, and we’ve had a number of other enquiries too. As the only university in England to partner with SignLive, the virtual British Sign Language Interpreting Service, we’re opening up university study to deaf BSL students, which is a wonderful thing!’

Kent stands out because we go beyond what is expected of us. We focus on the individual, creating a plan that works for them.

Kasia Senyszyn
Accessible Information Manager
Your first day
If you’ve chosen to live on campus, one of the biggest things you’ll do on your first day is meet the people you’ll be living with. After getting all your things into your room and saying goodbye to weepy family and friends, you can begin to make your room your own, with a few touches from home. Fairy lights, photos of family and friends, books or video games – your room will quickly transform into a space that’s uniquely yours.

And once you’ve finished sprucing up your new place, you’re bound to find other students hanging out in the kitchen. Spend some time getting to know each other: find out what your housemates are studying, where they’re from and what they enjoy doing. I’d add that pizza is a must for bonding!

If you fancy going out on your first night, Canterbury’s on-campus nightclub, The Venue, will put on welcome events. Party with all the other new students or stay in and play some board games with your new mates.

Your first week
You might feel nervous during your first week, which is completely normal, but the beginning of term has a way of working itself out. It’s full of excitement and possibilities!

Packed with events put on by the University, you can fill every hour and every day with something different. You could spend your Monday morning crafting with other students on the field overlooking the cathedral. Have lunch at Woody’s on Tuesday before strolling over to the petting zoo to see the animals. Explore the Templeman library (it’s huge!) or play on an inflatable assault course on the green on Wednesday. Then spend Thursday evening with new friends at K Bar trying to win the weekly quiz before getting ready for Friday’s theme night at The Venue – it’s freshers’ after all.

Head to the Welcome Fair. There will be loads of societies ready to tell you about what they do. Spend the week going to as many taster sessions as you like; you’ll find new sports and skills that interest you and they’re the perfect place to make new friends.

Your first month
By now, you’ll know the best study spots depending on the time and day and the campus shortcuts for when you’re running late. You’ll know how to navigate the library to find your books and will always remember to bring another bag to carry them in!

You’ll know which of your friends are in the library and which of your flatmates are in a seminar. You’ll know you have tennis on Tuesdays and debate society on Thursdays, and you’ll know what time the bus is and where the closest bus stop is to wherever you are on campus.

You’ll know how long it takes to do your reading or prep work for your seminars and lectures, and where you can fit in an episode of the Netflix series you’re watching in between. And you’ll know the best pubs and restaurants and your favourite order at each one.

By the first month, you’ll know Kent, and you’ll really feel that it’s your home.

Hi, I’m Jade.
I’m a third-year History student who is having the best uni experience at Kent. There’s a lovely campus environment here and that’s one of the things that made my choice so easy three years ago.

I wasn’t sure what would happen in the first few weeks of uni, so I thought it might be helpful to share what you can expect as a new student at Kent. Everyone’s experience is different, but however you spend your time, I have no doubt that you’ll feel settled here as quickly as I did!
Getting involved
‘There’s so much to do on our campuses all year round. We start with Welcome Week and end the year with the Summer Ball. There’s always an amazing line-up of artists; Sigala and Notes headlined in 2022, as well as Nippa who’s a London artist and Kent alum!

We also have 250+ student groups to choose from, or you could try a one-off ‘Give-it-a-Go’ event such as rock climbing or tie dye. They’re great for meeting new people.’

Living support
‘We’re doing all we can to support students with the rising cost of living. To tackle food insecurity, we’ve set up a campus pantry – an accessible food bank – where students can take ten items, no questions asked! We’ve also successfully campaigned for £3 hot meal deals on campus and we’ll soon start a free breakfast club.

As well as having access to our budgeting system, Blackbullion, and increased hardship funding, students can also contact our confidential advice service if they’re in financial difficulty.’

Finding part-time work
‘JobShop liaises with local businesses in Canterbury and Medway to help students who are looking for part-time employment. Students can meet with a JobShop adviser to work through their CV or application too.

Students can also sign up to JobShop’s temp bank and pick and choose from any weekly or monthly work opportunities that are coming up.’

Having your voice heard
‘Kent Union is led by five elected full-time officers that the student body vote in every year. These are the people that lead Kent Union and represent you.

Our democratic structures also allow students to be a voice for their cohorts and communities. They can become an academic student rep or join one of our networks to be a voice for marginalised communities.’

Meet Kent Union
Run by students, for students, Kent Union is the representative voice of all 20,000+ students who study at Kent. Leading, inspiring and empowering the student body this year is Union President Zaid Mahmood.

‘Our main purpose as Kent Union is to provide the best possible student experience and to prepare every single student for life after Kent.

We’re very active on the Canterbury and Medway campuses, from supporting student groups and networks to running our big social spaces such as the on-campus nightclub, The Venue; Woody’s Bar in Park Wood, great for socials and watching sport; and the Library Café which is a great little pit stop for nine-to-five studyers!

Above all, Kent students are our main priority. We work hard to lobby and campaign for change so that their views are represented at every level.’
Joining societies is a great way to make friends. You can continue with something you love or branch out and try something new.

Meet Owen, Vice-President of the Chess Society. Whether it’s a classical or blitz game, he knows a thing or two about bringing people together. Pro or rook(ie), everyone’s welcome!

“Whenever I ask people, “How long have you been playing chess?” they often say “I’m a beginner. I’ve only got into it since watching The Queen’s Gambit”, or they might have watched a game on Twitch. It’s great that there’s been an explosion in the popularity of chess but new students are surprised to find that there’s a great social scene around the sport too; it’s such an easy way to meet new people.

Part of my role as Vice-President is to play against new players and introduce them to the game. I don’t leave anyone on their own! I try to match beginners who are equal in skill set, but I’ll sometimes pair them with a more experienced player to help improve their game. We only provide friendly and constructive criticism!

Our casual meet-ups are a great laugh too. Our three and four-player boards are great for building close friendships and our six-minute blitz games are helpful for developing quick-fire tactics. As expected though, there’s more silence and seriousness during our classical game tournaments; they require a different level of concentration to avoid any blunders.

Our Chess Society is particularly great if you’re nervous about talking to new people. Not only are the pieces a great distraction and fun to fidget with, but if you’re in the middle of a conversation and you don’t know what to say next, you can focus on the game and then go back to talking when you feel comfortable.

You don’t have to be good at maths or computing to get involved with chess; everyone has different skills and enjoys different things in our Society. Some people love our socials while others prefer to play and then go home. There’s no pressure, you can join in with whatever you want. Give it a go, we’re a friendly bunch!”
GET INVOLVED

ACADEMIC SOCIETIES
There is a student-run society for most subjects; a great way to meet students from other year groups.

CAMPAIGNING
- Amnesty International
- ECS (Environmental, Conservation, Sustainability)
- Respect the No
- Student Action for Refugees
- UN Women

CHARITY
- British Red Cross
- Kent Marrow
- Kent Uni Boob Team

COMMUNITY ACTION
- Beetbox Food Co-op
- British Sign Language
- Canterbury Homeless Outreach
- Endometriosis
- Kent Mind
- RAG (Raise and Give)
- Rise & Recover
- St John Ambulance

CULTURE
Join a national society; discover new cultures or catch up with friends from home.

FAITH AND BELIEF
- Ahlulbayt
- Believers’ Love World
- Bhakti Yoga
- Christian Union
- First Love
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jewish
- Kharis on campus
- Pensa
- Protons Church
- Quakers
- Redeemed Pillar of Fire Canterbury Fellowship
- Sikh
- The Redeemed Christian Church of God Fellowship

IDENTITY
- LGBTQ+
- Mature student

INTEREST
- Adventure Gaming
- Alternative and Indie Rock
- Amateur Rocketry
- Chess
- DEMO (Demonstration)
- Formula 1
- Google Student Developers
- Hogwarts
- Kent Car
- Kent Poker
- Kent Tech
- Kent Video Gaming
- Kentanimeted (Anime)
- Nostalgia
- Psychedelic
- Queer POC
- Star Trek
- Swifties
- That’s Sew Crafty
- Travel
- Wine Tasting

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MEDIA
- CSR
- InQuire
- KTV

PERFORMANCE AND ARTS
- Bollywood Dance
- Circus
- Freestyle
- K-pop Dance
- Kent Art
- Kent Dance
- Kent DJ
- Kent Gospel Choir
- Kent Music
- Kent People of Colour Arts
- Kent Pole Fitness
- Kent Sing
- Live Music
- Musical Theatre
- Salsa
- Stand-up Comedy
- T24 Drama
- TNT (Improv & Sketch Comedy)

POLITICS
- Debating Union
- Human Rights Law
- Kent Labour Students
- Kent Marxist
- Kent Think Tank
- Kent University Conservative Association
- Model United Nations

WELLBEING
- Mindfulness
- Therapeutic Arts
- Wellbeing
- Yoga

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As soon as they arrived at Kent, Lois and David joined the orchestra and String Sinfonia. They’ve loved taking part in ‘special ops’ organised by the Music team. These have included working with professional musicians from Glyndebourne: ‘It was amazing, they’re one of the best opera houses in the world and I sat next to the orchestra leader who gave me some great advice,’ recalls David.

Other opportunities have come thick and fast: David and Lois worked with classical composer John Woolrich, who directed performances of his own pieces; while Lois got to play solo in an Elgar piece and perform in the Crypt in Canterbury Cathedral: ‘I really enjoyed it; the cathedral is so beautiful.’ Both are in student-led string quartets.

David and Lois are in no doubt that being involved in music at Kent is a fantastic opportunity, not just to play and improve as musicians, but to gain confidence and make friends. Their advice? If music matters to you, get involved with the Music Society, you won’t regret it.

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**GET INVOLVED**

**CREATIVE CULTURE.**

Developing your creative side is easy at Kent. You could produce written, video or audio content at our student media centre; join a drama, dance or stand-up society; sing in a choir; play in a band or in our symphony orchestra.

**Make music**

Music matters at Kent and the Music Society is open to all. We caught up with cello-playing Forensic Science student Lois and violin-playing History student David to see what it’s like to be a part of our music community.

For Lois, music was definitely part of Kent’s attraction: ‘Compared to other universities I looked at, Kent had the best facilities. Colyer-Fergusson is amazing, wonderful to perform in; my parents love coming to watch too.’

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**Get creative at Kent**

1. Join a society: dance, drama, music, stand-up comedy, crafts, choirs and Anime are all covered.
2. Perform at an open mic and join in with a night of music and performances.
3. Watch a movie with friends at our on-campus cinema.
4. See live performances of the latest touring theatre companies, bands and shows on campus at the Gulbenkian.
5. Head to The Hub at Medway for Music Night – an evening of live music from fellow students.
Little Bulb’s recent collaboration with the Royal Opera House is their biggest production to date though. Wild folk opera Wolf Witch Giant Fairy made its way to the Linbury Theatre last Christmas where, met with great acclaim, it went on to win an Olivier award for ‘Best Family Show’. Still reeling from the celebrations, Little Bulb told us they were overwhelmed to have received the award. ‘It might be a while until we get our heads around it!’, they said.

Fifteen years on from their time at Kent, not-so-little Little Bulb are shining as bright as ever. Still, they haven’t forgotten their roots. ‘We’re so very thankful to everyone that has supported us and helped us on our way – not least our wonderful teachers from Kent!’

We’re ambitious by nature at Kent, and that empowers our students to do outstanding things with their futures. But it’s not every day that our alumni take their ambition to another level and win one of Britain’s most prestigious stage honours: an Olivier Award.

Little Bulb theatre company started out at Kent in 2008, founded by friends and former drama students Alexander Scott, Clare Beresford, Dominic Conway and Shamira Turner. Fostering each other’s love for theatre and music, Little Bulb was a glowing success from day one and won three awards at the Edinburgh Fringe in their first year together.

Going from strength to strength, Little Bulb returned to Edinburgh as residents of the Forest Fringe and have since performed at Bristol Old Vic and teamed up with Battersea Arts Centre to create their sell-out show, Orpheus.

A reminder to all the passionate students out there to keep going – the industry needs you!

Clare Beresford
Administrative Director
Sport at Kent is for everyone. Whether you want to play for fun or train to compete, there are over 40 clubs to get involved with. Whatever your ability, we'll support you to reach your personal best.

**PITCH PERFECT.**

Where were you when football finally came home? Kent student Abbie Cushion watched England’s women’s team win the European Championship surrounded by schoolmates in her local pub. It was a great moment for someone who has been playing football since she was 11, first in mixed teams and now as part of Kent’s highly successful women’s football club.

‘England’s win was momentous and will I think see the general interest in women’s football continue to grow. When I started playing there weren’t many teams for girls, but it’s really refreshing to see how many opportunities young girls have now.’

Kent’s women’s football team had a stellar 2021/22 season, undefeated in the BUCS (British Universities and Colleges Sport) league and with 74 goals scored across all competitions. To build on their success and the increased interest in the club, they decided to run two teams for 2022/23 so that more people could play competitively. Abbie plays for the second team: ‘We compete against universities in London and the south east and have won every league game so far. Our last game is against Essex, so kind of a local derby. Essex are also undefeated, so the pressure is building!’

Abbie has been a part of the club since she started at Kent. ‘As soon as I knew I was coming, I contacted the club via Instagram. Everyone was very welcoming and when I got here I really enjoyed mixing with the older students. It integrates you into the whole University community and you learn a lot from their experiences. The social events are great too. I’ve made long-lasting friendships and really come out of my shell.’

The club welcomes everyone who loves football, from those who want to compete in leagues to those who just want to enjoy a Sunday kick-about. ‘In training we focus on skills development, but also make sure everyone gets a chance to just play.’

As well as being passionate about her football, Abbie is also dedicated to her studies and hasn’t found balancing the two difficult. She intends using her Environmental Social Sciences degree to forge a career in policy development in sustainability. And, of course, she plans to continue playing football.

As a Norwich City supporter, Abbie knows all about the ups and downs of football but fortunately, at Kent, it’s been mostly ups!
Third-year Architecture student and Vice-President of Kent’s korfball club, Toma (bottom right) knows what it’s like to be part of a team that welcomes everyone, from beginners to elite players.

‘Korfball is a mixed-sex sport and a combination of netball and basketball, where you can attack, defend and mark a lot closer. I think mixed-sex sports really boost people’s confidence, in a game situation everyone has to talk to each other!

Korfball is really inclusive and great for meeting new people. There’s really no pressure to be amazing and everyone’s welcome, from beginners to experienced players like our first team captain and Kent Sport Scholar Ayishah.

Making connections

We all get along so well and have a great team spirit. If a member feels anxious about playing, we rally round and, as Vice-President, I make sure they always have a support network and someone to talk to. For others, korrball is a way to escape and just take a break from their studies.

As well as playing korfball, there’s a great social side organised by our wonderful Social Sec Kamila. She hosts our monthly socials and activities, making sure there’s something for everyone. You’ll always find us at Woody’s or K Bar after training every week too!

Reaching further

If you’re competitive and love game time like me, then you can join our BUCS (British Universities and Colleges Sport) teams. Last year we got to the final of the National Championships, but we lost to UEA.

I won’t go into too much detail because it still hurts, but on a positive note, we’re placed 2nd in Great Britain, outranking 52 university teams. It’s a position that’s given us some serious bragging rights around campus.

BUCS kicks-off again in a few weeks and it’s likely to be Kent vs UEA for the cup. We’ll be on home turf, playing in front of a home crowd, with three strong teams. We will do it!

We’re right behind you, Toma. Bring on BUCS 2023.
We like to lead by example at Kent, which is why many of our environmental initiatives start on home soil – from our commitment to net zero carbon emissions by 2040 to the Kent Community Oasis Garden (KentCOG), our sustainability hub.

Plot to plate
KentCOG has been a welcoming space on campus for everyone – students, staff and local volunteers – to grow seasonal food, meet new people and improve wellbeing since 2018.

Now, for the first time in the University’s history, Kent’s catering department has been able to purchase fresh produce from KentCOG to create some delicious daily specials at our café in the Gulbenkian Arts Centre.

Grown by the KentCOG team, crates of Swiss chard made the three-minute journey across campus to Senior Chef James Argent-Paine who used it to cook up some organic goodness in the form of soups and stir-frys.

James told us, “The produce from the COG is some of the freshest I’ve ever used. Knowing that I’m cooking with vegetables that are free from chemical products and not produced in a forced manner is a privilege. It’s been great for building new relationships with the people who give their time to work in the garden too.”

This trailblazing innovation is the University’s first culinary collab, but it certainly won’t be the last as we work towards an even more sustainable Kent.

We’re making progress
1. **With plant power:** as well as the KentCOG, we’re providing more sustainable food in our campus outlets by offering more plant-based meals. We’re also in the top 30 vegan-friendly universities in the UK as chosen by PETA.

2. **By reusing:** our staff and students have reused 157.4 tonnes of items through schemes such as Canterbury Freecycle, the British Heart Foundation and our campus pantry.

3. **With the help of our students:** you can be active in making a better world possible by joining one of our societies. Try Beetbox, EcoGeog, the Kent Union Sustainability Network or Environmental Conservation Sustainability Society.

4. **By protecting:** we help nature to thrive at our campuses by managing our woodlands, creating wildlife corridors and supporting protected species like the European Hedgehog.

5. **With FutureProof:** in 2018 we signed an agreement to incorporate the UN’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into everything we do. Our FutureProof framework ensures this and works to create positive change across the University.
Kent alum Vicki Breakell was part of the team that released bison to the UK for the first time in thousands of years, kick-starting a new era for conservation.

With a head for science and a love of animals, Vicki was delighted to discover that Kent offered a BSc that focused on conservation. She decided to go for it — her journey has taken her from a field trip to Peru (seeing howler monkeys in the wild is amazing) to presenting to her old professor at the Wildwood Trust where she works, and most recently being the Trust’s lead on a collaborative project with Kent Wildlife Trust that saw European bison released into UK woodlands, close to the Canterbury campus, where her journey started.

The release of the bison captured the imagination of people around the world (including Leonardo DiCaprio!), but what was it like to be at the centre of that story? ‘Release day was all a bit of a blur, amazing, exciting, such a buzz. The level of interest was fantastic.’

After three years of intense work, opening the gate and watching the bison walk into their new home was a thrilling moment for Vicki and marked the beginning of the next phase of this ground-breaking conservation initiative. ‘We’re in a climate crisis and we need to think big. The release of the bison is a step in that direction; it’s about giving nature the tools to look after itself. Bison are ‘ecosystem engineers’ whose natural behaviour improves their environment and allows other species to thrive. We’ve put extensive monitoring in place which will produce some fantastic data for researchers. The project is a first for the UK and our hope is that many more will follow.’

Working at Wildwood has given Vicki the chance to combine her love of animals and her desire to make a real impact in the world we live in. ‘It all started at Kent; I learnt how zoos and wildlife parks contribute to the conservation of species and gained a lot of practical experience which I still use today. Conservation is a key issue and my hope is that more people will become interested in the work going on behind the scenes at Wildwood, as well as just enjoying seeing these wonderful native species in the flesh.’
FEES AND LIVING COSTS

By going to university, you are investing in your future. We focus on delivering high-quality teaching and providing first-class facilities, so that you graduate with the skills you need to be successful. We also offer financial advice and support while you’re here to help you live independently without worrying about money.

Kent Financial Support Package

We believe that university should be available to everyone. That’s why for students coming to Kent in 2023/24 Kent has a Financial Support Package, which provides £3,500–£4,500 to eligible UK students and does not have to be repaid. The package is available to students from areas of low participation in higher education who have an annual household income of less than £30,000 pa or who meet other eligibility criteria. Visit kent.ac.uk/kfsp for further information, including full eligibility.

Details of Kent’s Financial Support Package for students coming to Kent in 2024/25 will be confirmed in autumn 2023 and published at kent.ac.uk/kfsp

Tuition fees

All students pay tuition fees but the rate paid is dependent on whether you are a ‘home/UK’ student or an ‘international student’. If you are a home/UK student and receive a UK Government tuition fee loan, this is paid directly to the University. To find out how the scheme works and how to apply, see gov.uk/student-finance

Our tuition fees are due at the start of each academic year and are published on our website, so please check the site regularly.

Other academic costs

You’ll need to buy books (you can keep costs down by buying second-hand copies) and other course materials, including printer and photocopying credits. You’ll find details of any exceptional costs for your course, such as field trip fees, on the course page on our website.

Government loans

UK students

You can apply for a UK Government loan to help with living costs, such as food, accommodation, travel and study materials. Visit the UK Government website: gov.uk/student-finance

International students

If you are an overseas fee-paying student, you may be able to apply for loans or grants from your own government. For example, the University is recognised by the US Department of Education for US Federal Loans and by the Canadian government for Canada Student Loans.

It’s a good idea to look into funding options in your country as early as possible, so that you know how much help is available to support you while you study.

Cost of living help

Increases in the cost of living are having an impact on all of us. We are providing a range of practical support and advice to help you manage your money.

• Emergency funding – the University has a range of emergency financial support for students who are in financial difficulty; kent.ac.uk/guides/emergency-funding
• £3 meal deals in one of our restaurants in Canterbury and in Medway; free help-yourself breakfasts in the Oasis Lounge in Medway.
• Good-value accommodation – 800 of our rooms are priced below the national average (UniPol 2021 Accommodation Cost Survey). And, if you live on campus, you get free membership of our Canterbury sports facilities.
• For details of Kent Union’s campus pantry, see p47.
We offer a variety of funding opportunities to support ambitious students from all backgrounds, and from around the world, to study at Kent. Many of our awards are in addition to any government loans or other support you may receive.

Scholarships

We offer a wide range of scholarships for home or international students including subject-specific awards and non-academic scholarships for those who excel in sport or music.

Scholarships are open to all students regardless of household income and are awarded on merit. Unlike student loans, scholarships do not have to be repaid.

Kent Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Available to UK, EU and Overseas applicants, the Kent Scholarship for Academic Excellence is awarded to academic high flyers. There’s no application form to complete.

If you’ve applied to Kent and attained the qualifications and grades required for the Kent Scholarship for Academic Excellence, you will receive confirmation directly from the University via your KentVision portal.

Non-academic scholarships

Are you a talented musician or singer? Or are you outstanding at sports? Open to all students, Kent’s sport and music scholarships can help you to further develop your talent.

The Sports Scholarship programme is so good. I loved all the support I received from the whole team during my Strength and Conditioning sessions.

Millie Knight, 4x Paralympic medallist, 2x World Champion in Alpine Skiing, Psychology graduate and former Kent Sports Scholar
TOP TIPS FOR APPLYING.

Applying to university is an exciting time in your life, but there’s a lot to remember. Our Head of Admissions, Ami, has put together these five easy steps to help you.

1 Choosing your course
First and foremost, it’s important to choose a subject that you love. You’re going to study it for three years of your life after all. Check the module content for the course – does it interest you? How much flexibility will you have? It’s important to check the entry requirements too – do you have the subjects you need to apply? And if you have a certain career in mind, will it take you where you want to go?

2 Selecting a university
Once you know what you want to study, the next step is deciding where you want to be and how far you want to be from home; this will help you to shortlist even further. Then it’s just a case of visiting in person or online to assess which university is the best match for you!

3 Writing your personal statement
Once you’ve chosen your courses and universities, it’s time to get going with your personal statement. Check out p69 for how to make the most out of your allocated 4,000 characters or 47 lines.

4 Interviews and selection days
If you’re invited to an interview, audition or selection day, have a look at the information sent to you to help you to prepare. Remember to check your applicant portal or email junk! Make sure you plan your journey and arrive in plenty of time so you don’t feel rushed.

5 Making decisions
From the offers you receive, you need to choose a ‘firm university’, which will be the one you really want to go to, and an ‘insurance university’, as your second choice, in case you’re unsuccessful with your Firm. It can be tricky making these choices, so don’t rush. Look back at the course content to determine which interests you the most. Think back to any open days or visit days you attended too – where can you picture yourself being happy and enjoying uni life?

10 Tips for writing your personal statement

1 Plan first
What are you going to include? Plan your paragraphs first and your statement will flow better.

2 Keep your intro short
Don’t waste words or overthink your opening sentence. Briefly introduce what you want to study and why, then move on to your main paragraphs.

3 Be specific
Why do you want to study that subject at uni? Go into real detail about what gives you a buzz.

4 Activity, benefit, course
Use the ABC method to evidence everything you write. If you mention an activity, remember to include how it’s benefited you and how it relates to the course as often as you can.

5 Any extracurriculars?
What do you do outside your studies that you want to continue with or that might be useful for your degree?

6 Remember to conclude
Tie up your statement with a concluding sentence. Perhaps what you want to do in the future, if you know?

7 Print off to proofread
Nothing says ‘I rushed’ like poor spelling and grammar. It’s easier to spot mistakes off screen, so go old school and edit your statement on paper.

8 Tell your own story
You’re unique and your statement should be too! Make sure it reflects your ambitions and be ready to answer questions about it if you’re invited to interview.

9 Show someone else
Give your statement to someone you trust for feedback. They might spot some mistakes you’ve missed too!

10 Leave plenty of time
A strong statement can make all the difference to offer-making, so don’t leave it until the last minute!
OUR COURSES.

The University of Kent offers a variety of courses which can be studied on a full or part-time basis. International students who are in the UK on a Tier 4 (general) visa can only study on a full-time course.

- **Single honours** where you study one main subject, sometimes with the option of taking up to 25% of your degree in another subject.
- **Joint honours** where you study two subjects together, often on a 50:50 basis, though the ratio can vary.
- Occasionally you can do a major/minor honours degree where the majority of your study is in one subject and the minority in another, for example, Law with a Language.
- **Honours degrees with a foundation year**. If, for whatever reason, you do not have appropriate qualifications for direct entry, some honours degrees offer an integrated foundation year, and there are international foundation years especially for international students whose academic qualifications or English language is not at the required level for direct entry to a degree.

• Foundation degrees and Higher National Diplomas are interim higher education awards, which start at a point before honours degree entry and end at a level below an honours degree. These are usually good progression routes to a related honours degree or a specific top-up honours degree. These qualifications are taught by the University’s partner colleges (see p81 for further details).

- **Top-up honours degrees** are one-year courses designed to allow progression from foundation degrees or HNDs to bachelor honours degree level.
- **Higher and Degree Apprenticeships** offer the opportunity to combine working with studying for a high-level work-based academic or vocational qualification. See www.kent.ac.uk/apprenticeships for more details.

Contextual offers

We believe that every student with the ability to study at university should be able to do so. That’s why contextual offers are an important part of our admissions policy.

In general, a contextual offer will be lower than our standard offer. For example, a contextual offer for someone taking A levels will be two grades below our published standard offer. Course specific conditions will still apply; subject grade requirements will not be adjusted.

To be eligible for a contextual offer you need to be domiciled in England. Other factors considered include where you live, whether you have spent time in Care or under a Local Authority or are a Refugee or Asylum Seeker. Applicants from the University of Kent Academies Trust and the University of Kent’s outreach partner schools and outreach partner colleges are also eligible.

The good news for you as an applicant is that the vast majority of contextual offers are made automatically. You just need to complete your UCAS application and we will do the rest.

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### Single honours

For more information on any of the courses listed below, including additional entry requirements, please see www.kent.ac.uk/ug

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**Joint honours**

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READY TO APPLY?

Don't forget to make use of our tips and advice on p68. After that, it's straightforward!

Applicants from the UK or Ireland apply via UCAS. International applicants (ie not from the UK or Ireland) can apply via UCAS or directly to Kent via our website.

PARTNER COLLEGES

The University also offers educational opportunities through its partnership with EKC Group, one of the largest providers of academic and vocational studies in the country.

Ashford College
The modern facilities of Ashford College are located in the centre of Ashford. The College offers a part-time Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Construction, validated by the University of Kent. For details and to apply see ekcgroup.ac.uk/ashford-college/plumbing/hnc-construction

Canterbury College
Canterbury College is located across the city from the University’s Canterbury campus. The College offers HNDs in Animal Science, Animal Biology and Wildlife Conservation and top-up honours degrees franchised by the University. For details see ekcgroup.ac.uk/canterbury-college/adults/higher-education
PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS

Visiting us
We’d love to meet you at one of our Open Days or guided Campus Tours. Book online at kent.ac.uk/courses/visit

Applying to Kent
All UK students should apply through UCAS and your child’s school or college will help them to do this. Visit ucas.com/undergraduate for more information.

Funding options
Your child may be entitled to a range of financial support from the UK Government and Kent, including scholarships and bursaries. See more on p64-67.

Living support
From our campus pantry and everyday £3 meal deals to increased hardship funding and fixed accommodation prices, we’re working hard to support our students with the cost of living increase. See p65.

KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE
Our campus security team are on duty and contactable 24/7, 365 days of the year and our SafeZone app allows students to request assistance via their phone, from anywhere on campus.

The team’s Walking Taxi service is popular too and helps students feel even safer as they move around.

STUDENT SUPPORT AND WELLBEING
There’s lots of support on hand: our Student Learning Advisory Service offers help with study, writing and research skills and our Student Support and Wellbeing team are on hand if your child needs emotional or mental health support or they have a disability.

A HOME FROM HOME
Your child can apply for accommodation at Kent if they have chosen us as their ‘firm’ or ‘insurance’ university. What’s more, we will guarantee them an offer of on-campus accommodation if they apply by 30 June.

SUPPORTING THEIR AMBITION
We can help your child find their dream job or discover what career would suit them.

EXPLORE OUR ACCOMMODATION

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS
VISIT US.

We know you’ll love it here, but come and see for yourself. There are opportunities for you to visit our campuses throughout the year from Open Days to weekly Campus Tours.

Open Days
We hold Open Days at our Canterbury and Medway campuses throughout the year. You can meet us in person and bring family and friends with you, or book to attend online. We also hold a number of virtual and on-demand events. See kent.ac.uk/visit

Campus Tours
Our Campus Tours are open to everyone, whether you’re just beginning to look at universities, or you’ve already applied to Kent. We run tours of the Canterbury and Medway campuses on specified days or you can take a self-guided tour at a time that suits you. Visit kent.ac.uk/campus-tours

Applicant Events
If you’ve been made an offer for one of our courses, our Applicant Events are an exclusive opportunity to meet staff and students from your academic school. You can also take a guided tour, have a look at where you could live and join in with taster lectures and workshops.

We come to you
We attend higher education exhibitions all around the UK where you can chat to our friendly representatives about our courses and ask them questions about life at Kent. Find out where you can meet us at: kent.ac.uk/events

International students
You can talk to one of our representatives in your country about studying at Kent. You can also meet our international team at events around the world and at our virtual open events. For details, see kent.ac.uk/international/international-events

The best things to do at a Kent Open Day

1. Drop into a subject talk and hear from the brilliant academics who will be teaching you.
2. Attend a Life at Kent talk – find out all you need to know about student life.
3. Have a look around our accommodation to find where you’ll feel at home.
4. Chat to our students and staff and get your questions answered.
5. Take a tour of our beautiful campuses and industry-standard facilities.
FIND OUT MORE.

Join us at an Open Day or take a tour of our campuses.