

Frequently asked questions

What is the cost to attend my Golden Graduation?

You do not need to pay to attend the ceremony, however the gown hire fee is £45.00 and if you wish to bring any guests these are priced at £30.00 per person.

How many guests can I bring with me?

You are welcome to bring up to two guests with you to the ceremony and the luncheon.

How can I book?

Visit the webpage below and fill in the form with your details, please book by 31 May. kent.ac.uk/alumni/events/golden-graduations

Is there any available accommodation on campus?

Yes, we have both single and double rooms available to book on campus, with breakfast included. Go to the website below and use promo code GOLDEN24: kenthospitality.kent.ac.uk/KxBnB

Where should I park on the day of the ceremony?

There is no parking in the grounds of the Cathedrals, however there are a number of public car parks around the town.

Is the ceremony filmed? Can my guests take photographs?

Yes, the ceremony is filmed and, where possible, live streamed. Members of the congregation are asked not to move from their seats, take photographs or make video recordings during the ceremony. Only certain members of the University, journalists, the official photographers and a DVD company are authorised to do so.

Are there any toilets available within the Cathedral?

There are no toilets inside the Cathedral. Please ask a member of staff for direction.



Events
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GOLDEN GRADUATIONS

Friday 26 July 2024

Here at Kent, we are proud of our alumni and their achievements, and we would like to celebrate your lifelong connection to the University of Kent.

We are pleased to invite the graduating class of 1974 to don a cap and gown once again and process into Canterbury Cathedral in July 2024.

Our first Golden Graduation ceremony was in 2018 with the graduating class of 1968. This special event invites our students who received their degree certificate in the Eliot and Rutherford Dining Halls to experience the grandeur of graduating in the historic setting of Canterbury Cathedral.



Provisional timeline for your day

08:15 Arrive at Canterbury Cathedral and head to Shirley Hall, located within the Cathedral grounds. Here you will be met by University staff, be able to collect your gown and mortarboard, and tickets for your guests (if required).

Staff will be with you throughout the day to ensure you enjoy the celebration and can answer any questions you may have.

09:15 Guests will be directed to the South West entrance.

09:45 Join this year's graduands in Chapter House, where you will be lined up in order, ready to process into the Cathedral.

10:30 Commencement of ceremony.

A Kent Union officer speech will take place approximately halfway through the ceremony.

The Presiding Officer will present you with your anniversary certificate after the degrees have been conferred for this year's graduands.

Noon Ceremony closes: all graduates to process out of the Cathedral, followed by guests. Head to the Cathedral Lodge Gardens for group photographs.

12:30 The luncheon will take place in the Clagett Auditorium.

13:45 Luncheon to end.

We hope you enjoy the day