MEDWAY CAMPUS
SELF GUIDED TOUR

A guide for visitors
INTRODUCTION

The University of Kent (Medway) is part of a distinctive partnership that includes the University of Greenwich and Canterbury Christ Church University, known collectively as Universities at Medway.

The four 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.

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 a Subway and Domino Pizza outlet.

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 will take approximately 35 minutes. Please allow up to 90 minutes if you wish to visit the off campus facilities (Liberty Quays accommodation and Chatham Historic Dockyard).

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.

For disabled drivers
When you arrive at the campus, proceed to the gatehouse. Staff will direct you along Central Avenue (upper level) to the disabled parking bays, situated near to 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.

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.

Off-campus facilities:
The School of Arts 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 gatehouse staff that you are visiting the University of Kent facilities (please note: it is not possible to go into the buildings on your tour). Please see p9 for more information about these facilities.

To Chatham 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. Once 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 security staff). 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.

Please refer to the above map of Chatham Historic Dockyard which illustrates buildings for the School of Arts.

To Bridge Wardens’ College:
From the Galvanising Shop, continue through the barriers and keep walking straight on. At the end of the path turn right and you will see a clocktower. Go round to the entrance at the front of the building; facing HMS Cavalier; – you have arrived at Bridge Wardens’ College.
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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) design 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 (for paying fees)
• Extensive purpose-built studios for the Department of Music and Audio – ground floor
• Centre for Sports Studies 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 – second floor
• Kent Business School, including CENTICA (Tourism Research Centre) and Tourism Management offices – third floor

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

Leave the Medway Building via the glass doors 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 seminar rooms and social 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 Counselling Service, Careers Advisory Service, Disability and Dyslexia Support 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 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/ualt/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.

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 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 Jellicoe Building will be in front of you and the tour continues from this point on 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 University of Greenwich 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, Kent Law Clinic and social space.

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
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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 the Universities at Medway Association (UMSA). It has a welcoming and vibrant atmosphere and serves quality pub food at student friendly prices. Coopers is also equipped with comfy sofas, widescreen TVs (which show all the major sporting fixtures) a Nintendo Wii, an X-box and a separate pool room. There are regular themed nights, has a late licence and is a great place for a night out. UMSA also runs Essentials, the campus shop, which can also be found in the Jellicoe Building. There is a cash machine located inside Coopers.

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 glass doors.

Just inside the entrance to your left are the Universities at Medway Students’ Association (UMSA) offices. UMSA is the Student Association for all students on the Medway campus. UMSA offers advice on many aspects of student life as well as organising social and sporting events. For more information on UMSA, please visit www.umsa.org.uk.

Opposite the UMSA 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.

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 170. 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. Across from 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 UMSA offices. Turn left.

You are now entering the open, gravelled area of the Parade Ground car park. There are a 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. Take a moment to appreciate the length of the building – reportedly the longest single storey 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. On Monday 3rd September 1917 the Drill Hall was being used as an overflow dormitory for the naval ratings when the building suffered two hits from bombs dropped by German Gotha aeroplanes. It was one of the first of the ‘moonlight raids’ in the First World War, resulting in the loss of some 130 lives.

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 including over one million books, journals, pamphlets, multi-media material, microfilms and electronic data. There are approximately 400 state-of-the-art open access computers which provide the latest software, PCs for accessing Library catalogues and online resources, and presentation practice rooms equipped with PCs and audio visual equipment. Pre-configured laptops and netbooks are also available for loan.

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. The café is poignantly named after Archibald Hay who, at 17 years old, was the youngest person killed in the attack on the Drill Hall in 1917.

There are four ‘diner’ style booths are located in the café designed to enable group working in an informal environment. Each booth seats between 4 and 6 students and is equipped with a 40” LCD screen connected to a networked PC.

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.

There are a range of support services available in the library, including a library enquiry desk, an IT helpdesk and the Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS). The Student Learning Advisory Service can provide information and advice of 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 at www.campus.medway.sch.uk/library/help/studyskills or by visiting the website for the University of Kent’s Unit for Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (UELT) at www.kent.ac.uk/uelt/learning.

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

If you have entered the library, leave 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 a refectory, open to all students for light snacks and refreshments.

Go back to the Parade Ground car park and back 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.

The University of Kent has developed close links with Medway Park; a new 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 Centre for Sports Studies. All Kent students benefit from free classes and activities and are entitled to a discounted membership rate. Facilities include:

- Swimming pools
- Athletics track
- Sports halls
- Gym
- Squash courts
- Health suite and spa.

Medway Park has also been approved as a pre-Games training camp venue for thirteen Olympic and eight Paralympic sports.

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

If you wish to visit Medway Park, there are walking and driving directions at the end of the guide.

You have now reached the end of the tour.

If you need to go back to the Medway Building

Continue forwards under the access tunnel, 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.

Off campus facilities

The Galvanising Shop is located on the Historic Dockyard and provides facilities for University’s programmes in Fine Art and Event and Experience Design. The building contains a variety of design and production spaces, including an audio-visual studio, dedicated IT facilities serving design and fine art students, as well as large spaces in which creative work is made. The space is very adaptable and has been used as a performance space and a gallery for exhibiting work.

Just behind the Galvanising Shop are further fine art studios housed in the refurbished Smitheries. These provide large high-ceilinged spaces in which large-scale works of art are constructed by students, as well as print-making facilities.

Beyond the Smitheries are two buildings, 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 listening space. In between these two buildings is an as yet un-renovated building, The Pump House, which houses a now derelict pump that, in its day, was the most powerful in Europe.

Across from these buildings is The Engineering Shop. It contains a very large and flexible studio theatre and performance space capable of being effectively divided into two smaller performing arts studios, as well as a large dance studio and the technical and service facilities necessary to support students.

Diagonally opposite The Fire Station is Bridge Wardens’ College. Bridge Wardens’ College houses staff in the School of Arts, as well as a lecture theatre, seminar rooms and a variety of computing facilities for students. On the ground floor there is a small cafe serving students and the general public.

Beyond Bridge Wardens’ College, adjacent to the waterfront, is the Central Boiler House which serves the various arts programmes based on the Dockyard by providing an extensive range of sophisticated workshop equipment. Beside the Central Boiler House is a sculpture and construction yard in which students use the workshop equipment to construct large-scale projects.

If you wish to visit Bridge Wardens’ College and the Galvanising Shop, there are directions given at the front of this guide.

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 gate. At the roundabout, take the third exit onto Maritime Way. At the next roundabout, take the third exit onto the 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.

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

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