KENT IN BRIEF

Prestigious
- Shortlisted for University of the Year by both the *Times Higher Education* (THE) Awards 2015 and *The Times Good University Guide 2016*
- A top 20 UK university – 16th in *The Guardian University Guide 2016*
- Kent is ranked 17th in the UK for the intensity of its excellent research (REF 2014), out of 122 multi-faculty universities
- Fifth highest score for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2015, out of 115 multi-faculty institutions
- One of 15 universities in the UK to have a Nuffield Q-Step Centre, designed to provide undergraduate students with advanced training in quantitative methods.

Inspirational
- We provide an excellent education delivered by world-class researchers
- Our curriculum and student experience equips graduates for personal and professional success
- Kent is the recipient of an Athena SWAN Charter Bronze award and seven school level Bronze awards, for supporting the career progression of women in STEMM areas
- The University has been honoured with Queen’s Anniversary Prizes for Higher and Further Education twice in six years.

Progressive
- Kent is known as the ‘UK’s European university’
- 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; new and larger premises for the Brussels School of International Studies opened in October 2015.
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’, and our 50th anniversary gave us the opportunity to reflect on our past and re-discover what makes Kent distinctive.

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

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

With national recognition for research intensity, and the provision of an exceptional student experience, the University approaches the next 50 years with confidence and with ambition. Not just to be different, but to make a difference through the relevance and impact of our research in addressing the world’s major challenges, and to the life-chances of our students through the opportunities we provide them.

Further information about the University’s plan for 2015 – 2020 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 100 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 for students from the UK and across the world. With 148 nationalities represented in our student body and 37% 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:

• Many of our programmes offer dual UK and European qualifications (international double awards) at Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctoral level
• Kent is the only UK university to be involved in the Erasmus Mundus Lotus project, linking nine universities from the EU and 11 from Southeast Asia
• We have one of the highest percentages of students studying under the Erasmus scheme of any multi-faculty UK university
• 11% of our students are from the EU, 16.5% are from overseas
• Kent offers a wealth of European and international opportunities for study, work and travel in a stimulating and effective learning community.

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 16,000 students and 148 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: advanced international studies in the capital of Europe: Kent’s Brussels School of International Studies offers postgraduate programmes taught by world-leading academics and experienced practitioners, and provides valuable internship opportunities.

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

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

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

- Kent is judged to have world-leading research in all subjects submitted to the **Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014**:  
  - We are ranked 17th in the UK for research intensity  
  - 97% of our research is of international quality, up from 87% in 2008  
  - Our score for research power increased by 59%, the third largest increase of the top 50 research-intensive universities  
  - Since 2008, we have increased the number of our research-active staff by 40%

- We are ranked 16th in the UK in **The Guardian University Guide 2016** and 22nd in the UK in **The Complete University Guide 2016**

- Kent scored the fifth highest score for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey 2015 (out of 115 multi-faculty institutions)

- Shortlisted for University of the Year by both the **Times Higher Education (THE) Awards 2015** and **The Times Good University Guide 2016**

- The 2015 **Quality Assurance for Higher Education (QAA)** recognised Kent’s ‘vibrant and interdisiplinary academic community’ for postgraduate researchers

- Kent is one of only 15 higher education institutions in the UK to receive funding from the Nuffield Foundation, the ESRC and HEFCE to develop a **nationally recognised quantitative methods Q-Step centre** for Social Sciences: ‘Kent Counts’

- In the **Times Higher Education (THE) Best University Workplace Survey 2015**, Kent placed in the top five in three categories: ‘I would like to recommend working at my university’, ‘My university offers a fair deal to its employees in terms of working conditions and benefits’ and ‘My work responsibilities allow for a healthy work-life balance’

- **Kent Union** is ranked 15th in the Sunday Times Best 100 Not for Profit companies 2015, was reaccredited with the Investers in People Gold standard and was the first students’ union to successfully achieve the NUS Quality Students’ Unions Award
• 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
  - Received the ‘Most Improved Commitment to Employability’ award at the National Undergraduate Awards in March 2015 for its commitment to improving the employability of Kent students
  - The annual **Employability Festival** attracted over 9,000 students from the Canterbury and Medway campuses
• The University raised £3,361,719 for the **Kent Opportunity Fund**
• The University has been awarded ‘**Best University Accommodation for Groups**’ by the Group Travel Organiser’s for eight years running
• The University is certified to **ISO14001** (an international standard for environmental management).
FAST FACTS

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

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

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

**Research:** Significant and growing research strength; 17th in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework (REF), with seven subjects in the top 10 (for Research Intensity); 97% of Kent’s research is of international quality, up from 87% in 2008

**Annual income:** £234.3m

**Research income:** £13.9m

**Philanthropic income:** £1.34m

**Number of donors:** 1,988

**Student support:** Bursaries, scholarships, grants and awards of £7.5m for undergraduates and £11.4m for postgraduates (2014-15)

**Annual surplus:** £11.7m in 2014-15

**Investment in facilities and resources:** £231m over the last ten years

**Planned investment in facilities and resources:** over £238m in five years to 2019-20

**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, periodicals and journals. 2,100 study spaces, over 750 fixed PCs and over 200 laptops

**Student accommodation:** over 5,400 bedrooms on the Canterbury campus and over 1,100 bedrooms at Liberty Quays in Medway
Student numbers: 20,155; full-time undergraduate 15,390; part-time undergraduate 1,060; full-time postgraduate 2,675; part-time postgraduate 1,025 (December 2015)

New enrolment: 6,025 new undergraduate students and 2,715 new postgraduate students registered in 2015 (December 2015).

Student population: 53% women, 47% men

Student profile: students from 148 nationalities are represented at the University: 71.6% from the UK, 11% from the EU and 16.5% from overseas

Retention rate: 96.7%

2014-15 awards: 4,045 undergraduate awards; 1,770 postgraduate awards (1,595 taught, 175 research)

Student employment rate: in 2014, less than 6% of Kent graduates were without a job or further study opportunity six months after graduation (compared to 7% nationally)

Staff numbers: 3,773 members of staff, of which 1,872 are academic, teaching and research staff

Staff population: 54% women, 46% men

Staff profile: 75% from the UK, 24% from Europe and overseas. 37% of Kent's academic staff are from outside the UK

Student to staff ratio: 12.0:1

Alumni: 150,000 from over 180 countries

Enterprise and innovation: 5,128 students and 130 companies engaged with the University's nationally recognised 'Employability Points' scheme during 2014-15

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

Recycling: the University recycled around 58% of its waste and aims to increase this to 65% in 2016
A COMMITMENT TO RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

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

• Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2014
  - Kent is ranked 17th in the UK for research intensity.
  - All our academic staff work in schools or centres where research is rated as world-leading or internationally excellent.
  - Seven of our subject areas are in the top ten for research intensity: architecture; biological sciences; English language and literature; history; law; pharmacy; social work and social policy.
  - Four of our subject areas are in the top ten for research impact: classics; physics; social work and social policy; theology and religious studies.

• Eastern Academic Research Consortium (Eastern ARC)
  - The University of East Anglia (UEA), the University of Essex and the University of Kent have joined 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.
  - The consortium secured nearly £3m in research funding in its first year.

• SGroup
  - Kent is a member of the SGroup; a European Universities Network comprised of over 30 members from 15 European countries. The University’s admission to the Group is in recognition of its strong record of participation in collaborative European research and teaching projects.
• **ESRC South East Doctoral Training Centre (SEDTC)**
  - The South East Doctoral Training Centre (SEDTC) is an ESRC accredited consortium of four partner institutions (the Universities of Kent, Reading, Royal Holloway and Surrey). The SEDTC draws on a rich variety of collaborations in research training across the partner institutions and provides funding for research scholarships in the Social Sciences.

• **Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South East England (CHASE)**
  - Kent is part of the Consortium for the Humanities and the Arts South-East England (CHASE) which 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.

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.

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

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

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

The University’s dedicated business engagement department has established a number of long-term partnerships with industry and the public sector. We continue to support the region by proactively engaging with the South East Local Enterprise Partnership helping to influence strategy and policy.

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.

The University’s dedicated incubator, Kent Enterprise Hub is being relaunched to enable the University to support its growing number of student and staff entrepreneurs. The new Hub for Innovation and Enterprise (HIVE) situated at the Canterbury Innovation Centre (CIC) will act as the base for student entrepreneurship, start-up support and a start-up incubation space at the University.

- 86 companies have been created and developed at the University of Kent’s incubator space since 2010.
- As a result, 146 jobs have been created in the local community.
- Student Enterprise has run 746 business advice sessions since 2010.
REGIONAL IMPACT

• The University and its students generated £0.7bn for the south-east region.
• The University provides almost 3,000 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 1,827 enquiries and handled 150 cases.
• Our students logged over 94,000 volunteering hours during the 2014/15 academic year.
• Gulbenkian was awarded National Portfolio Organisation status with the Arts Council of England for three years from April 2015.
• From June to September 2015, the University’s Conference Office staged more 4,356 events and booked 132,000 overnight stays, raising revenue of £3.8m.
• Kent Union’s Raise and Give (RaG) raised £166,562 in the 2014/15 academic year.
KENT UNION: EMPOWERING STUDENTS

To have a voice
• 181 trained course representatives.
• 52% of Kent Union’s members participated in their democratic structures throughout the year.
• 17,347 votes cast in the Kent Union Leadership Elections.

To get the most from university
• 8,260 students involved Kent Union sports clubs and societies – 3,298 sports club members and 4,962 society members.
• Over 3,900 students attended the annual summer ball: Party In The CarPark.
• 76% of students agree that Kent Union has empowered them to get the most from university.

To fulfil their potential
• 520 students employed by Kent Union.
• £865,800 paid to students employed by Kent Union.
• 2,010 temporary jobs provided by Jobshop.
• 1,878 students used the Kent Union Toolkit.
• 124 Stand Out training sessions offered.
• 1,947 hours spent training students employed by Kent Union.
• 3,906 students helped by the Kent Union Advice Centre.
• 3,252 students helped through the Advice Centre Information desk.
• 2,792 of Kent Union’s members undertook volunteering projects, totalling 94,756 hours.

To run our effective charity with a clear sense of purpose
• £57,661 invested in training our staff.
• 15th place in the Sunday Times 100 Best Not-For-Profit Organisations to work for in 2015.
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: Sir David Warren KCMG, MA (Oxford)

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

Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee: Bob Scruton BSc (Kent), MSc (Open), FCA, TEP, FRSA

Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor: David Nightingale MA (Oxford)

Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Denise Everitt BA (Kent), ACA

Pro-Vice-Chancellors: Professor John Baldock BA (Oxford), MA (Kent)
Professor Phillippe De Wilde, MSc PhD (Ghent)

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 Diane Houston MA (Dundee), PhD (Kent), CPsychol, FBPsS, FAcSS

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 to 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 2015-16: Tammy Naidoo
INSPIRATIONAL ALUMNI

Kent has 150,000 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
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
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
1965 Royal Charter granted and the ‘First 500’ students enrol
Launch of University of Kent at Canterbury Radio (UKCR) –
the oldest student radio station in the UK. Still broadcasting
today as CSRfm and run entirely by student volunteers.

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)

1997 First programmes launched at Bridge Wardens’ College in
The Historic Dockyard, Chatham (Medway)
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