MEDWAY CAMPUS
SELF GUIDED TOUR

A guide for visitors
Self guided tour
The University of Kent at Medway is part of a distinctive partnership that includes the University of Greenwich and Canterbury Christ Church University, known collectively as the Universities at Medway.

The institutions share the specially developed Medway campus, adjacent to the Historic Dockyard at Chatham Maritime where the University also has teaching spaces. The site was built originally as a naval base, HMS Pembroke, at the start of the 20th century. Fully renovated, original Grade II listed buildings are combined with innovative, modern architecture, offering students a lively and modern campus.

The campus buildings are split between the different institutions. University of Kent buildings are labelled on the map on page 10.

University of Kent purpose-built accommodation opened in September 2009 at Liberty Quays. Situated about ten minutes from the campus, the accommodation is arranged in clusters of flats and provides the latest in comfort and amenities. All bedrooms have their own shower and toilet and each room is networked. In partnership with Liberty Living, the University opened an additional 500 rooms in September 2013.

The flats are for five, six, or eight students, each sharing a fully equipped kitchen. Students also have the option of studio flats with their own en suite bathroom, shower and cooking facilities (subject to availability). There are also recycling facilities and secure storage for students’ bicycles to encourage greener travel.

As with all accommodation provided at Kent, the security and welfare of our students is of the highest priority. The accommodation features comprehensive CCTV coverage, 24 hour security and electronic entry systems.

Liberty Quays also has its own Tesco supermarket, plus takeaway food outlets.

For more information on accommodation, please visit www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation

If you wish to visit Liberty Quays, there are walking and driving directions at the end of this guide.

Viewing of student accommodation: Visitors are able to view a show flat and kitchen. Please call +44 (0) 1634 853285 at least 24 hours prior to your visit so we can ensure a member of staff is available to meet you (Monday – Friday only).
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The tour of the main campus will take approximately 35 minutes. Please allow up to 90 minutes if you wish to visit the off-campus facilities (Liberty Quays accommodation, the School of Music and Fine Art buildings at the Historic Dockyard and Medway Park sports facilities).

The instructions in green italics give walking instructions. The words in bold are places of interest or useful services.

On arrival
The campus is split into upper and lower levels. On entering the main gate, you will see the road branches off to your left. This is North Road. Follow the road (be careful of the speed bumps), passing the Compass Centre on your left. As you continue along North Road, the back of the Pilkington Building will be on your right. At the far end of the road is a right turn which will lead you into the Parade Ground car park (Drill Hall Library car park).

Access to the car park is through a barrier; you will need to press the button and speak to the Medway reception staff to gain access. Once you have parked your car, please make your way to the Medway Building, which is the start of the tour.

Accessible parking for drivers with restricted mobility
When you arrive at the campus, proceed ahead from the main entrance to the Gate House. Staff will direct you along Central Avenue (upper level) to the accessible parking bays, situated near to the Medway Building.

To find the Medway Building:
You will see a large covered archway close to where you entered the car park. Go through this archway and you will see a brass coloured building to your left. This is the Medway Building. There are toilet facilities available in the Medway Building.

Access to the Medway Building from the lower level for visitors with restricted mobility
There are steps leading to the Medway Building. Visitors with restricted mobility are able to gain access through a set of doors to the left of the steps. Press the buzzer on the doors to alert reception staff.

School of Music and Fine Art facilities (Chatham Historic Dockyard):
The School of Music and Fine Art has extensive facilities at Chatham Historic Dockyard which you may wish to visit as part of your tour. The Dockyard is within walking distance of the main campus. In order to gain entry to the Dockyard, you should inform the Dockyard security staff that you are visiting the University of Kent facilities (please note: most buildings are card access only so it may not be possible to go into the buildings on your tour).

Should you wish to be shown round the School of Music and Fine Art please call 01634 888980 (or email MFAAdmissions@kent.ac.uk) at least 48 hours before your visit. If you are likely to require accessible parking on the Historic Dockyard when visiting the School of Music and Fine Art please mention this when calling to book your tour. A more detailed guide to our buildings and facilities appears on page 9 and there is a map on page 10 which highlights their location.
Self guided tour
START OF THE TOUR  
(MAIN CAMPUS)

Start outside the Medway Building entrance by the top of the steps. You are now on the upper level of the campus.

The Medway building is a University of Kent building, nominated for a number of prestigious industry awards for its renovation, including a Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) award. The building has a unique brass façade, reflecting the maritime history of the local area. In this building you will find:

- Main Reception
- Student Finance
- School of Sport and Exercise Sciences including a Sports and Human Performance testing laboratory, teaching clinics and a private treatment room – ground, first and second floors
- Computing Laboratory and IT Clinic – third floor
- Kent Business School

The remainder of the Medway Building encompasses teaching and seminar rooms, computer rooms and administrative offices.

Leave the Medway building via the main reception and continue forward.

The red brick building in front of you is the Rochester Building where students can meet for a Fairtrade coffee and a bite to eat in the No.1 Bistro. The Rochester Building also houses a common room for postgraduate students.

Look to the left of the Rochester Building. You will see the new Rochester Terrace which features reclaimed materials and is used as a social, teaching and performance space.

While facing the Rochester Building, turn to your right and move across to the next building on your left. This building, with the glass reception doors and three tall concrete columns, is the Gillingham Building.

The Gillingham Building houses teaching spaces and departmental offices including:

- Student Administration Office – based behind the Gillingham Building Reception. Students can access any help they may require whether it is regarding their student record, marks, coursework, or examination enquiries.
- University of Kent Student Services, including the Careers and Employability Service, Student Support and Wellbeing Service and Volunteering & Employability Skills, the Student Accommodation Office and the Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) – ground floor. The Student Learning Advisory Service can provide information and advice on effective learning at university, with advice on topics such as effective essay writing, revision and exam techniques, through one-to-one appointments or workshops. Further information on the SLAS can be found by visiting the website for the University of Kent’s Unit for Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (UELT) at www.kent.ac.uk/learning.
- Centre for Journalism – including the state-of-the-art, industry standard newsroom, first floor
- Faculty of Social Sciences – second and third floors
- Student Resources Room – containing careers information, counselling and student support. There is also a lounge area and computers for research use – ground floor

All the teaching rooms in the Medway and Gillingham buildings are fitted with state-of-the-art audio visual technology and the computer suites are all air-conditioned. From the top floors, students have a wonderful view across the campus and onto the docks and waterfront beyond.

Pass in front of the Gillingham Building and diagonally across the road, stopping on the opposite corner, next to the road barrier. Facing the road barrier, look across the road (Central Avenue). You are looking at the University of Greenwich student residences which include the Merlin Building and behind this, out of your sight, the Wolfe Building and other new accommodation blocks.

With the Merlin Building across the road to your left, continue along the pavement away from the Medway Building. You are now passing down Central Avenue.

To your right is the Parade Ground car park (also known as the Drill Hall Library car park), which is the main car park for University of Kent students.

Parking is limited and a permit is needed. Students without a permit can park in the Chatham Historic Dockyard Visitors’ car park which, on foot, is less than ten minutes away. (Parking free on presentation of a Kent student ID card but to those without Kent cards, a parking charge applies for a full day’s parking). If you have booked your visit ahead with the School of Music and Fine Art they can issue you with a free permit to bring on the day (MFAAdmissions@kent.ac.uk). Accessible parking bays are available for those with restricted mobility, but you must display the appropriate University of Kent permit as well as a Blue Badge. There is also accessible parking on the Dockyard if you contact the School of Music and Fine Art in advance (MFAAdmissions@kent.ac.uk; 01634 888980).

For more information, regarding student/visitor parking and permits please visit www.kent.ac.uk/estates/parking or contact the Medway Building Reception.

Continue along Central Avenue until you arrive at the tall green glass structure on your right. This is the Circulation Building.

The Circulation Building connects the upper and lower levels of the campus via a lift and ensures full access to all areas of the campus for those with restricted mobility.

The next part of the tour highlights University of Greenwich buildings further along Central Avenue, taking you back towards the gatehouse, down to the Parade Ground Car Park and the lower level of the campus (approximately five minutes).

For visitors with restricted mobility: You may wish to use the lift in the Circulation Building to access the Parade Ground Car Park as there is no assisted access to the lower level beyond the Circulation Building. Once you reach the lower level, turn left and continue past the bicycle parking spaces until you come to a set of steps. The Nelson Building will be in front of you and the tour continues from this point on in the guide.

Continue along Central Avenue to view the University of Greenwich teaching buildings.

The buildings in this upper part of the campus are named after famous Admirals of the Royal Navy. The first red brick building to your left, across the road, is the Grenville Building.

The next red brick building on your left is the Anson Building housing the Medway School of Pharmacy, a joint venture between the University of Kent and the University of Greenwich. Facilities include research and teaching laboratories, first class pharmaceutical equipment and a training dispensary.
Look to your right over the Parade Ground car park. You will see a fantastic view of the red brick Drill Hall Library. You will have the opportunity to view and visit the library later on the tour.

Continue down Central Avenue past the Nelson, Blake and Pembroke Buildings. You will have now reached the end of the path and the Gate House will be in front of you.

Just past the Gate House, following the road round to the right, is the Compass Centre, which houses the Centre for Professional Practice, Kent Law School and Kent Law Clinic.

Beyond the Gate House is the main entrance to the campus. You will find Chatham Historic Dockyard and the Dockside Retail Outlet located on the other side of the roundabout. Our students make full use of the facilities which include a multiplex cinema, various restaurants and the Historic Dockyard Museum.

Go down the steps behind you to the right, in the direction of the Parade Ground car park. Stop at the bottom of the steps.

☞ The building to the left of the steps is the Jellicoe Building, home to Coopers pub, run by Greenwich and Kent Students’ Unions Together (GK Unions). It has a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere and serves quality pub food at student friendly prices. Coopers is equipped with comfy sofas, widescreen TVs (which show all the major sporting fixtures) a Nintendo Wii, an X-box and a pool table. There are regular themed nights, it has a late licence and is a great place for a night out. GK Unions also runs Essentials, the campus shop, which can also be found in the Jellicoe Building.

Move away from the steps in the direction of the Parade Ground car park. You will pass the entrance to Essentials, the campus shop, to your left.

The next red brick building on your left is the Pilkington Building. This opened in 2006 as a joint development by the University of Kent and the University of Greenwich.

Enter the Pilkington Building through the automatic double glass doors.

Just inside the entrance to your left are the GK Unions offices. GK Unions offer advice on many aspects of student life as well as organising social and sporting events. For more information about the work of GK Unions, please visit www.gkunions.co.uk

Opposite the GK Unions offices to your right is the Student Advice Centre which offers support and advice in areas including finance, visas, police registration, housing, academic support and employment issues. See www.gkunions.co.uk/advice/ for further details.

Pass through the glass doors directly in front of you into the large atrium.

On your right is the Pilkington Lecture Theatre which has a capacity of 176. Additionally, there are a number of spacious teaching and seminar rooms on the first floor. All teaching spaces are equipped with state-of-the-art audio visual equipment.

When the site was occupied by the Royal Navy, the Pilkington Building was used as a canteen. This use has been maintained through the development of The Venue Café; a popular meeting place for staff and students situated further down the atrium to the left. Opposite the Venue Café is a large area which is designed to be a flexible space. This is used for teaching, exhibitions, conferences and social events.

There is a cash machine outside the back entrance to the Pilkington Building on North Road.

Turn around and leave the Pilkington Building through the front entrance by the GK Unions offices. Turn left.

You are now entering the open, gravelled area of the Parade Ground car park. There are a large number of cycle parking spaces in the Parade Ground car park to your right in keeping with the University’s commitment to environmental sustainability.

The long red brick building to your left is the Drill Hall Library – reportedly the longest single site library in Europe at 184ft.

Pass along the front of the Drill Hall Library and stop when you are level with the green glass Circulation Building on your right. You are now by the entrance to the library.

You will see a plaque to the left of the entrance which refers to the history of this impressive building.

You are welcome to enter the library. If you would like a tour of the facilities, please ask a member of staff at the Reception Desk, located in the main foyer.

The Drill Hall Library was completed in 1902 and is a Grade II listed building. Originally constructed to provide an indoor space where navy personnel could exercise and train during bad weather, it was also used as an overflow barracks, exhibition centre and naval store, as well as a building materials warehouse. After the completion of a £16 million rejuvenation project, the building won a number of awards for its renovation.

All students on the Medway campus have access to first-class facilities. The library has over 100,000 items including books, periodicals and a wide range of electronic resources as well as a laptop and netbook loan scheme. There are over 400 PCs and 100 netbooks/laptops running the latest software and presentation practice rooms equipped with PCs and audio visual equipment.

The library houses three different zones for different types of study: the group zone, the quiet zone and the silent zone. There is also a new café; the Archibald Hay Mess where you can grab a coffee and work together with friends in a relaxed and informal environment.

There are four ‘diner’ style booths located in the café designed to enable group working in an informal environment. Each booth seats between four and six students and is equipped with a 40” LCD screen connected to a networked PC.

In addition to the Drill Hall’s extensive resources, University of Kent students also have access to the Templeman Library on the Canterbury campus and can request books to be sent from Canterbury to the Drill Hall Library to borrow (a 24 hour turnaround service).

There is a range of support services available in the library, including a library enquiry desk, an IT helpdesk and the Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS). Further information on the SLAS can be found at www.campus.medway.ac.uk/library/help/study/skills or by visiting the website for the University of Kent’s Unit for Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (UELT) at www.kent.ac.uk/learning

For further information on the Drill Hall Library, please visit www.campus.medway.ac.uk/library

Leave the library through the main front doors. Turn to your left and move to the end of the library, in the direction of the Medway Building.

As you approach the end of the library, you will see a turning to your left, with the entrance/exit barriers to the Parade Ground Car Park. This leads onto North Road.

☞ If you go down North Road:

The first glass and terracotta building across the road is Rowan Williams Court, belonging to Canterbury Christ Church University. Inside this building on the ground floor is Touchdown Café, open to all students for light snacks and refreshments.

Continue forwards towards the Medway Building

The first red brick building on your left, after the library, housed the swimming pool used by navy recruits. It is currently awaiting redevelopment.

The second brick building on your left is the University of Greenwich Sports Hall which is available for use by all students. It includes a fully equipped weights and cardio room with courts for a range of sporting activities including basketball, five-a-side football and netball.
You have now reached the end of your tour of the main campus.

If you need to get back to the Medway Building continue forwards under the covered archway, and up the steps. Visitors with restricted mobility are able to access the Medway Building through a set of doors to the left of the steps. Press the buzzer to alert reception staff.

Walking and driving directions from the main campus to our off-campus facilities

Liberty Quays student accommodation

Walking directions to Liberty Quays student accommodation* (approximately 10 minutes)
Start at the Gillingham Building (upper level of campus). Take the road to the right of the Gillingham Building – New Kent Road. Follow the road past the University of Greenwich accommodation on your right. At the end of the road, turn left onto Johnson Avenue. Turn left onto Purser Way (Kent police headquarters will be on your left). Go right at the traffic lights and join the dual carriageway (Pier Road) walking in the direction signposted A289 Sittingbourne. Continue under the bridge. Liberty Quays is the large red, grey and white building on your right-hand side.

If you prefer to drive to Liberty Quays:
Exit Medway campus through main entrance. At the roundabout, take the third exit onto Maritime Way. At the next roundabout, take the third exit onto the A289/Pier Road ramp. Merge onto A289/Pier Road and continue to follow the A289. Liberty Quays is the third turning on the left.

The full address is Liberty Quays, Blake Avenue, Gillingham, Kent ME7 1FL. As the site is a new development, the postcode may not be recognised on all satellite navigation systems. There is two hours' free parking at the retail outlets on the Liberty Quays site.

On arrival, go to the main entrance in the building opposite Tesco, on the dual carriageway side. You will need to press the buzzer and speak to reception staff to gain access.

*Please refer to page 3 for details of how to view student accommodation.

School of Music and Fine Art
(Historic Dockyard)

To walk to the Historic Dockyard:
Exit the campus through the main gate and turn left. Walk to the bus stop and cross the road at the pedestrian crossing. On the other side of the road turn left and then immediately right at the Busy Bees Day Nursery. Continue walking straight on until you reach to edge of the main car park.

Turn left and head towards the security barriers (you will need to speak with Dockyard security staff and explain you are visiting the School of Music and Fine Art, University of Kent). The brown brick building at the far end of the car park with three arched windows, a blue sign above the door and a tall thin chimney is the Galvanising Shop.

About our facilities
The Galvanising Shop has a variety of performance and rehearsal spaces and includes an audio-visual studio. The space is very adaptable and is also used for film screenings and as a gallery for exhibiting work.

Just behind the Galvanising Shop are six soundproof music rehearsal pods (both individual and group) housed in the refurbished Smitheries.

Continue past the Smitheries to the end of the road, turn right and you will see a clocktower building. Go round to the entrance at the front of the building; facing HMS Cavalier and the submarine – you have arrived at Bridge Wardens’ College which houses the student café, lecture theatre, student IT facilities and some studio spaces. If you continue past Bridge Wardens’ College and turn left you will see The Old Surgery ahead of you where our staff and the School of Music and Fine Art reception are based.

Continue past Bridge Wardens’ College and turn right. There is a row of buildings on the right (including Nelson's Brewery) and the last building, adjacent to the waterfront, is the Central Boiler House Fine Art Workshop. This workshop serves the various arts programmes based on the Dockyard by providing an extensive range of cutting edge workshop equipment and facilities, including a spray room, plaster room, metal workshop, laser cutter and kiln. Beside the Central Boiler House is a waterfront sculpture and construction yard in which students use the workshop equipment to construct large-scale projects.

If you retrace your steps back to Bridge Wardens’ College, towards the submarine you will now be facing The Fire Station and the Foundry, both of which house state of the art music and audio facilities. The Foundry contains a large live room and recording studio, fully equipped with surround sound. The Fire Station hosts two post-production rooms, a Foley recording studio, a rehearsal room and a specialist surround sound composition space.

Across from these buildings is The Engineering Shop, an impressive space which includes Fine Art and Creative Events studios, a dark room, a digital dark room and a digital print facility studio space.

Medway Park
The University of Kent has developed close links with Medway Park, a regional centre of sporting excellence. This £11 million project provides a multi-sport, state-of-the-art facility within easy reach of the campus.

The University invested £3m into Medway Park and we have dedicated seminar, research and therapy rooms on site which are used by the School of Sport and Exercise Sciences. All Kent students benefit from free classes and activities and are entitled to a substantially discounted membership rate. Facilities include a:

• swimming pool
• athletics track
• sports halls
• gym
• squash courts
• health suite and spa.

Medway Park was used as a pre-Games training camp venue for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

For more information, please visit www.medwaypark.org.uk

Walking directions to Medway Park:
Start at the Gillingham Building (upper level of campus). Take the road to the right of the Gillingham Building – New Kent Road. Follow the road past the University of Greenwich accommodation on your right. At the end of the road, turn left onto Johnson Avenue. Continue straight on along Cumberland Road, passing through both sets of gates. After you pass through the second set of gates, turn right onto Medway Road. Continue along Medway Road until you reach Mill Road on your left. Turn left at Mill Road and Medway Park is on your right hand side.

If you prefer to drive to Medway Park:
Exit Medway campus through main gate. At the roundabout, take the first exit onto Dock Road. Continue up the hill. At the next roundabout, take the first exit (signposted A231 Gillingham). Continue to follow the A231 Wood Street/Brompton Road. Go past the Royal Engineers Museum and the King Charles Hotel on your left. Turn left into Mill Road (signposted Medway Park). Turn left into the car park.

Full address: Medway Park, Mill Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 1HF
FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND THE CAMPUS
The Universities at Medway campus is shared with the Universities of Canterbury, Christ Church, and Greenwich.
OPEN DAYS IN 2014

Please visit www.kent.ac.uk/opendays for dates and how to book.