KENT IN BRIEF

Prestigious

• A leading university, ranked among the best in the UK by three national league tables: *The Guardian University Guide*, *The Times Good University Guide* and *The Complete University Guide*

• Shortlisted for Exceptional Performance in Teaching and Research (*Times Higher Education* Data Points Award 2016)

• Ranked 17th in the UK for the intensity of its excellent research (REF 2014), out of 122 multi-faculty universities

• Fourth highest score for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2016, out of all multi-faculty institutions.

Inspirational

• An excellent education delivered by world-class researchers

• A curriculum and student experience that equips graduates for personal and professional success

• Recipient of an Athena SWAN Charter Bronze award and seven school-level Bronze awards for supporting the career progression of women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Medicine and Mathematics (STEMM) areas

• Honoured with Queen’s Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education twice in the past ten years.

Engaged

• Campuses in Canterbury and Medway, a centre for part-time study in Tonbridge, and the only UK university with specialist postgraduate centres in four European capital cities: Athens, Brussels, Paris and Rome

• New buildings at the Canterbury and Medway campuses, with improved and larger premises for the Brussels School of International Studies

• Generating £700 million for the south-east region (2012-13 financial year).
WE ARE KENT

The University of Kent is a progressive and forward-thinking institution committed to the transformative power of education and research. In 1965, *The Times* commented that Kent was ‘setting out to be different’.

Over the five decades since its foundation, Kent has had an abiding commitment 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.

With national recognition for research intensity, and the provision of an exceptional student experience, the University approaches the future 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 provide them.

Further information about the University’s plan for 2015-20 can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/about/plan
THE UK’S EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY

The University’s strong European impact is reinforced by long-standing partnerships with more than 150 universities throughout Europe and many more worldwide. Kent is also the only UK university to have specialist postgraduate centres in four European capital cities: Athens, Brussels, Paris and Rome.

As an established research university, Kent acts as a gateway to Europe for students from the UK and across the world. With 158 nationalities represented in our student body, and 41% of our teaching and research staff from outside the UK, Kent celebrates intellectual and cultural diversity with a commitment to educate its students to be the global citizens of tomorrow.

Where the world meets Europe

• We have an extensive study abroad programme with over 170 universities in 37 countries. Most of our programmes offer opportunities to study or work in Europe
• Kent plays a leading role in the European Commission’s Erasmus+ programme, which facilitates scholarships and academic co-operation between Europe and the rest of the world
• We have one of the highest percentages of students studying under the Erasmus scheme of any multi-faculty UK university
• Our European exchange programmes were one of the first to receive the E-quality label
• Kent offers dual UK and European qualifications (international double awards) at Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctoral level.

Further information can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/european
LOCATIONS

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 16,600 students and 158 nationalities represented, the campus has a vibrant, cosmopolitan atmosphere.

**Medway:** professionally focused programmes supported by industry-standard, purpose-built facilities at Pembroke (formerly HMS Pembroke) and in renovated listed buildings at The Historic Dockyard Chatham.

**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: In Europe’s capital, 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 at the Paris School of Arts and Culture is enhanced by cultural, linguistic and experiential immersion in this historic city at the heart of Europe.

Athens: study Heritage Management, combining archaeology and business, 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. Study the ancient world and art history at this European centre of classical antiquity and art.
**SUCCESES**

- Kent is judged to have world-leading research in all subjects submitted to the **Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014** (see p14)
- We are ranked 23rd in the UK in *The Guardian University Guide 2017*, *The Times Good University Guide 2017* and *The Complete University Guide 2017* and 21st in the *Times Higher Education* 2016 ‘Table of Tables’
- Kent is one of only four UK universities in the *Times Higher Education Alma Mater Index (Global Executives) 2017*, which indicates the institutions best at producing senior business leaders worldwide
- Kent has been ranked fifth out of 120 UK universities in a mock **Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)** exercise modelled by the *Times Higher Education*
- Kent scored the fourth highest score for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2016 (of publicly funded, multi-faculty institutions)
- Shortlisted for **Exceptional Performance in Teaching and Research** (*Times Higher Education* Data Points Award 2016)
- The *Times Higher Education* ranks Kent in the top 100 of the most international universities in the world
- The most recent **Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education (QAA)** recognised Kent’s ‘vibrant and interdisciplinary academic community’ for postgraduate researchers
- Kent is one of only 15 higher education institutions in the UK to develop a **nationally recognised quantitative methods Q-Step centre** for Social Sciences: ‘Kent Counts’
- The University has launched a new centre, the **Centre for Higher and Degree Apprenticeships**, to co-ordinate its work with employers and support the development of degree apprenticeships
- As a direct result of the range of opportunities provided by the University and Kent Union, **10,826 students had an experience of the world of work** in 2015-16
• The University has won the **Digital Innovation award** at the 2016 **Guardian** University Awards in recognition of the Centre for Child Protection's ‘Lottie’ project – an interactive simulation tool developed to raise awareness of online grooming

• Award-winning **Careers and Employability Service:**
  - Received the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (AGCAS) Award for Student Engagement in September 2015 for engaging students with career planning and employability
  - The annual **Employability Festival** attracted over 10,000 students from the Canterbury and Medway campuses

• The University is certified to **ISO14001** (an international standard for environmental management)

• The University has been awarded ‘**Best University Accommodation for Groups**’ by the readers of *Group Travel Organiser* magazine for nine years running
FAST FACTS*

Founded: the University’s Royal Charter was granted in 1965
Vice-Chancellor and President: 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 2015-2017
Locations: two UK campuses, Canterbury and Medway, a centre for part-time study in Tonbridge, and four specialist postgraduate centres in Athens, Brussels, Paris and Rome
Annual income: £253.8m
Research income: £17.0m
Philanthropic income: £1.42m
Number of donors: 1,359
Student support: bursaries, scholarships, grants and awards of £7.1m for undergraduates and £13.6m for postgraduates
Annual surplus: £6.1m
Investment in facilities and resources: £175m over the last five years
Planned investment in facilities and resources: over £197m in five years to 2020-21
Collegiate structure: six colleges on the Canterbury campus (Eliot, Rutherford, Keynes, Darwin, Woolf and Turing) and Medway College at the Medway campus
Library holdings: three libraries containing over one million books and journals, thousands of e-books, e-journals and databases, 2,100 study spaces, over 750 fixed PCs and over 200 laptops
Student accommodation: 5,200 bedrooms on the Canterbury campus and over 1,100 bedrooms at Liberty Quays in Medway
Student numbers: 20,125; full-time undergraduate 15,455; part-time undergraduate 575; full-time postgraduate 2,805; part-time postgraduate 1,290 (1 December 2016)
New enrolment: 5,615 new undergraduate students and 2,385 new postgraduate students registered in 2016 (1 December 2016)

Student population: 53% women, 47% men

Student profile: students from 158 nationalities are represented at the University: 73% from the UK, 10.9% from the EU and 16.1% from overseas

Retention rate: 95.5%

2015-16 awards: 4,150 undergraduate awards; 1,980 postgraduate awards (1,785 taught, 195 research)

Student employment rate: more than 95% of Kent students who graduated in 2015 were in work or further study within six months

Staff numbers: 4,056 members of staff, of which 2,066 are academic, teaching and research staff

Staff population: 54% women, 46% men

Staff profile: 75% from the UK, 25% from Europe and overseas. 41% of Kent's academic staff are from outside the UK

Student to academic staff ratio: 12.4:1

Partnerships: Kent has links with 388 institutions around the world

Alumni: 160,000 from over 180 countries

Innovation and Enterprise: 6,784 students and 132 companies engaged with the University’s nationally recognised Employability Points Scheme during 2015-16

Fairtrade status: Kent has been a Fairtrade university since 2006

Recycling: the University recycles around 58% of its waste and aims to increase this to 65% in 2017

Student support: Since 2010 the University has raised £4,416,998 for the Kent Opportunity Fund

*All figures refer to the 2015-16 financial year unless specified otherwise. Student and enrolment data taken from the annual student number return (1 December 2016).
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.

• **World-leading research in all subjects submitted to the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014**
  - Kent is 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.
  - Number of research-active staff has increased by 40% since 2008.
  - Seven 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 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 together 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.
  - Nearly £1m in new research awards and over 30 peer-reviewed publications.

• **SGroup**
  - SGroup is a European Universities Network, which comprises 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.
• SeNSS, Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)
  - The South East Network for Social Sciences (SeNSS) is a consortium formed of ten leading UK universities, all of which are engaged in cutting-edge social science research and training. SeNSS is one of only 14 UK ESRC-funded Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs) and will be offering a number of fully funded ESRC doctoral studentships to start in September 2017. Our partner institutions are: City, University of London; University of East Anglia; University of Essex (the co-ordinating institution); Goldsmiths, University of London; University of Reading; University of Roehampton, London; Royal Holloway, University of London; University of Surrey; and University of Sussex.

• Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South-East England (CHASE):
  - CHASE brings together nine leading institutions engaged in collaborative research activities, including an AHRC doctoral training partnership.
  - CHASE comprises the Universities of East Anglia, Essex, Kent and Sussex; the Open University; the Courtauld Institute of Art; Goldsmiths, University of London; Birkbeck, University of London and SOAS, University of London.

• EnvEast:
  - The EnvEast Doctoral Training Partnership provides studentships and training for postgraduate researchers in environmental science and draws together expertise from the Universities of Kent, East Anglia and Essex, as well as ten research centres of national and international importance. EnvEast is funded by the Natural Environment Research Council.
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 and travel, and a stimulating and effective learning community that focuses on the individual.

Our academic staff are fuelled by their curiosity and commitment to their chosen subject – enthusiasm which fires their passion to impart enjoyment in, and engagement with, knowledge to our students.

Our student unions
Kent Union at Canterbury and Greenwich and Kent Students’ Unions Together (GK Unions) at Medway provide representation and support, with over 250 clubs and societies and a varied programme of events, activities and volunteering opportunities to help students get the most out of their university adventure.
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
• create a more accessible and inclusive learning environment for our students
• extend the internationalisation of the Kent student experience.
ENTERPRISE AND INNOVATION

The University works with external organisations to share and develop new ideas, technologies, knowledge and competitive advantage. Our practical and applied solutions are designed to meet real business needs.

With international expertise and cutting-edge facilities, the University provides innovative and creative solutions to the business community. The University’s dedicated business engagement department ensures the resources within our large and diverse university are relevant and accessible to businesses regionally, nationally and globally. Its role is to build strong partnerships between research and business, to better develop, support and create high-growth enterprises working with organisations within the region and internationally, across a variety of projects.

Additionally, we have established a number of initiatives to encourage and develop our students’ employability skills, including the nationally recognised Employability Points Scheme together with a dedicated incubator, Hub for Innovation and Enterprise (Hub), responding to internal demand from student and staff entrepreneurs.

The Hub is located in the Canterbury Innovation Centre and is the University’s delivery vehicle for student entrepreneurship, start-up support and start-up space:

- 124 companies have been created and developed at the University of Kent’s incubator space since 2010
- As a result, 182 jobs have been created in the local community
- Student Enterprise has run 158 business advice sessions since 2010.

Two of Kent’s first-year students recently won the People’s Choice Award at the Virginia Tech KnowledgeWorks Global Student Entrepreneurship Challenge. The students, representing the UK, competed in this prestigious competition alongside students from 14 other universities around the world.
REGIONAL IMPACT

- The University directly or indirectly supports over 8,300 jobs in the region.
- The University provides almost 3,210 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs and provides employment opportunities for over 5,000 of its students annually.
- Nearly 40,000 alumni have remained in the county of Kent.
- We offer workshops and activities with regional schools and colleges, and our Student Ambassador Scheme has operated for more than ten years.
- Kent Law Clinic received 1,430 enquiries during the year. Legal advice was provided in 360 of these matters and 178 other clients were formally represented during the year.
- Our students volunteered over 77,000 hours both on campus and in the local community during the 2015/16 academic year.
- The Gulbenkian was awarded National Portfolio Organisation status with the Arts Council of England for three years from April 2015.
- From June to September 2016, the University’s Conference Office staged more than 4,350 events and booked over 145,000 overnight stays, raising revenue of over £4m.
- Kent Union’s Raise and Give (RaG) raised £170,046.52 in the 2015/16 academic year.
KENT UNION: EMPOWERING STUDENTS

To have a voice
• Over 400 trained student representatives
• 45 ideas submitted through Changelt, an online democratic platform for students to positively change their university experience for the better
• 46,843 votes cast in the Kent Union Leadership Elections.

To get the most from university
• 57% of students participated in Kent Union activities
• 8,241 students involved in Kent Union sports clubs and societies (3,134 sports club members and 5,107 society members)
• Over 3,000 students attended the annual summer ball
• 548 volunteers are involved in student media: CSRfm (radio), KTV (TV station) and InQuire (student newspaper).

To fulfil their potential
• 531 students employed by Kent Union
• £858,268 paid to students employed by Kent Union
• 2,319 temporary jobs provided by Jobshop
• 2,868 students logged hours through the Kent Union Toolkit
• £24,000 spent training students employed by Kent Union
• 4,896 students helped by the Kent Union Advice Centres
• 23,488 hours spent volunteering in the community, making a difference to the lives of local people.

To run our effective charity with a clear sense of purpose
• 25th place in The Sunday Times 100 Best Not-For-Profit Organisations to Work For in 2016 and reaccredited with the Investors in People Gold standard
• 96% satisfaction from parents who use the on-campus nursery
• £1,754 raised for our staff charity, Kent Autistic Trust.
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
- Kent Health
- 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 Centre for Finance
- 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: Sir David Warren KCMG, MA (Oxford)
Vice-Chancellor and President: Professor Dame Julia M Goodfellow DBE, CBE, BSc (Bristol), PhD (Open), FMedSci, FIBiol, FInstP
Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee: Bob Scruton BSc (Kent), MSc (Open), FCA, TEP, FRSA
Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost: David Nightingale MA (Oxford)
Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer: Denise Everitt BA (Kent), ACA
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation: Professor Philippe De Wilde, MSc PhD (Ghent)
Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education: Professor April McMahon MA PhD (Edinburgh) FBA, FRSE, FLSW
Pro-Vice-Chancellor Learning and Teaching and Student Experience: Professor John Baldock BA (Oxford), MA (Kent)
Director of Finance: Jane Higham BSc (Warwick), ACA
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 Paul Allain BA (Exeter), PhD (London), FRSA
Dean for Internationalisation: Dr Anthony Manning BA (Lancaster), PGCE (York), MA (Leicester), PGCAP (Reading)
Dean for Europe: Professor Roger Vickerman MA (Cambridge), DPhil (Sussex), Dr hc (Marburg), FRSA, FCILT, FAcSS
Dean for Medway: Professor Nicholas Grief BA PhD (Kent), Barrister at Law

Dean of Kent Health: Dr Peter Nicholls BSc (Southampton), PhD (London)

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, PhD (Cambridge)

Master of Eliot College: Stephen Burke BA (Kent)

Master of Keynes College: Chloé Gallien L-ès-L, M-ès-L, 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)

Kent Union President 2016/17: Rory Murray
INSPIRATIONAL ALUMNI

Kent has 160,000 alumni worldwide who make their mark in a variety of professions.

Valerie Bloom MBE (1982): Poet
Rosie Boycott (1970): Journalist
Alan Davies (1984): Comedian and actor
Gavin Esler (1971): BBC journalist, author and Chancellor of the University
David Fulton (1990): Cricketer, former Captain of Kent CC
Wayne Garvie (1982): Chief Creative Officer, Sony Pictures Television
Ellie Goulding (2006): Award-winning singer/songwriter
Charlotte Green (1975): Newsreader and broadcaster
David Horsey (1985): Political cartoonist
Kazuo Ishiguro OBE (1974): Author and Man Booker Prize winner
(‘The Remains of the Day, Never Let Me Go’)
Rebecca Lenkiewicz (1986): Playwright, Critics’ Circle Theatre Award winner
Mark Mardell (1976): Journalist and BBC Radio presenter
Dame Carolyn McCall DBE (1979): CEO of easyJet
David Mitchell (1987): Author (‘Cloud Atlas’)
Erika Mitchell (EL James) (1981): Author of the ‘Fifty Shades’ trilogy
Canon Dame Sarah Mullally (2001): Bishop in the Church of England
Sir Hugh Orde (1984): Former President of the Association of Chief Police Officers
Sarah Waters (1984): Author (‘Tipping the Velvet, Fingersmith’)
The Hon Charles Wigoder (1978): Telecoms
Tom Wilkinson OBE (1967): 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)
1980  Opening of Park Wood (Canterbury)
1982  Opening of the Tonbridge Centre
1993  Park Wood village completed (Canterbury)
1995  Tyler Court Block A accommodation opens (Canterbury)
1998  University of Kent, Brussels established
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. The Medway Building opens (Medway)
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 Turing College opens (Canterbury). Phase 1 of the Templeman Library extension and refurbishment is completed (Canterbury)
2015 New and refurbished facilities for Kent Business School open. The Royal Dockyard Church at The Historic Dockyard Chatham is refurbished as a lecture theatre (Medway)
2016 Galvanising Shop Café opens at The Historic Dockyard Chatham (Medway). Wigoder Law Building opens (Canterbury)
2017 The new Student Hub opens (Medway). The Sibson Building, a new building for Kent Business School and the School of Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science, opens (Canterbury)