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 passionate institution.

Celebrating the present
Kent has a worldwide reputation for the relevance of its research and we are rated as internationally excellent. 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 prestigious institutions around the world.

Inspiring the future
Our landmark anniversary in 2015 is an opportunity for 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.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT

A global view
Kent’s dedication to excellence in teaching and research spans five decades. We continue to evolve; our contribution to knowledge reaches across the globe and our research is recognised as world-leading. We encourage and celebrate intellectual and cultural diversity with a commitment to educate our students to be the global citizens of tomorrow.

Our vision
We believe in the unity of research and teaching, in the freedom and responsibility to question received wisdom, in the transformative power of education, and in the value of integrity, inclusiveness and diversity. We are committed to the development of our students and staff as professionals and leaders, to the investment of our research and intellectual capital in our locations and to making a positive impact regionally, nationally and internationally.

Our mission
To develop distinctive attributes that others seek to emulate, to promote diversity and inclusivity by offering fair treatment and equality of opportunity to every member of the University community, and to work with our partners for mutual benefit.

Further information about the University’s plan for 2012-15 can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/about/plan
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 15,800 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 Chatham’s Historic Dockyard. This stunning waterfront location 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 is offered in the centre of classical antiquity.
SUCCESES

• Kent is ranked in the top 20 in the UK in The Guardian University Guide 2014 and 28th in The Complete University Guide 2014
• 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 within a select band of institutions that have achieved an overall satisfaction rate of 90% and above in the 2013 National Student Survey
• 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 centre for Social Sciences: ‘Kent Counts’
• We have been shortlisted in the two categories for the Times Higher Education (THE) Awards 2013: Excellence & Innovation in the Arts and ICT Initiative of the Year
• In the 2013 Times Higher Education (THE) Best University Workplace Survey, Kent placed second in the category ‘I would like to recommend working at my university’ and fifth in that ‘My university offers a fair deal to its employees in terms of working conditions and benefits’
• The University is ranked among the top 80 ‘under 50’ universities in the world by the Times Higher Education – a celebration of universities ‘that have reached the top of the global academy in decades, not centuries’
• Kent was ranked 24th in UK for world-leading (4*) research in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise
• Of our academic staff, 97% work in schools or centres where the research is rated as internationally or nationally excellent
• Our academics have been awarded National Teaching Fellowships for five years running
• Our Employability Points scheme has been nationally recognised as a case study for best practice within business/university collaboration
• Our Student Ambassador Scheme recently celebrated its tenth anniversary and continues to represent Kent in outreach and recruitment work in local schools, colleges and the community
• Awarded ‘University of the Year’ at the inaugural 2013 National Student Pride awards
• CSR.fm won the ‘Charity Champion’ award at the 2013 ‘I Love Student Radio’ awards. Held in collaboration with Kent Union’s TV channel and student newspaper, the fundraising event involved a live 48-hour stream and broadcast involving over 60 volunteers from student media across Canterbury
• The Colyer-Fergusson Music Building was one of only two buildings in the south-east to win a 2013 RIBA National Award for architectural excellence and one of 43 to win nationally. It has also recently won a top prize in the Wood Awards 2013
• The Kent School of Architecture Crit Building won World Architecture News’ Facade of the Year Award 2013
• Kent has received the internationally recognised ISO 14001 award for the high standard of its environmental practices
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.


Research: Significant and growing research strength; 29th in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, with six subjects in the top ten; and increased (up by 41%) numbers of high quality staff submitted to the 2014 Research Excellence Framework.

Annual income: £201m
Research income: £13.4m
Philanthropic income: £650,000

Student support: Bursaries, scholarships, grants and awards of £7.4m for undergraduates and £8.2m for postgraduates (2012/13).

Investment in facilities and resources: almost £222m over the last ten years.


Student accommodation: over 4,700 bedrooms on the Canterbury campus and 1,100 bedrooms at Liberty Quays in Medway. A further 800 bedrooms at the new Turing College on the Canterbury campus will be available for 2014/15.

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. During term time, the libraries are open 100 hours per week.

Student numbers: 19,850; full-time undergraduate 14,850; part-time undergraduate 1,340; full-time postgraduate 2,505; part-time postgraduate 1,155 (autumn 2013).
New enrolment: 5,535 new undergraduate students and 2,130 new postgraduate students registered in 2013 (Dec 2013).

Retention rate: 95.2%

Student employment rate: in 2012, less than 6% of Kent graduates were without a job or further study opportunity (compared to 9% nationally).

Student population: 52% women, 48% men.

Student profile: students from 149 nationalities (134 countries) are represented at the University: 72.5% from the UK, 11.5% from the EU and 16.0% from overseas.

Erasmus: Kent has the second highest percentage of students studying under Erasmus of any multi-faculty university in the UK.

2012-13 awards: 4,250 undergraduate awards; 1,750 postgraduate awards (1,550 taught, 200 research).

Student to staff ratio: 12.9:1 (2013/14)

Staff numbers: 3,440 members of staff, of which 1,432 are academic, teaching and research staff.

Staff population: 52% women, 48% men.

Staff profile: 73% from the UK, 27% from Europe and overseas. 41% of Kent’s academic staff are from outside the UK.

Alumni: 134,000 from 181 countries.

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

Recycling: the University recycled almost 52.13% of its waste and aims to increase this to 55% in 2014.

Enterprise and innovation: 2,408 students and 111 companies engaged with the University’s nationally recognised ‘Employability Points’ scheme.
A COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

We attract internationally renowned subject specialists and have an established 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.

Our role is to build strong links between research and business, to better develop, support and create high-growth enterprise. We work with many organisations on a variety of projects, from student start-ups to multinational companies.

- Kent is ranked 24th in the UK for its world-leading research (RAE 2008)
- Of our academic staff, 97% work in schools or centres where the research is rated as internationally or nationally excellent
- The School of History is ranked second nationally
- Five subject areas (Drama, English, Law, Social Policy and Sociology) had 30% of their research rated at the top grade of 4*

- 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.

- Santander Group: Kent is a member of the Santander Group; a European Universities Network comprised of almost 40 members from 16 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.
• **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 & Humanities.
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 European and international opportunities for study, work and travel, and a stimulating and effective learning community that focuses on the individual. Kent Union provides representation and support, with over 300 clubs and societies and a varied programme of events and activities.

Our students rate Kent as providing one of the best experiences in the UK; in the 2013 National Student Survey, we were among an elite group of universities to achieve 90% or above 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.
Kent has developed profitable collaborations with both public and private-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.

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 £0.6bn for the south-east region
• Our students contribute £211m to the region’s economy
• Over 27,000 of our graduates have remained in Kent
• The University supports around 2,500 full-time jobs and circa 4,500 jobs in the region resulting from the impact of our activities and student spending
• The University provides employment opportunities for over 5,000 of its students annually
• Where possible, we use local suppliers in our catering outlets
• We make a major cultural impact throughout the region with our investment in music, theatre, art and sport
• We encourage young people to see the value of higher education through a comprehensive programme of activities and workshops with regional schools and colleges
• Kent Law Clinic has handled over 10,000 queries from local people
• The University has won the Group Travel ‘Best University Accommodation for Groups’ award since 2010
BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR STUDENTS

Kent Union:
Creating change
• 103,964 student volunteering hours recorded (Raise and Give fundraising total £132,568)
• 1,619 students using the Employability and Volunteering (E&V) toolkit
• £13,000 NUS funding won to support Kent’s Home Stamp housing scheme

Enhancing the student experience
• 78 sports clubs and 256 societies
• 3,799 society members and 2,710 sports club members
• 6,559 students assisted by the Student Advice Centre

Student voice
• 292 elected course reps
• Over 50% of students credit their course rep with improving their courses
• 3,777 submissions received for Teaching Awards (over 1,000 more than in 2011/12)

Supporting employability
• 7,629 students accessed Jobshop to seek employment at the University, and within Canterbury and the region
• 258 students employed as temps at the University, within Canterbury and across Kent
• Jobshop put £120,988 back into students’ pockets

Sustainability and healthy organisation
• £10,462 invested in ethical and environmental initiatives
• 4,623 training hours invested by staff, supporting students to complete 129 qualifications
• Reduced our carbon footprint by 3.4%
# 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:** Gavin Esler, BA (Kent), MA (Leeds), DCL (Kent), FRSA

**Chair of the Council:** John Simmonds, AIB

**Vice-Chancellor:** Professor Dame Julia M Goodfellow, FMedSci, FIBiol, FInstP

**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 Alexandra Hughes, BA, PhD (London), PGCE (Oxford)
Professor Phillipe de Wilde (from 1 July 2014)
Chris Davies (from 1 July 2014)

**Dean of the Faculty of Humanities:** 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, FBPsS, AcSS

**Secretary of the Council and the Court:** Keith Lampard, BA (Kent), MSc (LSE), PhD (Kent), PGC-HEM (Southampton)

**Master of Darwin and Woolf Colleges:** Dermot O’Brien, MBA (Hartford), PGDip (Roehampton), FRSA, FHEA

**Master of Eliot College:** Stephen Burke, BA (Canterbury Christ Church)

**Master of Keynes College:** Sian Stevenson, BA (London)

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

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

Kent has over 134,000 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 and author
David Fulton: Cricketer, former Captain of Kent CCC
Shiulie Ghosh: Journalist 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*)
Sir Hugh Orde OBE: Former Chief Constable of Northern Ireland
Robert Wade: Screenwriter: *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
First 500 students enrol

1965-70 Eliot, Rutherford, Keynes and Darwin Colleges open on the Canterbury campus

1969 The Gulbenkian Theatre and Cinema open on the Canterbury campus

1970 Opening of the Registry and Senate on the Canterbury campus

1980 Opening of Park Wood on the Canterbury campus

1982 Opening of the Tonbridge Centre

1987 Computing Laboratory extension formally opened by Her Majesty the Queen on the Canterbury campus

1990 Becket Court student accommodation opens on the Canterbury campus
1993  Park Wood village completed on the Canterbury campus
1995  Tyler Court accommodation opens on the Canterbury campus
1998  Jobshop launched
1999  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
2005  The first students are welcomed to the new Medway campus
2006  The Pilkington and Gillingham Buildings open at the Medway campus
2008  Kent Graduate School is established
       Woolf College, Kent’s postgraduate college, is opened on the Canterbury campus
2009  University of Kent, Paris launched
       Liberty Quays student residences open at Medway
2011  New accommodation at Keynes College opens on the Canterbury campus
       Specialist postgraduate programme at Athens launched
2012  Colyer-Fergusson Building opens on the Canterbury campus
       New and refurbished facilities for the School of Music and Fine Art open at the Historic Dockyard at Medway
2013  Specialist postgraduate programmes in Rome launched
       Turing College established on the Canterbury campus
       New student residences open at Liberty Quays in Medway
       Refurbished Sports Centre opened on the Canterbury campus
       Work commenced on the Templeman Library extension on the Canterbury campus