ESSENTIAL KENT/FAST FACTS
KENT IN BRIEF

Prestigious
• A top 20 UK university – 16th in The Guardian University Guide 2016
• Ranked 17th in the UK for research intensity in the Research Excellence Framework 2014, out of 122 multi-faculty universities
• Fifth equal highest score for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2015, out of 115 multi-faculty institutions
• Ranked 24th in the Times Higher Education ‘Table of Tables’ (the combined results of the three main UK university league tables)
• One of 15 universities in the UK to have a Nuffield Q Step Centre, designed to provide undergraduate students with advanced training in quantitative methods

Inspirational
• Campuses and centres in Athens, Brussels, Canterbury, Medway, Paris, Tonbridge and Rome
• Excellent teaching delivered by world-leading researchers
• Achieved 88% for teaching quality in the National Student Survey 2015
• Recipient of an Athena SWAN Charter Bronze award for supporting the career progression of women in STEM areas
• The University has been honoured with Queen’s Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education twice in six years

Progressive
• New buildings include the Templeman Library extension, Turing College, an academic building in Cornwallis East, a building for Kent Business School and School of Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science and a Student Hub at Medway
• £15m invested in financial support for new students, plus over £130,000 was distributed through the Kent Opportunity Fund to support student projects, hardship funding and postgraduate research
The UK’s European university

- Exchange programmes and partnerships with top universities in Europe
- Students from 149 nationalities
- 38% teaching staff from outside the UK
- 11.2% of students are from the EU, 17.1% are from overseas
- One of the highest percentages of students studying under the Erasmus scheme of any multi-faculty UK university
- A wealth of European and international opportunities for study, work and travel in a stimulating and effective learning community
- Kent is the only UK university with specialist study centres in four European capital cities
KENT AT 50

Pride in our past
Since the ‘First 500’ students walked along Eliot causeway in 1965, Kent has made great strides. That small community of students and staff were our pioneers, shaping the University of Kent into the inclusive, international and inspiring community that it is today.

“The launching of the University reminds me in many ways of the launching of a ship: romance, high hopes and sound craftsmanship. She is to be the home and workplace of a company of men and women of varying views and skills, bonded together for a chain of voyages into the seas of knowledge.”

Chancellor of the University of Kent (1970-1990), Lord Grimond

We congratulate those who have taken this journey with us and made the University an inspiring and prestigious institution.

Celebrating the present
Kent has a worldwide reputation for the quality and impact of its research and we are rated as internationally excellent, leading the way in many fields. Known as the ‘UK’s European university’, we have locations in the UK, Belgium, France, Italy and Greece. However, ours is a truly global community with collaborative partnerships with institutions around the world.

Inspiring the future
Our landmark anniversary in 2015 has enabled students, staff and alumni to celebrate our heritage, our success and our ongoing contribution to knowledge that, with our European and international partners, reaches across the globe.

Find out more: E: 50years@kent.ac.uk
Twitter: https://twitter.com/UniKent50 Facebook: University of Kent
www.kent.ac.uk/50
WE ARE KENT

The University of Kent is a forward-thinking research institution committed to the transformative power of education and research. In 1965, The Times commented that Kent was ‘setting out to be different’, and our fiftieth anniversary has given the opportunity for us to reflect on our past and re-discover what makes Kent distinctive.

The abiding commitment of Kent over five decades has been to its collegial environment. This ethos has enabled Kent to preserve its character as a university with genuinely open inquiry and debate that fosters strength in our research and our teaching. Our outstanding research owes much to the motivation of our academics, which also fires their passion to impart enjoyment in, and engagement with, knowledge to our students.

Kent’s commitment to its students has never wavered, ensuring they are inspired, challenged and educated in the broadest sense. The enthusiasm with which the 50th slogan ‘We Are Kent’ was seized upon, shows that pride in that distinctiveness is stronger than ever.

With national recognition for research intensity, and the provision of an exceptional student experience, the University approaches the next fifty years with confidence and with ambition. Not just to be different, but to make a difference through the relevance and impact of our research in addressing the world’s major challenges, and to the life-chances of our students through the opportunities we offer them.

Further information about the University’s intentions for the future will be published in the autumn term at www.kent.ac.uk
LOCATIONS

Known as ‘the UK’s European university’, Kent has exceptional campuses in the UK, as well as sites in some of the most exciting and historic cities in Europe. Study and research are underpinned by the specialist facilities and resources of these chosen locations.

**Canterbury**: the University’s original parkland campus overlooks the historic city of Canterbury. With over 15,880 students and 149 nationalities represented, the campus has a vibrant cosmopolitan atmosphere.

**Medway**: professionally focused programmes supported by state-of-the-art facilities in renovated listed buildings on The Historic Dockyard, Chatham. The campus is close to London and has easy transport links to Europe.

**Tonbridge**: dedicated to part-time study and continuing professional development, the Tonbridge Centre has its own specialist facilities with easy access to the campus resources at Canterbury and Medway.
Brussels: advanced international studies in the capital of Europe: Kent’s Brussels School of International Studies offers postgraduate programmes taught by world-leading academics and experienced practitioners, and provides valuable internship opportunities.

Paris: the teaching of humanities and arts-based postgraduate programmes is enhanced by the cultural, linguistic and experiential immersion in this historic city at the heart of European culture.

Athens: Heritage Management, combining the study of archaeology and business, is offered at the archaeological site of Eleusina in one of the world’s most ancient cities.

Rome: Canterbury and Rome have been linked since the Middle Ages by the pilgrimage route Via Francigena. The study of the ancient world and art history is offered in the centre of classical antiquity and art.
SUCCESEES

- Kent is judged to have world-leading research in all subjects submitted to the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014:
  - We are ranked 17th in the UK for research intensity
  - 97% of our research is of international quality, up from 87% in 2008
  - Our score for research power increased by 59%, the third largest increase of the top 50 research intensive universities
  - Since 2008, we have increased the number of our research-active staff by 40%
- We are ranked 16th in the UK in The Guardian University Guide 2016 and 22nd in the UK in The Complete University Guide 2016
- Kent scored the fifth equal highest score for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2015 (out of 115 multi-faculty institutions)
- Dr Peter Klappa was awarded a National Teaching Fellowship in 2014, the second to be awarded to the School of Biosciences
- The University was awarded a prestigious Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education for the work of the Tizard Centre in 2014
- Kent is one of only 15 higher education institutions in the UK to receive funding from the Nuffield Foundation, the ESRC and HEFCE to develop a nationally recognised quantitative methods Q Step centre for Social Sciences: ‘Kent Counts’
- Kent is one of 27 English universities to have received a £5 million award from the government to support a national increase in high-quality STEM students.
- The University is winner of Best University Accommodation for seven years running
• In the *Times Higher Education* (THE) **Best University Workplace Survey 2015**, Kent placed in the top five in three categories: ‘I would like to recommend working at my university’, ‘My university offers a fair deal to its employees in terms of working conditions and benefits’ and ‘My work responsibilities allow for a healthy work-life balance’

• The **Careers and Employability Service** received a top industry award for its commitment to improving the employability of Kent students in 2015. Areas of innovation and best practice highlighted were the University’s Employability Week, Work-Study Scheme and the bursary scheme B-KEW

• **Kent Union** is ranked 17th in the Sunday Times Best 100 Not for Profit companies 2014, were reaccredited with the Investers in People Gold standard and were the first students’ union to successfully achieve the NUS Quality Students’ Unions Award
KENT IN NUMBERS

**Founded:** the University’s Royal Charter was granted in 1965

**Vice-Chancellor:** Professor Dame Julia M Goodfellow, FMedSci, FIBiol, FInstP, became the fifth Vice-Chancellor of the University in September 2007, and the first woman to be elected President of Universities UK for 2015-2017

**Locations:** two UK campuses, Canterbury and Medway, a centre for part-time study in Tonbridge, and four specialist postgraduate centres in Brussels, Paris, Athens and Rome

**Research:** Significant and growing research strength; 17th in the UK for research intensity in the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014, with seven subjects in the top ten; and increased (up by 48%) numbers of high quality staff submitted

**Annual income:** £214.4m

**Research income:** £13.6m

**Philanthropic income:** £1.2m

**Number of donors:** 1,202

**Student support:** Bursaries, scholarships, grants and awards of £10.2m for undergraduates and £9.8m for postgraduates (2013-14)

**Annual surplus:** £6.7m in 2013-14

**Investment in facilities and resources:** £234m over the last ten years

**Planned investment in facilities and resources:** over £255m in five years to 2018-19

**Collegiate structure:** Six colleges on the Canterbury campus – Rutherford, Eliot, Darwin, Keynes, Woolf and Turing

**Student accommodation:** over 5,400 bedrooms on the Canterbury campus and over 1,100 bedrooms at Liberty Quays in Medway

**Library holdings:** three libraries containing over one million books, periodicals and journals. 1,710 study spaces, over 720 fixed PCs and over 80 laptops and netbooks.
Student numbers: 19,265; full-time undergraduate 14,880; part-time undergraduate 685; full-time postgraduate 2,600; part-time postgraduate 1,100 (December 2014)

New enrolment: 5,665 new undergraduate students and 2,305 new postgraduate students registered in 2014 (December 2014).

Retention rate: 96.8%

Student employment rate: in 2014, less than 6% of Kent graduates were without a job or further study opportunity six months after graduation

Student population: 53% women, 47% men

Student profile: students from 149 nationalities are represented at the University: 71.7% from the UK, 11.2% from the EU and 17.1% from overseas

2013-14 awards: 4,495 undergraduate awards; 1,630 postgraduate awards (1,460 taught, 170 research)

Student to staff ratio: 12.2:1 (2014-15)

Staff numbers: 3,506 members of staff, of which 1,652 are academic, teaching and research staff

Staff population: 53% women, 47% men

Staff profile: 78% from the UK, 22% from Europe and overseas. 38% of Kent’s academic staff are from outside the UK

Alumni: 142,000 from over 180 countries

Fairtrade status: Kent has been a designated Fairtrade university since 2006

Recycling: the University recycled around 57% of its waste and aims to increase this to 60% in 2015

Enterprise and innovation: 3,713 students and 110 companies engaged with the University’s nationally recognised ‘Employability Points’ scheme during 2013-14
A COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

We attract internationally renowned subject specialists and have a reputation for research excellence that is designed to produce creative and practical solutions. Business projects benefit from this wealth of knowledge, through our tailored consultancy services, along with training, funding and partnering opportunities.

• Kent is ranked 17th in the UK for the intensity of its world-leading research (REF 2014)
• All our academic staff work in schools or centres where research is rated as world-leading or internationally excellent
• Seven of our subject areas are in the top ten for research intensity: architecture; biological sciences; English language and literature; history; law; pharmacy; social work and social policy.
• Four of our subject areas are in the top ten for research impact: classics; physics; social work and social policy; theology and religious studies
• Eastern Academic Research Consortium (Eastern ARC): The University of East Anglia (UEA), the University of Essex and the University of Kent have joined forces to form a significant new force in research collaboration and training. The consortium builds on recent partnership bids for doctoral training awards in the natural and environmental sciences and the arts and humanities, and on a range of other bilateral research relationships.
• South East ESRC Doctoral Training Centre (DTC): A partnership between the Universities of Kent, Reading, Royal Holloway and Surrey to establish a centre of excellence in social science postgraduate research training
Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South East England (CHASE): The Courtauld Institute of Art, Goldsmiths, University of London, the Open University, and the Universities of East Anglia, Essex, Kent and Sussex have formed a consortium to promote excellence in research, postgraduate research training and knowledge exchange in the Arts and Humanities.

S Group: Kent is a member of the S Group; a European Universities Network comprised of over 30 members from 15 European countries. The University’s admission to the Group is in recognition of its strong record of participation in collaborative European research and teaching projects.
A PLACE TO INSPIRE/AN APPROACH TO CHALLENGE

The Kent experience equips students for every aspect of their life and career. We provide a wealth of UK, European and international opportunities for study, work experience and travel, and a stimulating and effective learning community that focuses on the individual. Our academic staff are fuelled by their interest and curiosity in their chosen subject – enthusiasm which fires their passion to impart enjoyment in, and engagement with, knowledge to our students.

Kent Union at Canterbury and Greenwich and Kent Students’ Unions Together (GK Unions) at Medway provide representation and support, with over 300 clubs and societies and a varied programme of events, activities and volunteering opportunities.

We are ranked 16th in the UK in The Guardian University Guide 2016 and our students rate Kent as providing one of the best experiences in the UK; in the 2015 National Student Survey, we achieved the fifth equal highest score for overall student satisfaction.
Our priorities are to:

- ensure a welcoming, friendly, safe and secure environment
- encourage participation by all who can benefit
- challenge and support our students
- enhance employability skills and prospects
- promote lifelong learning
- foster and reward excellence in research-led teaching
- strengthen our learning and teaching infrastructure
- provide accessible, reliable and secure IT/Library services and facilities
- extend the internationalisation of the Kent student experience.
ENTERPRISE AND INNOVATION

Kent’s world leading research and academic engagement are at the core of our engagement with business and industry. Kent is committed to growing profitable collaborations with public, private and third sector organisations. We believe strong partnerships between business and academia enhance both the professional standing of members of staff, and the status of the University, providing opportunities for the institution to directly contribute to the UK economy and society.

We have established a number of initiatives to encourage and develop our students’ employability skills, including the Graduate Entrepreneur Scheme, the Year in Business Start-up Scheme, the nationally recognised Employability Points scheme and a number of credited enterprise modules for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

We also have the Kent Enterprise Hub, a dedicated facility to support innovative and high-growth businesses from start-up and development, exclusively available to Kent staff, students and graduates.
REGIONAL IMPACT

- The University and its students generated £0.7bn for the south-east region
- Total University revenue is £201m
- The University provides almost 3,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs and provides employment opportunities for over 5,000 of its students annually
- Staff contribute public service and engagement work worth £24m
- We offer a comprehensive programme of workshops and activities with regional schools and colleges, and our Student Ambassador Scheme has been in operation for more than ten years
- Kent Law Clinic received 1,827 enquiries and handled 150 cases
- Our students logged over 38,000 volunteering hours in the local community
- Gulbenkian was awarded National Portfolio Organisation status with the Arts Council of England for three years from April 2015
- Kent Sport has been awarded £214,924 of National Lottery funding via Sport England’s University Sport Activation Fund. The innovative Let’s Play project aims to increase participation in sport and fun physical activities at both Canterbury and Medway, with contributions from the University and the local community.
KENT UNION: EMPOWERING STUDENTS

To have a voice
• 207 trained course representatives
• 574 members stood for elections, and our members cast 49,907 votes
• 221 students attended 27 training sessions run by student groups
• 2,564 submissions for the Teaching Awards

To get the most from university
• 8,283 students involved in union life (clubs, societies, media, Raise and Give (RaG), volunteering, course reps and elected representatives)
  - 5,418 society members and 3,522 sports club members
• £78,000 granted for specific projects
• £5m secured for a new students’ union building at Medway

To fulfil their potential
• 740 students employed by Kent Union
• 14% more registrations, and an 88% increase in advertised vacancies with Jobshop
• 2,891 students attended Stand Out training sessions
• 6,152 students assisted by the Student Advice Centre
• 106 graduate recruiters and over 2,700 students attended the annual University Careers Fair during Employability Week
• 5,678 students undertook year in industry placements or work experience
• 3,347 volunteering opportunities; 636 in the local community
• 757 students received a Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering (KSCV)

To run our effective charity with a clear sense of purpose
• 390 student supervisors and volunteers trained in Health and Safety
• £90,000 invested in training our staff
• 17th place in the Sunday Times 100 Best Not-For-Profit Organisations to work for 2014
## SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIC CENTRES

### Humanities
- Kent School of Architecture
- School of Arts
- School of English
- School of European Culture and Languages
- School of History
- School of Music and Fine Art

### Sciences
- Medway School of Pharmacy
- School of Biosciences
- School of Computing
- School of Engineering and Digital Arts
- School of Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science
- School of Physical Sciences
- School of Sport and Exercise Sciences

### Social Sciences
- Centre for Journalism
- Centre for Professional Practice
- Kent Business School
- Kent Law School
- School of Anthropology and Conservation
- School of Economics
- School of Politics and International Relations
- School of Psychology
- School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research
PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

Visitor: The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury
Chancellor: Dr Gavin Esler BA (Kent), MA (Leeds), DCL (Kent), FRSA
Chair of the Council: Sir David Warren KCMG, MA (Oxford)
Vice-Chancellor: Professor Dame Julia M Goodfellow FMedSci, FI Biol, FInstP
Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee: Tony Quigley BSc (Eng) (London), CEng, FIET
Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor: David Nightingale MA (Oxford)
Deputy Vice-Chancellors: Denise Everitt BA (Hons), ACA (Kent)
Professor Keith Mander, BSc, PhD (Nottingham)
Pro-Vice-Chancellors: Professor John Baldock BA (Oxford), MA (Kent)
Professor Phillipe De Wilde, MSc (Ghent), PhD (Ghent)
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Dean of the Faculty of Humanities: Dr Simon Kirchin MA (Oxford), PhD (Sheffield)
Dean of the Faculty of Sciences: Professor Mark Burchell BSc (Birmingham), DIC, PhD (London)
Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences: John Wightman MA, LLB (Cambridge)
Dean of the Graduate School: Professor Diane Houston MA (Dundee),
PhD (Kent), CPsychol, FBP sS, AcSS
Dean for Internationalisation: Dr Antony Manning BA, PGCE, MA, EdD, FHEA
Dean for Europe: Professor Roger Vickerman MA (Cantab), DPhil (Sussex),
Dr hc (Marburg), FRSA, FCILT, AcS
Sub-Dean for Medway: Professor Nicholas Grief BA, PhD (Kent)
Secretary of the Council (and the Court): Dr Keith Lampard BA (Kent), MSc
(London), PhD (Kent), PGC-HEM (Southampton)
Senior Master: Dr Wayne Campbell BSc (Kent), MSc (Loughborough), MA
(Cambridge), PhD (Kent)
Master of Darwin and Woolf Colleges: Dr Jonathan Friday BA (London), MPhil (Cambridge), PhD (Cambridge)

Master of Eliot College: Stephen Burke BA (Kent)

Master of Keynes College: Chloe Gallien LèsL, MèsL, DEA (Nancy), MBA (OUBS), FHEA, FAUA

Master of Rutherford College: Dr Peter Klappa BSc, MSc, PhD (Munich), PGCHE (Kent)

Master of Turing College: Dermot O’Brien MBA (Hartford), PGDip (Roehampton), FRSA, FHEA

College Master for Medway: Jane Glew BSc (Aston), PG Dip (CIM), MA (Greenwich)
INSPIRATIONAL ALUMNI

Kent has 142,000 alumni worldwide who make their mark in a variety of professions.

**Sir David Akers-Jones:** Former Acting Governor of Hong Kong

**Valerie Bloom MBE:** Poet

**Rosie Boycott:** Journalist

**Alan Davies:** Comedian and actor

**Alan Elsner:** Journalist

**Gavin Esler:** BBC journalist, author and Chancellor of the University

**David Fulton:** Cricketer, former Captain of Kent CC

**Wayne Garvie:** Chief Creative Officer, Sony Pictures Television

**Ellie Goulding:** Award-winning singer/songwriter

**Charlotte Green:** Newsreader and broadcaster

**David Horsey:** Political cartoonist

**Kazuo Ishiguro OBE:** Author and Man Booker Prize winner (*The Remains of the Day, Never Let Me Go*)

**Rebecca Lenkiewicz:** Playwright, Critics Circle Theatre Award winner

**Mark Mardell:** BBC North America Editor

**Carolyn McCall OBE:** CEO of EasyJet

**David Mitchell:** Author (*Cloud Atlas*)

**Erika Mitchell (EL James):** Author of the *Fifty Shades* trilogy

**Wayne Otto OBE:** Nine times World and European Karate champion

**Neal Purvis and Robert Wade:** Screenwriters: *Skyfall, Die Another Day, The World is Not Enough, Casino Royale* (BAFTA nominated), *Let Him Have It, Johnny English*

**Sarah Waters:** Author (*Tipping the Velvet, Fingersmith*)

**Tom Wilkinson OBE:** Actor, BAFTA and Emmy award winner, Oscar nominee
UNIVERSITY HISTORY

1965 Royal Charter granted and the ‘First 500’ students enrol
1965-70 Eliot, Rutherford, Keynes and Darwin Colleges open (Canterbury)
1969 The Gulbenkian Theatre and Cinema open (Canterbury)
1970 Opening of the Registry and Senate (Canterbury)
1980 Opening of Park Wood (Canterbury)
1982 Opening of the Tonbridge Centre
1990 Becket Court student accommodation opens (Canterbury)
1993 Park Wood village completed (Canterbury)
1995 Tyler Court Block A accommodation opens (Canterbury)
1998 University of Kent, Brussels established
2002  Her Majesty the Queen and HRH Duke of Edinburgh inaugurate the joint Medway campus during visit to Chatham Maritime

2004  Launch of the Medway School of Pharmacy, a joint project between the universities of Kent and Greenwich
       Tyler Court Blocks B and C accommodation opens (Canterbury)

2005  The first students are welcomed to the new Medway campus
       Park Wood flats open (Canterbury)

2006  The Pilkington and Gillingham Buildings open (Medway)

2008  Kent Graduate School is established
       Woolf College, Kent’s postgraduate college, is opened (Canterbury)

2009  University of Kent, Paris launched
       Liberty Quays student residences open (Medway)

2011  New accommodation at Keynes College opens (Canterbury)
       Specialist postgraduate programme at Athens launched

2012  Colyer-Fergusson Music Building opens (Canterbury)
       New and refurbished facilities for the School of Music and Fine Art open at The Historic Dockyard, Chatham (Medway)

2013  Specialist postgraduate programmes in Rome launched
       New student residences open at Liberty Quays (Medway)
       Refurbished Sports Centre opened (Canterbury)

2014-15 Turing College opens (Canterbury)
       Templeman Library extension and refurbishment is completed (Canterbury)
       New and refurbished facilities for Kent Business School open at The Historic Dockyard, Chatham (Medway)