

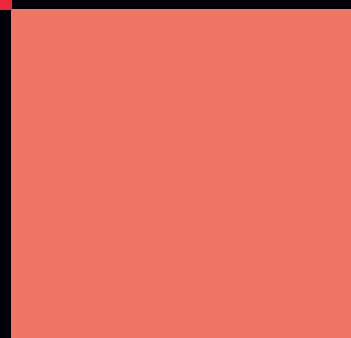
THE OUTREACH PROGRAMME 2024-2025

Working in partnership with schools



Contents

- 1 OUTREACH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT
- 3 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES YEAR 7-11
- 4 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES YEAR 12-13
- 6 AMBITION TO SUCCEED PROGRAMME
- 9 ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Outreach at the University of Kent

At the University of Kent, we stand for ambition. We are proud of our collaborative work with schools to support students from all backgrounds to access, succeed in and progress from higher education (HE).

We recognise the transformational power of an outstanding university experience and we value our diverse and inclusive university community.

Our outreach programme supports your students to develop their skills, understand the value of HE and to make informed decisions about their future. While many of our programmes are available to whole year groups, where numbers are limited we prioritise students who are under-represented within HE, such as:

- students who are eligible for free school meals
- pupil premium students
- children in care, care-experienced students and young people estranged from their families
- students who live in an area of high socio-economic deprivation
- students who live in an area of low progression to HE
- first in family to HE
- young carers
- disabled students
- Gypsy, Traveller, Roma, Showmen, Boater (GTRSB) community students
- children from military families.

For a comprehensive list of criteria, and how we can help you target students, please visit kent.ac.uk/outreach

We are also proud to be a partner in the Kent and Medway Progression Federation (KMPF), a collaboration of local HE providers, schools, colleges and community groups working together to support students to reach their full potential.



Measuring impact

We monitor our work and its outcomes to assess its impact on under-represented learners.


We request to collect data from your students during outreach activities, which enables us to track their educational journey through a national monitoring and outreach service called the Higher Education Access Tracker (heat.ac.uk).

Through our data analysis, we can see:

- which activities are most helpful in supporting students
- how well outreach participants do in their school qualifications
- whether they enter higher education
- how well they perform at the end of their university course.

Our outreach events and activities support schools to reach their Gatsby benchmarks by providing encounters with university staff, students and campuses. Please contact us to discuss how we can support you to achieve your Gatsby objectives.

To book any of our activities please complete our online booking form: kent.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/outreach-booking For further information, contact us at outreach@kent.ac.uk



// The talk we received was fun and informative; I learned a great deal about the financial aspects, which is a real parental anxiety. //

Parent
Discovery Day

Events and activities year 7-11

What can students access in year...?

Year 7	
Introduction to Higher Education (HE)	A 25-minute talk offering key stage 3 students an insight into HE. Available to be delivered online/in-school to the whole year group.
Game of Student Life	A one-hour, teacher-led activity introducing students to the university experience in a fun and interactive way, for up to 60 students.

Year 8	
Project Visit Day	An on-campus visit day offering the opportunity for up to 60 students to explore a university environment, build core thinking-skills and work as a team to complete a project.
World Languages Day	An interactive multi-school day on campus providing opportunities to learn about other languages and cultures; those currently being studied and those yet to be explored. Limited numbers.
Discovery Day (for students, families and supporters)	Held over the Easter and summer break, these half-day visits to campus offer students and their family/supporters the opportunity to learn more about university life.

Year 9	
Stats Gone Wild	A STEM on-campus day, working with academics and student ambassadors to discover how maths helps conservationists. Limited numbers.
University Life	An interactive one-hour workshop designed to answer students questions about university life. Available to be delivered in-school or on-campus as part of a visit for up to 60 students.

Year 10	
University and Student Life	A 25-minute talk offering key stage 4 students further insight into university and student life. Available to be delivered online/in-school to the whole year group.
Arguing with Confidence	This five-week debating programme is designed to support students develop key learning skills linked to English GCSE attainment. Workshops are two hours and are delivered in-school. Limited numbers.
Summer School	Held in the summer break, this two-night, on-campus, multi-school residential offers students the opportunity to explore their options and experience university life. Limited numbers.

Year 11	
Exam Success Package	A series of three one-hour online sessions designed to prepare students for their GCSE exams and beyond. Available to the whole year group.

Events and activities year 12-13

What can students access in year...?

Year 12 and 13 (in-school)	
Journey to Uni: Making the Right Choice	A one-hour in-school talk introducing students to HE courses and university choices. Available for the whole year group.
Journey to Uni: Understanding UCAS	A one-hour in-school talk guiding students through the UCAS application process. Available for the whole year group.
Journey to Uni: Personal Statements and Interview Techniques	A one-hour in-school talk providing practical guidance to students on writing personal statements and preparing for university interviews. Available for the whole year group.
Journey to Uni: A Guide to Student Finance	A one-hour in-school talk covering key information on student loans, funding, budgeting and financial tools for independent living. Available for the whole year group.
Mock-Interview Workshop	A one-and-a-half-hour interactive session led by our student ambassadors to develop interview skills. Delivered in-school, for up to 30 students.
Skills for Success Workshop	A one-hour academic skills development session, with a choice of either note-taking and revision, or presentation and communication skills. Delivered in-school, for up to 30 students.
Parents' evening support	Attendance at your parents' evening, offering information and support for parents/supporters to understand the UCAS process, student finance and course choice at university.

Year 12 and 13 (on-campus)	
Check it out! Library visit	A two-hour visit for students undertaking research. Introducing sources, referencing and offering an insight into the extensive library facilities available at university. Limited numbers.
Degree for a Day	A day on campus exploring academic study, focused on degree courses at Kent. Students experience a taster lecture, library research session and a seminar. Limited numbers.
Sixth Form Language Conference	A multi-school, on-campus day in collaboration with the Langton Language Centre. This day is aimed at year 12 modern language students. Limited numbers.
Inside Sports Science, Forensic campus visits, the GENE Project	A series of on-campus activities where students design, conduct and present their own research project and take part in taster sessions with academics and student ambassadors. Limited numbers.
Chemistry A-level support	A half-day, on-campus workshop designed for year 12 students to support their study of entropy and thermodynamics.
Space Week/Bioscience Work Experience Week	A five-day programme in the summer break offering students the opportunity to design their own space mission, or carry out their own mini research projects on campus.
University of Kent Open Days	A visit to one of the University of Kent campuses. Students have the opportunity to engage with staff and explore the campus, courses and facilities available.

Year 13 (online)	
The Value of HE – live talk	A one-hour online talk for whole year groups and parents/supporters, focused on the benefits of academic and extra-curricular elements of HE. Includes finance information and key UCAS dates.
It's Not Too Late to Consider HE – live talk	A one-hour online talk held in January before the UCAS deadline, this is aimed at students and parents/supporters still undecided on HE, covering information on subject choice and UCAS.
A Guide to Student Finance – live talk	A one-hour online talk for students and their parents/supporters covering key information about student finance.
What Can I Expect at University? – live talk	A one-hour online session for students and their parents/supporters focused on the transition to university and the HE experience.

In addition to these events, we have created the Ambition to Succeed progression scheme, exclusively for year 12/year 1, level 3 students. See p6 for more information and how to apply.



Ambition to Succeed

Our flagship level 3 progression scheme is new for 2024!

From October, we invite applications from year 12 or first year FE level 3 students to join a multi-school cohort, for our innovative two-year progression scheme. Activity in year one of the programme comprises both online and in-person sessions, culminating in a residential stay on our Canterbury campus.

From February to July of year 12, students will participate in an engaging and interactive timetable, incorporating information, exploration and experience. It offers an introduction to HE study, a broad exposure to the subjects available at Kent, and an exploration of extra-curricular activities. Midway through, students will choose a subject strand to focus on, reflecting their emerging subject preferences, for the remainder of the programme.

In year 13 or second-year FE level 3, students are invited to join a series of online drop-in and discussion sessions to support their onward progression. Through this, the post-16 team will continue to offer guidance to students, providing key information and discussion opportunities around choices, applications and transition to HE.

Ambition to Succeed Scholarship

Students who attend Ambition to Succeed, and are successful in an HE application to the University of Kent, will be eligible for our Ambition to Succeed Scholarship. For more information visit kent.ac.uk/outreach/scholarships-and-funding

Kent Ambition Scholars

Once enrolled at Kent, Ambition to Succeed Scholarship holders will be invited to join our flagship enrichment 'Kent Ambition Scholars Programme'. Students will receive targeted support and development opportunities throughout their student journey, as well as being invited to apply to become a Student Ambassador.

Application

We encourage all interested year 12 or first-year FE level 3 students to apply. Priority will be given to students who meet one or more of the eligibility criteria.

To book a promotional talk in your school, please email outreach@kent.ac.uk

// The student ambassadors were wonderful – it was inspiring to have them talk about their experience and knowledge to their former peers. //

Teacher





// The ambassadors were exceptional. The kids want to start uni tomorrow! //

Parent, Discovery Day

Meet Abs

Combining mathematical brilliance with determination and drive Abs has just graduated with flying colours from his Mathematics degree. His impact at Kent though goes beyond academia.

“Outreach opportunities opened my eyes to university and how my experience would add value to the ambassador cohort. They asked if I would be interested in being more involved in creating outreach programmes. Together, we created a whole new programme and I became one of the Lead Ambassadors.”

Additional opportunities

Keep in touch

To receive our regular schools' bulletin, with details of all our upcoming activities, or for more information about any of our activities please email outreach@kent.ac.uk

Kent and Medway Medical School

Kent and Medway Medical School (KMMS) are committed to widening access to medical degrees.

The KMMS Future Doctors team can visit schools to talk about careers in medicine and the application process for medical school. They hope to inspire students to study medicine who may not have otherwise considered it an option. They also aim to support students to make the right GCSE and A-level choices to allow them to pursue their ambitions.

KMMS also offer year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students the opportunity to join their Future Doctors: Virtual Medical Society programme

To organise a visit or join the mailing list to find out about upcoming events, please contact future.doctors@kmms.ac.uk

Supporting teachers and advisers

At Kent, we are committed to supporting teachers and advisers. Our CPD opportunities and teacher resources provide advice and guidance on the university application process and keep staff updated on changes within the higher education sector.

We host an annual Teacher and Adviser Conference in the summer term, developed exclusively for staff working with key stage 5/level 3 students .

Care-experienced and estranged students

We have a range of support services specifically to address the needs of care leavers and estranged students, from bespoke visit days, progression programmes for students, webinars for foster carers and supporters and CPD for professionals. We also have a designated member of staff to support students before they enrol at Kent, including help with:

- UCAS applications and personal statements
- navigating clearing
- financial support for Open Day and Applicant Day travel costs
- understanding student finance and the support available
- applying for accommodation.

Further support for your students

Contextual admissions policy

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. We use data and indicators to help us build a more rounded view of an applicant's achievements and potential using a range of applicant information in addition to prior attainment. A contextual offer will be lower than our standard offer, but course specific conditions will still apply.

For further information regarding eligibility criteria for contextual offers please visit: kent.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/apply/contextual-offers

Financial support

Kent offers a wide range of bursaries and scholarships for students who meet our eligibility criteria. Information can be found at: kent.ac.uk/scholarships/undergraduate

To support under-represented groups, we offer:

- Kent Financial Support Package (household income and other eligibility criteria apply)
- care leaver funding
- estranged student funding
- homeless student funding
- student carer funding.

Please see: kent.ac.uk/kfsp
kent.ac.uk/guides/additional-student-funding

// Amazing; the lesson was entirely student-centred and the enthusiasm was excellent throughout. //

Teacher
World Languages Day

FIND OUT MORE.

You can contact us at:

T: +44 (0)1227 824149

E: outreach@kent.ac.uk

kent.ac.uk/outreach

kent.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges



EXPLORE
↩ SCAN ME

University of Kent, The Registry, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ
T: +44 (0)1227 824149 E: outreach@kent.ac.uk kent.ac.uk/outreach

This brochure was produced in July 2024. The University of Kent makes every effort to ensure that the information contained in its publicity materials is fair and accurate and to provide education services as described. However, these services may be subject to change. For the most up-to-date information see www.kent.ac.uk/outreach

University of
Kent