University of Kent

Postgraduate Study in Politics and International Relations



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Politics and IR at Kent

- 16 FT permanent members of staff, who all teach and are research active
- ~100 UG students per year across 9 courses
- ~60 MA students per year across 4 courses
- and ~30 PhD students

- Medium-sized department → choice + tightknit learning community
- Four main areas of teaching and research
  - Comparative politics/political behaviour
  - International relations
  - Conflict and its resolution
  - Political theory

Studying Peace, Conflict and International Relations at Kent: A Brief History

- Post-WWII UK University
- Breaking down barriers (social, class, and educational) to global education
- A history of radical approaches to conflict analysis, and much more
- A regional institution with global reach
- An inclusive institution
- A place to belong





Conflict Analysis Research Centre

Director: Dr Yaniv Voller
Website:https://research.kent.ac.uk/conflict-analysis/







Term Structure and Dates 2027

- 3 Main Teaching Terms

- Spring (11 Jan – 19 March 2027)
- Summer (12 April – 18 June 2027)
- [Late Summer (5 July – 12 Sept 2027): no teaching]
- Autumn (4 October – 10 December 2027)

Each Teaching Term has:

8 weeks teaching

2 weeks assessment

BUT there will be also be ‘mid-terms’

Course Organisation (1 Year, January Start)

MA International Relations

- Pass 180 credits
- Two modules (each 20 credits) in Spring, Summer and Autumn terms
- Core modules in your programme are compulsory
- 120 credits in total of both **Core** and **optional** modules
  - Choices within two weeks
- Dissertation (60 credits)
  - Support from Spring term
  - Supervision from Summer term
  - Write-up and submit end of Autumn term

Financial Support

- Fees and funding - Postgraduate courses - University of Kent



Compulsory Modules

- SOCI8330 *Design of Social Research (SPR)*
- POLI8240 *Analysing World Politics (AUT)*

Optional Modules (SPR), 1 from:

- POLI8480 *Negotiation and Mediation*
- POLIXXXX *The Political Economy of Neoliberalism* (tbc)

Optional Modules (SUM Term), 2 from:

- POLI8109 *The Middle East and North Africa: State, Politics and Society*
- POLI7002 *Global Perspectives on Political Resistance*
- POLI9170 *Terrorism and Crimes of the State*

Optional Modules (AUT Term) 1 from:

- POLI7000 *International Ethics and Human Rights*
- POLI8320 *Pathways to Peace*
- POLI9160 *Security in a Changing World*

PLUS Compulsory POLI9650 *Dissertation*

- Optional Modules from other Schools (Law, History or Sociology) are also possible.

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Kent Law School – LLM programmes

Agent Webinar
October 2026
Dr Andreas Kotsakis

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Law at Kent

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Education

LEADER IN INNOVATION

Birthplace and centre for **critical** and **interdisciplinary** scholarship including **socio-legal studies**, law and **humanities**, **critical legal studies** and **feminist theory**

Undergraduate studies:
LLB
Mlaw

Postgraduate studies:
LLM
P.Dip
P.Cert

Postgraduate research:
PhD

Research

IMPACT IN THE WIDER WORLD

REF 2021, 100% of our law research was classified as 'world-leading' or 'internationally excellent' in terms of **impact and culture/environment**

Law at Kent ranked at **89th in the world** in the **Times Higher Education World University Rankings (THE WUR) 2026**, reaffirming its position among the world's leading departments.

This places Law at Kent **15th in the UK**.

Law at Kent was ranked 2nd for research quality in The Complete University Guide 2026.

A wide range of co-curricular opportunities

Lawyering skills:

- Client Interviewing
- Mediation
- Mock Trial Advocacy
- Mooting
- Negotiation

Additional innovative opportunities:

- Kent Law Review
- Student Conference
- Student Outdoor Clerk Scheme
- Sponsored internal advocacy competitions (civil, family, criminal)
- Global online learning opportunities









An active student community



Plus over 250 other student groups with shared aims or interests, ranging from sports to charitable causes.

They organise everything from regular meetups and social events, to offering academic support or international trips.

https://ksu.co.uk/activities

Effective support mechanisms



- Academic advisors to help navigate studies and career options
- One to one access to academics and advisors
- Skills hub
- Student Support – pastoral care and student wellbeing
- Employability within and beyond the curriculum – events, opportunities, placements

Our progressive approach to education at Kent

Autumn (10 weeks) 5 October – 11 December 2026	**Spring** (10 weeks) 11 January – 19 March 2027	**Summer** (10 weeks) 12 April – 18 June 2027	**Late Summer (postgraduate only)** 5 July - 12 Sep 2027
2 x 20 credit modules (taught and assessed)	2 x 20 credit modules (taught and assessed)	2 x 20 credit modules (taught and assessed)	Dissertation

- Three ten-week terms, spreading your work evenly across the academic year and maximising opportunities for support, guidance and feedback
- Two modules per term, providing focus to your learning each term so that your knowledge, skills and confidence build progressively during your degree
- A timetable that supports study-work-life balance, with structure to your on-campus learning and time for self-study, caring for others, paid work, and wider university life
- A course that embeds skills for your future career, and provides opportunities to gain professional, cultural and international experiences during your studies
- Assessments that support and challenge you to demonstrate the diverse and valuable skills that graduate employers are seeking

Meet our international alumni



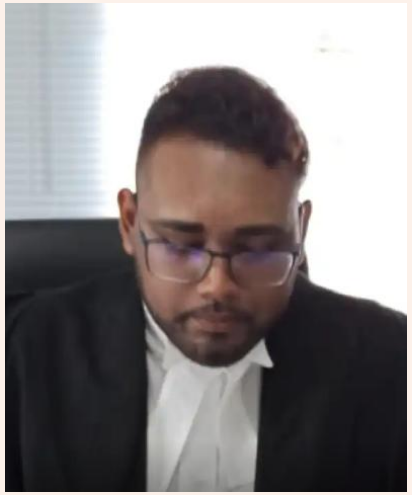
Alynn Cappon (LLM Public International Law, 2014) Strategic Partnerships Coordinator, UN Women Mexico



Aarish Hyder (LLB Law, 2021) Advocate at Hyder Law Chambers, India



Meyanee Phatchee (LLM Law, 2022) Public Prosecutor Thailand



Aaron Patrick (LLB Law, 2019) Attorney-at-Law, Trinidad and Tobago



Nicole Bolick (LLB Law, 2020) Lawyer at Bell Baker LLP Canada



Carolina Mariani (LL.M International Commercial Law, 2018) IP Specialist en Edpuzzle, Spain



Postgraduate: January 2027 entry

Programmes offered

Programmes

- Masters (LLM by research)
  - 1 research method module
  - 1 dissertation
- Masters (LLM in Law or major/minor)
  - 6 taught law modules
  - 1 taught module on legal skills
  - 1 dissertation
- Postgraduate Diploma
  - 6 taught law modules
  - 1 taught module on legal skills
- Postgraduate Certificate in Law
  - 3 taught modules

Programme start

January 2027 (15 months from January to April following year)

or

September 2027

Mode of delivery

- Full time (one year)

OR

- Part time (two years for home students only)

LLM in (single subject specialisation/ pathway)

- Choice of 9 pathways
  - Choice made after registration and arrival at Kent

OR

- LLM in Law

Human Rights Law LLM, PDip

International Commercial Law LLM, PDip

International Environmental Law LLM, PDip

Intellectual Property Law LLM, PDip

International Law LLM, PDip

International Law with International Relations LLM, PDip

Law and Health LLM, PDip

Law and Society LLM, PDip

LLM in (major pathway WITH minor pathway)

- **FLEXIBILITY OF SPECIALISATION**

  - Single subject pathway (3 modules + dissertation from one specialisation + 3 modules from any specialisation)
    - *E.g. LLM in Human Rights*
  - Major/Minor pathway (3 modules + dissertation fall within the scope of major/main specialisation and 3 modules from minor/second specialisation)
    - *E.g. LLM in Human Rights **with** Criminal Justice*
    - *E.g. LLM in International Commercial Law **with** Intellectual Property*

  - Possibility to study 1 or 2 non law modules (depending on pathway)

  - LLM in law
  - Choose any 6 law modules
  - Possibility to study 1 non-law module

Term structure for January 2027 entrants

Spring term 2026	Summer term	Summer + term	Autumn term	Spring term 2027
January – March 2027	April – June 2027	6 July – 11 September 2027	October – December 2027	January – March 2028
2 x 20 credit modules	2 x 20 credit modules	Vacation	2 x 20 credit modules	1 x 40 credit module = dissertation
1 x 20 credit module: Legal Writing and Research Skills			Term 3 of LWRS	

Thipvibha Janruang (Graduated 2024)



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“Kent’s inspiring teaching style encouraged me to think independently and with confidence. Studying in the beautiful city of Canterbury, with excellent resources and guidance, made my journey truly unforgettable.”



Wipapohn Kusolchoong (Graduated 2024)



University of Kent

Partner, Wipapohn Law Office
Legal Specialist of Senate, Thai Parliament

“Pursuing LL.M. in Criminal Justice at Kent Law School was not just learned but lived, where my wisdom was challenged and well-being was cared for.”



Banchop Chanklin (Graduated 2024)



University of Kent

Inquiry Officer, Crime Suppression Division, Royal Thai Police

“Studying at Kent broadened my legal thinking and strengthened my analytical skills; qualities that help me handle complex investigations with fairness and precision.”



Scholarship provision

- **8 funding opportunities currently available for PG currently at:**
- **https://www.kent.ac.uk/scholarships/postgraduate?school=Kent%20Law%20School&deadline=Live**

- **Including (for LLM):**

1. **Kent International Scholarship Postgraduate Taught**
2. **Commonwealth**
3. **British Council GREAT Scholarship**

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MSc Computing Courses

International Agent Webinar 2026



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School of Computing

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- Ranked 23rd for research intensity in the Complete University Guide 2026
- In the Top 25 for Best UK University for Computer Science by Guardian 2026
- 96% of our research classified as “world leading” or “internationally excellent” for quality (REF 2021)
- 84% of our graduates were in graduate-level jobs or further study 15 months after graduation (The Guardian University Guide 2026)



In January we run the following degree courses:

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- MSc Advanced Computer Science
- MSc Cyber Security
- MSc Artificial Intelligence

- MSc Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence)

All with/without a year in industry

School of Computing - Kennedy Building

School has over 1,000 students, and over 50 lecturers.

Three research groups

- Cyber Security
- Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics
- Programming Languages and Systems

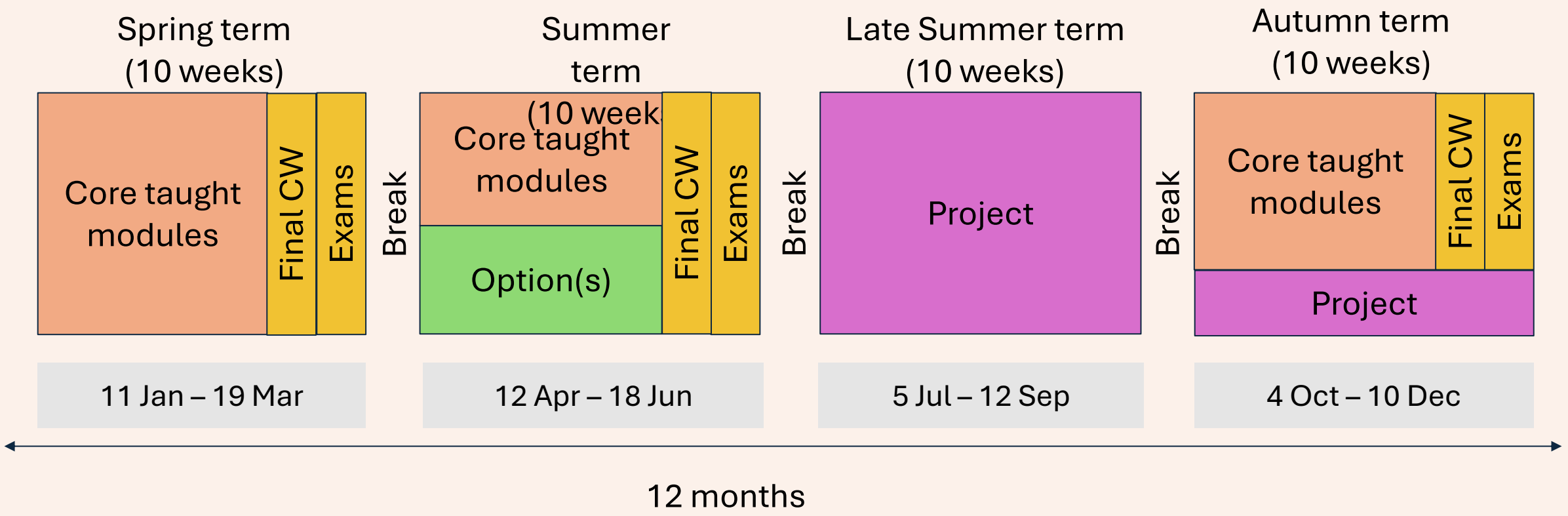
Head of School

Janet Carter





Calendar – Jan 2027



Modules and Credits

- Each course consists of 180 credits
- Material is taught in modules
- **Three taught terms**, in which students will study
  - 2 modules in Spring term
  - 2 modules in Summer term
  - 2 modules in Autumn term
- Project over the Late Summer Autumn terms

  - Each module is worth 20 credits
  - Project worth 60 credits

MSc Advanced Computer Science

- Advanced Course
- Designed to allow you to tailor yo course based on your interests
- 1 Core module with a choice betv advanced Java or advanced Pyth
- You have a long list of optional modules you can pick from those that are offered across our portfolio.

- **Cyber Security related options**
- **Artificial Intelligence related options**
- **Programming and Software Engineering options**

Core Modules
Programming for AI with Python
Advanced Java for Programmers

Optional Modules
Computational Creativity
AI and Cyber Security
Foundations of Data Science
Privacy & Cyber Law
Information Security Management
Natural Language Processing
Machine Learning
…

MSc Artificial Intelligence

- Advanced Course
- Covers core topics in AI that
  highly demanded by industr
  - Python
  - Machine Learning
  - Natural Language Processing
  - Deep Learning
  - Robotics
- Options allows you to tailor your experience
  - Selection of AI related modules
  - Additional modules offered by other courses

Core Modules
Programming for AI with Python
Machine Learning
Natural Language Processing
Deep Learning
Cognitive Robotics

Optional Modules
Computational Creativity
AI and Cyber Security
Foundations of Data Science

MSc Cyber Security

- Advanced Course
- Course accredited by the **National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)**
- Includes technical and socio tech aspects of Cyber Security
  - Cryptography & Authentication
  - Network security
  - Information security management
  - Cyber Law and Privacy
  - AI & Cyber Security
- Options allows you to tailor your experience
  - Ethical Hacking
  - Digital Forensics
  - Quantum Cryptography

Core Modules
Privacy & Cyber Law
Information Security Management
Cryptography and Systems Security
Network Security
Artificial Intelligence & Cyber Security
Optional Modules
Ethical Hacking
Digital Forensics
Introduction to Quantum Computing & Quantum Cryptography

MSc Computer Science (Artificial Intelligence)

University of Kent

- Conversion Course with focus on Artificial Intelligence
- Start: Selection of either **Python Programming** or **Programming for AI** module, depending on prior programming experience

- Covers core topics in Computer Science
  - Python Programming
  - Computer Systems
- Covers core topics in AI
  - Machine Learning
  - Natural Language Processing
  - Deep Learning

Core Modules
Python or Programming for AI
Computer Systems
Machine Learning
Natural Language Processing
Deep Learning

Optional Modules
Software Engineering
Web-Based Information Systems
AI and Cyber Security

Careers and Employability

Careers Hub: https://careers.kent.ac.uk

- **Book an appointment:**
  - Quick Advice (including Year in Industry and interview support).
  - Year in Industry - group advice.
  - Careers Advice & Guidance.
- **Opportunities:**
  - Jobs portal for graduate/part-time roles, volunteering, internships, placements and more.
- **Book onto our events**
  - Interactive workshops.
  - Employer talks.
  - EmpFest.
  - Careers Fairs (including the Law Fair).
  - Study Plus – learn additional skills for free – from Microsoft to time management.

- Ground Floor of Kennedy – recently expanded!

The Hackspace

- Shared workshop for practical projects, design work, and prototyping

- Equipment includes:
  - 3D Printers
  - Laser Cutter
  - Soldering and electronics development tools
  - Workshop machines (e.g. lathe, jigsaw, etc)

- All Kent students can use the



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compSocKent gives you a place to practise, collaborate and make things with other people who enjoy computing.

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WHAT YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN

Bootcamps

Hands-on sessions led by society members and industry friends.

Project proposals

Find a project that interests you and get involved.

Projects

Campus tools AND experiments worth sharing.

Community, code and shared momentum

Stay connected through Discord, Instagram and WhatsApp. Check the website for events, bootcamps, proposals and projects.

KMCS3
Kent & Medway Cyber Security Student Society

Cyber security beyond the curriculum

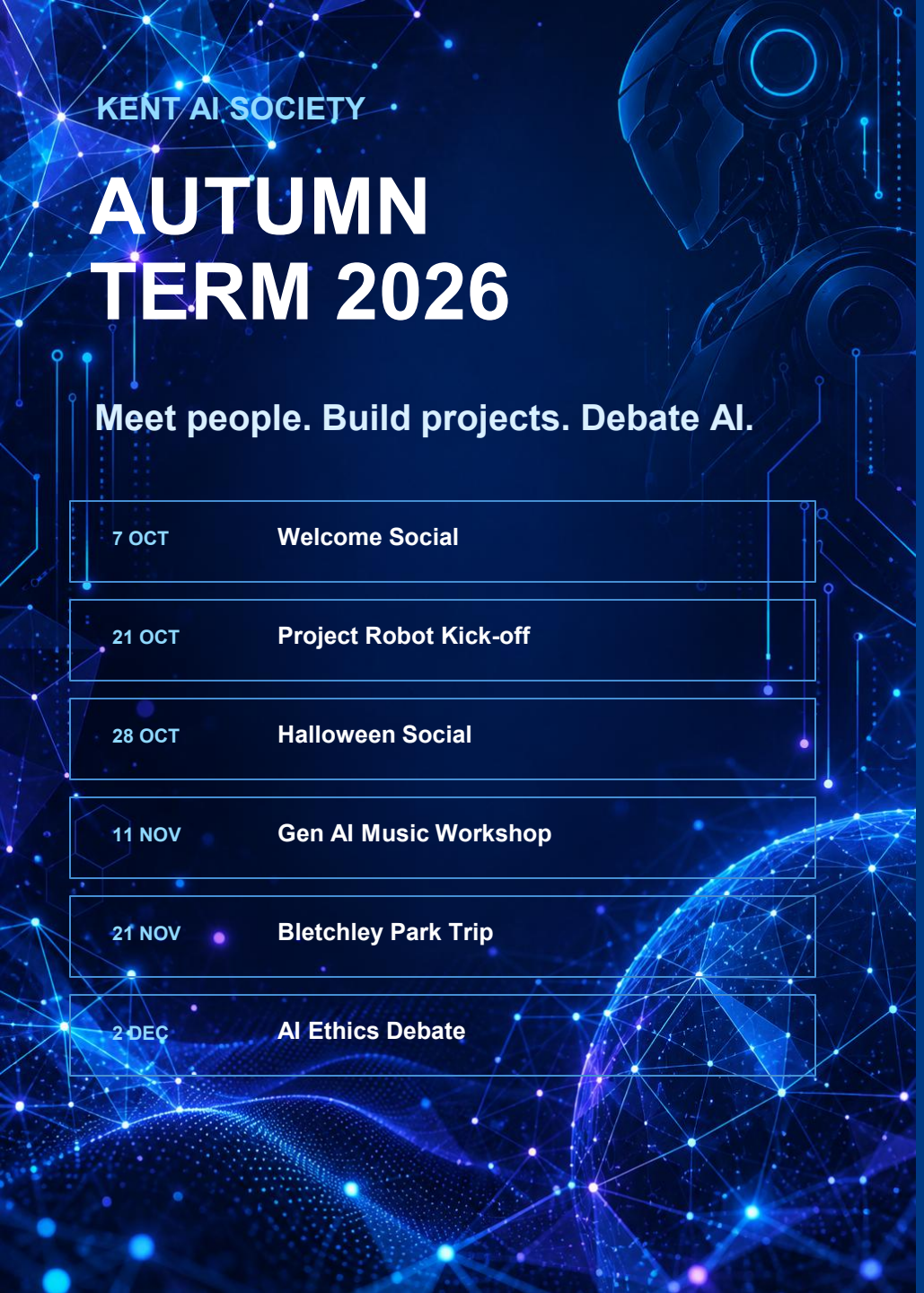
Make cyber security a habit

KMCS3 brings students together around cyber security learning, activities and leadership. Build skills outside your modules, enjoy the subject with other people, and develop experiences you can talk about with employers.

Join the conversation.
Find out what KMCS3 offers.

Scan the code fto join KMCS3 and contact
kmcs3-leaders@lists.kent.ac.uk





Kent Students' Union

Kent AI Society

A space to learn, build and lead in AI through collaboration, education and ethical innovation.

AUTUMN TERM EVENTS

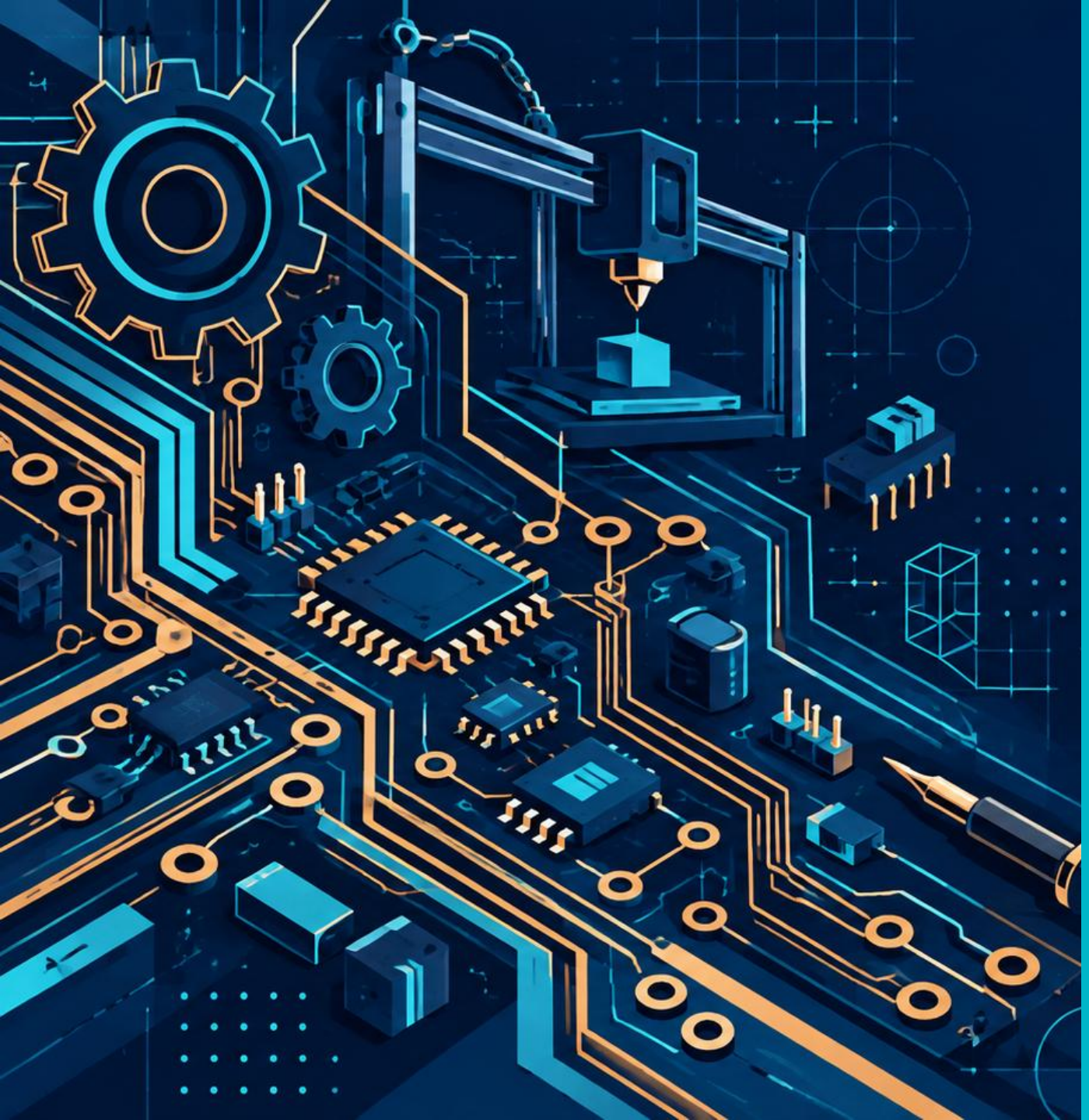
7 OCT	Welcome Social
21 OCT	Project Robot Kick-off
28 OCT	Halloween Social
11 NOV	Gen AI Music Workshop
21 NOV	Bletchley Park Trip
2 DEC	AI Ethics Debate

DISCUSS AND BUILD

Use the society to turn an AI interest into a habit. Bring ideas from machine learning, robotics, trustworthy AI, language technologies and computational creativity into conversations and projects.

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Follow @kentaisociety for updates and activities



KENT'S MAKER SOCIETY

TinkerSoc

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Scan to join TinkerSoc

Make something on a Wednesday night

Learn coding, electronics, 3D printing, amateur radio, metalwork and more with people who enjoy making things.

WORKSHOPS, TOOLS AND HELP

Bring an idea, learn a new skill or use the Makerspace to move your project forward. No experience is required.

School of Computing Makerspace, Kennedy Building
Wednesdays from 6pm · Free for all Kent students