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Welcome from Kent Union

Kent Union is run by students, for students. From campaigns and elections, sports to societies, nightclubs to cafés and jobs and advice, you name it, we've got it!

And what's more, you're already a member.

As your students' union, we ensure that you are represented on the issues that are important to you, and you are listened to by both the University and the wider local and national communities.

We are proud to be a campaigning and membership charity and look forward to you participating in our upcoming campaigns!

Being at the University of Kent will be one of the most enjoyable, rewarding and exhilarating experiences of your life, meeting new people and learning new things. We are here to make sure that you have the best possible experience alongside your academic studies. Feel free to come and chat with us on campus about any problems that may arise during your studies.

In terms of support services, we provide a Jobshop offering employment opportunities, an advice centre, a Student Media Centre and a nursery; all are designed to make studying at Kent as stress-free as possible and cater for our wide range of students. Kent Union also runs Essentials and Park Wood Essentials shops, Woodys pub, the Library Café and The Venue nightclub which allows us to plan some fantastic social events throughout the year.

So what's next?

To find out more about us, go to our website at www.kentunion.co.uk and have a look at who we are and what we do.

University is one of the most amazing times in your life. You get to make friends and study the subject you love. The only piece of advice that I'd give you is to get involved in as many activities as you can, so you can make the most of your university experience.

Rory Murray, Kent Union President
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Why we love

Kent Uni

When it comes to student satisfaction, our students consistently vote Kent as one of the best universities in the UK and here are just a few reasons why...

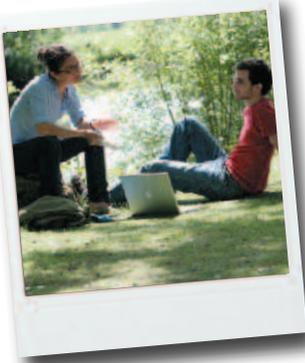
"There is so much to love about Kent Uni I don't even know where to begin! The campus itself is absolutely beautiful, even in winter (trust me; you will have some intense snowball fights). The staff are very kind and willing to help you whenever you need it; if I'm confused about an assignment then I just email the seminar leader and a response usually comes within the same day. My shower in the accommodation is heaven, my internet connection is really stable and my roommates are great fun. I can't count how many hours we spend in our kitchen just hanging out and having a laugh."

Georgia Dawson, English and American Literature



"When you are looking for a university don't just look at the league tables – if you visit a university and feel comfortable there, that is a sign that you could be happy there. I was lucky with Kent – it is high in the league tables and it is a very welcoming place. Kent's academic facilities are great, the library has every resource you can think of. And, there is so much to do on campus: restaurants, bars, a nightclub, and plenty of other places to meet with friends. I have a diverse group of friends – you meet people in your house or on your course, then you meet their friends and your group just keeps growing."

Storm Guy, Social Policy





"I love the University because so much beauty surrounds it – the view of the town is magnificent, it looks just like a postcard, especially at night when the Cathedral is lit up. It is a perfect distance from the town centre, which has so much to offer, including restaurants, cafés, parks and nature walks. And, being a nature lover, it's great to be surrounded by so much green woodland, as well as the rabbits that run about on campus!"

Jennifer Rose Edwards,
English and American Literature
and Creative Writing



"When I first visited the University, I sensed I would feel comfortable here, and it turned out that I was right! The staff are friendly and go beyond their duties to assist and engage with students. In addition to this, the support provided by the Student Support team, including a specialist mentor for those with Asperger's, has enabled me to continue studying despite mental health problems, and given me the opportunity to meet many interesting and lovely people."

Emma Richards, German

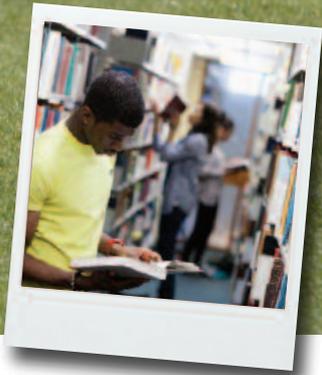


"Kent has plenty of activities and a vibrant nightlife, but is also extremely rich in culture and heritage. Being a student who commutes into uni, I was worried that I would miss out on the activities hosted by the university, but thanks to the welcoming atmosphere and great friends I have met on my course, this has certainly not been the case!"

Michael Tuffen, History

"I never intended to study at the University of Kent. To be honest, I had not heard of it at the time. Fortunately, a recruitment officer came to my country and after a series of meetings and discussions, I decided to go for it! So far, I can confidently say that I have no regrets. It is ridiculous for a University as young as this to have achieved so much!"

**Chukwuka Harrison Okoye, Law
(International Foundation
Programme)**



"Since beginning my studies at the University of Kent, I can honestly say that I have enjoyed my experience. The campus allows for tightly-knit friendships to be made and the library is fantastic – it has an extensive range of books to assist me in my assignments, while the teaching at the University has been of the highest order."

**Oluwadamilare Legunsen, Accounting &
Management with a Year in Industry**

"I think the environment is very conducive to learning. There are a lot of opportunities and a lot of support available. If you are looking for an inclusive environment that gives you the best of both worlds, where you can focus on your study but also have a very good social life then Kent is a great place to come. I am quite sporty and the sports facilities here are great. You can see that the University has invested in them and I appreciate that. I also like the fact that there is a restaurant in every college. There is a real effort to ensure there is something for everyone."

Osiyemi Osipitan, Law

**Want to know more?
Check out our student video at
www.kent.ac.uk/extras**

By the students, for the students!

Kent Union is your students' union at the University of Kent.

We're run by students for students, and we are here to empower you! We ensure that you have a voice, fulfil your potential and get the most out of your University experience.

As a student of the University of Kent you're automatically a member of Kent Union.

Your membership entitles you to access all areas within your Union, including; representation, activities, employability, outlets and welfare.

You can find out all about the many services and activities we run at www.kentunion.co.uk

Creating change for students

We have elections each year for our student leaders on campus. We have five full-time officers, and over 20 part-time officers elected by you to lead on the issues that you tell us about through our democratic systems. We also have over 300 course reps and thousands of volunteers in our sports clubs and societies. Campaigning is at the heart of what we do, so make sure you are involved in any way possible.

Sport

We fund and support over 70 different sports clubs, ranging from rugby to croquet, from hockey to capoeira. We have many highlights throughout the year such as Varsity in March; a charity sports

competition between the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University. We also have the Team Kent Ball, an event held by the Sports Federation to celebrate the achievement of clubs and individuals within sport at Kent. So, whether you are a player or a spectator, there is something for everyone to enjoy as part of Team Kent.

Societies

Kent Union funds and helps our students run over 250 societies that vary from special interest groups to political, religious, academic and performing arts groups. Every year students set up new societies so there is something for everyone – make sure you get involved! Societies are a great way to make friends, have fun, and gain valuable skills that will support you in your future career.



Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills, improve your CV, help others and meet new friends. You may also earn credits towards your degree and receive a Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering (KSCV) as well as increase your employability. We have over 3,500 roles on offer with over 2,000 students getting involved. There are roles to suit everyone; you could be a committee member for a sports club or society or take on a more short-term role such as our Age UK tea parties, food bank collections and litter picks. Student volunteers also fundraise for Kent RaG (Raise and Give). In the last academic year, Kent RaG raised over £130,000 for over 50 charities. There's a range of activities on offer, from RaG raids to walking the Great Wall of China.

Featured RaG event: Escape and Evade

Which is? Get as far away from the uni (and back) in 50 hours without spending any cash!

Are you nuts? Nope...it can be done. The last winners got as far as San Francisco, Athens and Geneva!

Jobshop

Jobshop is an on-campus employment agency that helps you to find part-time work while you study. We advertise a variety of jobs in areas such as catering and bar work, marketing and



administrative roles, teaching, cleaning, health and care, retail and IT positions. You can earn while you learn and enhance your employability skills ahead of graduating.

Entertainment

We want you have the best time possible during your time here! We look forward to welcoming you at The Venue, our on-campus nightclub. Woodys and the Library Café are also available during the day and evening for you to catch up and socialise with your friends. And at the end of every year, our team puts on the Summer Ball, a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the end of exam season and the start of summer.

Retail

Our on-campus shop, Essentials, provides all you need for your weekly shopping and university necessities. It has regular promotional offers as well as a Bake 'n' Bite, a self-service salad bar and a hot food counter serving pasta, jacket potatoes and paninis.

Student Advice Centre

There are many reasons why you might need professional advice, so the Student Advice Centre is there to help. We can help you with academic appeals, financial, health or housing issues, employment advice, consumer concerns or visa applications. Our friendly staff will do everything they can to help. To book an appointment, call in at the Mandela Reception or email us on advice@kent.ac.uk or call +44 (0)1227 827724.

The Oaks Nursery

By managing the Canterbury campus nursery, we allow students and staff to focus on their work without worrying about childcare. If you are interested in this service, please apply as soon as possible as it is very popular. Contact us by email at oaksnursery@kent.ac.uk

Student Media

If you are a budding journalist or fancy a career in radio broadcasting, we have lots of opportunities for you to get involved in student media. We support CSR.fm, Canterbury's student-run FM radio station, which broadcasts 24 hours a day. Inquire, our student newspaper, is published fortnightly and distributed across the Canterbury campus, as well as inquirelive, an online interactive forum for news and views. Coverage of all our major sporting and entertainment events can be seen on our student-led television station KTV. Our Student Media Centre, with studio facilities and editing suites, is open to all members of our media groups to produce, develop, learn, tinker and have fun.

If you would like to find out more about your students' union, please visit our website: kentunion.co.uk

Kent Union – Your Students' Union



BE A SPORT!

Sport and recreation play a big part in university life. Whether you're an accomplished player or athlete, or someone who just wants to try something new, there are plenty of ways you can get involved with sport at Kent. We think that sport is hugely important; it keeps you healthy, is good for your mental wellbeing and, most importantly, it's fun! On campus, there are lots of opportunities to stay active and improve your lifestyle – plus, there is no need to choose between your sporting career and your academic studies, as Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to sports with no seminars or lectures.

There are plenty of sports clubs run by Kent Union, who take part in year-long fixtures and matches. When you join a sports club at the University, you become a part of a sporting family known as Team Kent. From rowing to ballroom and Latin dancing, golf to ultimate frisbee, cycling to ju jitsu, everyone is welcome in Team Kent. You could even play a spot of quidditch!

Our sports clubs and teams take part in many different tournaments, from weekly fixtures to national competitions.





Team Kent participates in British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) events and, this year, had two clubs in the BUCS 2015-2016 Premiership.

One of the biggest events on the sporting calendar is Varsity. Every year, Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Kent go head to head, showcasing the best of university sport. A bit of healthy competition never hurt anyone, and the two universities work together to promote our sporting values – friendship, pride and passion.

And, of course, you are more than welcome to join a club for fun. Sports clubs at the University welcome new members with open arms and are a fantastic way to meet people. With so much going on, Kent really is the place to be!

Join Kent Sport

Kent Sport membership gives you access to a fantastic sports complex, with a fitness suite, a physiotherapy clinic and studio space for a range of classes, from Body Pump to Zumba. The University also boasts indoor and outdoor tennis courts, a netball centre, and a wide range of accessible facilities. Sport can be a great stress buster and with membership options to suit your budget and level of commitment, joining Kent Sport can add another dimension to your student experience. For details of membership costs, see www.kent.ac.uk/sport

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Downtime on campus

From time to time, we all need a break from our studies...

Food and drink

Bag it – Pop into Rutherford college to pick up a sandwich or baguette. You can even order online!

Rutherford College Dining Hall – if you fancy something hot, this Dining Hall offers breakfast, lunch and dinner, so whatever time of day it is, you'll get fed!

Gulbenkian café – Bright, fun, vibrant: it's hardly a surprise that it's a favourite location of all members of the University community, as well as the general public.

Create Café – this café is the go-to place for freshly made sweet and savoury pancakes all year round. You can also grab pasties, panini, jacket potatoes and hot and cold drinks.

Dolche Vita – we can wholeheartedly recommend the katsu curry! Dolche Vita offers a range of flavours and fusion dishes from across the world – you can find them in Keynes college.

K-Bar – Opposite Dolche Vita, K-Bar is a great place to hang out with friends, watch sport and listen to a range of live music.



Gulbenkian café



Dolche Vita



Mungo's Bistro – Mungo's, in Eliot College, is the perfect place to pick up a burger. They offer a range of food and the Chicken Caesar salad is packed full of flavour. You won't regret ordering healthily.

Origins Bar & Bistro – fan of Tex-Mex? Pop to Origins to grab Mexican-inspired fajitas or Texan style burgers.

Sports Café – justified a treat after your work out? Refresh yourself with sandwiches, snacks and drinks in the foyer of the Sports Centre.

Library Café – you don't need to leave the Templeman Library. Stay in the zone! This is the place to grab a coffee and cake, or a lunchtime sandwich, salad or snack.

Pavilion Café Bar – Watch the game on the huge plasma screens and grab a bite to eat. You can also watch live Kent sport from the balcony.

Woodys – Tucked away in the heart of Park Wood, Woodys is your local pub-style venue – grab a bite to eat, watch the footie or meet friends before heading to the Venue. They also host regular live music, quizzes and comedy nights.

Nightlife

If you fancy a night out, but don't feel like heading into town, there are plenty of places to let your hair down on campus.

Head to **K-Bar** if you want to relax with friends; there are plenty of screens to watch sport, and the newly refurbished courtyard is perfect for lazing away the summer evenings.



If you feel like a cultured night, the **Gulbenkian theatre and cinema** offers a range of events, from top name comedians to dance festivals, live music, the hottest films, even family friendly shows. The Gulbenkian is a hive of activity all year round, so you'll always find things to do.

If you want to go all out, the **Venue** is one of the best student nightclubs in the country. Running three nights a week – on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays – every taste is catered for, whether you enjoy D&B, dance, indie, RnB or pop. With two floors and a 1200 person capacity, the Venue is a great place to meet new people and cement long-lasting friendships.



"I like the student vibe at Woodys, the great drink deals and the fact that it's run by Kent Union. The music is always great and you don't need to see a 'celebrity' to be amazed. I often go to Woodys to check out the Live Music Society night and have seen some great student artists such as Make Friends With Strangers and Rebecca Vaughan – we have some amazing talent at the University!"

Jayna Rana, Comparative Literature and English Language and Linguistics



Shopping

Essentials – Fancy a night in, cooking for yourself? Maybe you just need to pick up a few day-to-day things? Essentials is the on-campus store run by Kent Union, and stocks fresh and frozen produce, convenience items, wine, beer and spirits. It also has a Bake 'n' Bite, serving hot pastries and pies. Essentials is open 24 hours via a hatch service between 12am and 6am, so if you fancy a late night snack after a night out, our friendly staff will be there waiting for you!

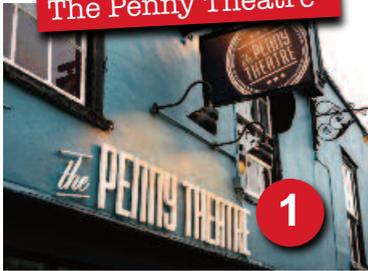


Park Wood Essentials – A smaller version of our main Essentials store, Park Wood Essentials offers a variety of goods, and is easily accessible and perfect for students living in Park Wood; convenience is right on your doorstep until midnight during term time.



SIX OF THE BEST

The Penny Theatre



"The Penny is a lively student bar with lots of evening events. They run weekly pub quizzes and retro gaming competitions. The food is great value – although I haven't been brave enough to try the food challenge yet!"

Anja Hynninen, Digital Arts

We also love: The Dolphin for the beer garden and great food, The Lady Luck for the Sunday night pub quiz, The Olde Beverley with its great atmosphere and good food and The Black Griffin for friendly bar staff and selection of board games. (Yes, you will play board games at uni!)

Kitch



"Kitch is an amazing, picturesque vegan vegetarian restaurant. They have an open kitchen and you can see them cooking your food right in front of you. Fully organic, super healthy, absolutely delicious food at very reasonable prices."

Diamantina Stavrianou, Politics and International Relations

We also love: The Chocolate Café for the luxury hot chocolate, Boho for the yummy desserts and Tiny Tim's Tearoom for its fab homemade food (it's also supposedly the most haunted building in Canterbury).

Dane John Gardens



"It's a great place to go and relax. There are benches to sit on, or grass to lie on. And during the week there's a food/drink hut. Also, it is host to the annual food and drink festival, which is the most amazing thing!"

Charlotte Saxby, Biological Anthropology

We also love: Greyfriars Gardens is tucked away and quieter than the other parks – a top spot for revision, Westgate Gardens has a beautiful river (with ducks!), and Blean Woods for its 11 square miles of ancient woodland.

That's not all!

Not far from the campus, Whitefriars is the place to go for a great range of big-name stores including Primark, Topman/Topshop, Zara and H&M, or for an alternative shopping experience, stroll down Canterbury's King's Mile. You'll find a good selection of independent shops selling everything from ethnic musical instruments to homemade fudge.

You're spoilt for choice when it comes to eating out, with long-established Indian, Italian, Chinese, Thai, Mexican and Spanish eateries. Many of the smaller restaurants have a fantastic atmosphere and are great value for money. There are also loads of pubs, which offer varied menus, and The Goods Shed is also worth a visit for its thriving daily farmers' market and restaurant.



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Going off campus? Check out some of our favourite haunts



Revivals

"It's a vintage shop and is just like Aladdin's cave. It's packed full of clothes, shoes and accessories. The staff are really helpful, especially if you're after a bit of fancy dress."

Rachael Smith, Drama & Theatre Studies

We also love: Siesta for its quirky and unusual Fairtrade gifts, The Sewing Shop for their workshops on making stuff, Topshop for the discounts and Primark, which is HUGE! Keep an eye out for student discount nights in Canterbury – you can get up to 30% off in some places.



Bramley's

"Bramley's has a great variety of cocktails and a trendy atmosphere. The music is lively and its quirky decor makes the bar feel like a hideaway from city life!"

Sara Cook, Multimedia Technology and Design

We also love: The Cuban for its amazing cocktails and carnival vibe.

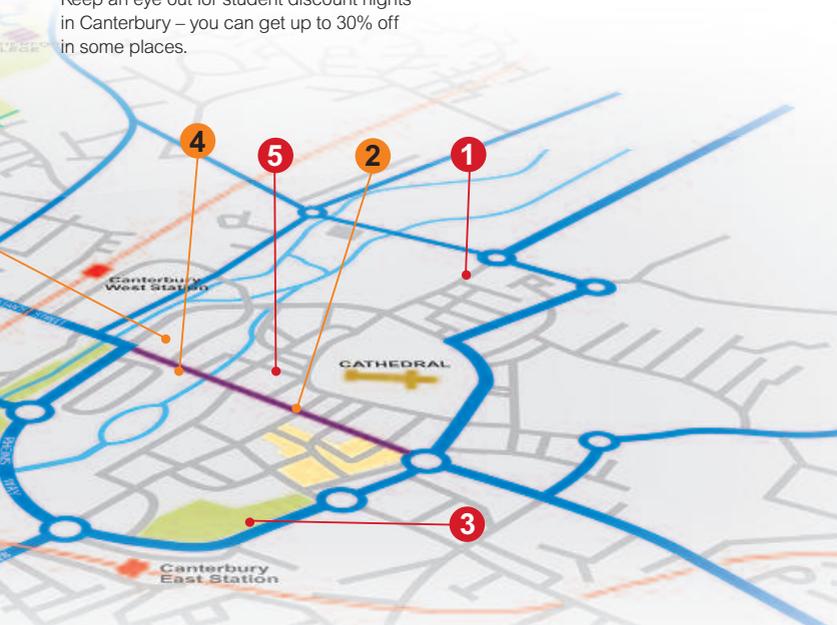


The Curzon

"As well as the usual mainstream screenings, the Curzon shows a number of interesting and quirky films shown nowhere else in Canterbury. It has a cosy feel, comfy seats and a welcoming bar, making it unlike any other cinema in the area."

Tom Sweeney, MSc Marketing

We also love: Fans of fringe theatre and stand-up comedy should check out the Marlowe Studio in Canterbury and the Gulbenkian (of course!) on campus.



Canterbury: the student view:

"It's the most beautiful city I have ever and probably will ever visit; everything has a story and the Cathedral is like nothing you've ever been into."

Fiona Evans, Actuarial Science

"The buzz of the city – the street performers give it a London-esque feel, there are plenty of bars, pubs, restaurants, coffee shops and places to simply chill out."

James Foster, Classics and Archaeology

Living here



You've seen the prospectus and maybe you've been to an open day but what's it really like to live here? Even if you're local, you'll be spending a lot of time on campus and you may decide to live in the city after your first year.

Campus: vital statistics

- Library opening: 24 hours a day, seven days a week (term time)
- Computers on campus: 800+
- Female to male ratio: 52:48
- Cafés and restaurants: 13
- Bars: 5
- Most popular bar on campus: K-Bar in Keynes College
- There's 78 sports clubs and 256 societies (at the last count!)
- Students involved in sports clubs and societies: 8,940
- Most popular society? The Hogwarts Society, with 308 members!
- Vacancies advertised through Jobshop: 2,890+
- Bus stops: 14 (average waiting time is 3 minutes)

- Cycle lock up points: 41
- Launderettes: available in all colleges. You can even find an available washer/dryer by visiting www.laundryview.com
- Distance from town: 1.5km (0.9 miles)
- Quickest route into town: Eliot footpath

Time out

There are so many great places on campus, but student faves are the hills outside Eliot College and Tyler Court. Both are glorious in summer, good for impromptu Frisbee, (and epic snowball fights in winter), and have spectacular views of the city and cathedral.

Going out...

Work hard and party hard: Welcome Ball, Snow Ball, Masquerade Ball, Keynestock, WorldFest, Summer Ball... you get the picture.

The Canterbury Festival happens every October and the city takes on a whole different buzz. And speaking of the city, there are LOADS of lovely places to discover so although campus is great, make sure you venture down the hill and explore.

Fun foodie facts

- Fajitas v enchiladas? A hotly contested debate among Origins regulars, but the enchilada is king... 8,134 were made last year!
- Rutherford has 77 different menu options available each week plus a wok bar where you can pick your ingredients and watch them being cooked.
- Pizza to the masses – last year our push-bike couriers delivered 2,239 of Hut 8's delicious pizzas.
- You can't beat a bacon or a sausage roll, 4,069 eaten this year.
- The jacket spud is always a firm favourite... top three toppings are cheese, cheesy beans and tuna mayo.

- Got a sweet tooth? Get stuck into the famous Oreo milkshake from Mungo's – the most popular shake on the menu!
- Love a curry? Try the chicken katsu curry from Dolche Vita – it's their bestseller, over 8,000 sold.
- Exam essential: the energy drink (campus shop). We're reliably informed that sales almost double in the summer term...

Best discounts

- Ask in every shop you go into! Most places offer some form of student discount. Try supermarkets after 8.30pm – you'll be amazed what bargains you can pick up.
- Whitefriars often does a student shopping night, sometimes with up to 30% off.
- Café des Amis (Mexican) and Café du Soleil offer 25% off your food and drinks bill, Monday-Thursday.
- Café Mauresque has 15% off food Sunday-Thursday (after 5pm).
- If you need stuff for your room, head to Poundland, Wilkinson or Dunelm Mill. Between them, they'll sort you out.
- You can visit the cathedral free with your Kent student card.
- Get a Residents' Card and benefit from loads of discounts and offers! Apply at <http://canterbury.mytownmycity.co.uk/> or for info see their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ResidentsCard

Explore without breaking the bank

Lonely Planet has recently voted Kent (the county) as Europe's top family holiday destination – there's so much to see and it doesn't have to cost a fortune.

- The South East is famous for its beaches: Whitstable, Herne Bay and Broadstairs are easily accessible by bus and you can walk to Whitstable along the old Crab and Winkle Way that goes through campus.
- Go on a historic river tour of Canterbury. For £8 you get to see the city from a whole different perspective.
- Like the theatre? The Marlowe Theatre offers Discovery tickets to students – see www.marlowetheatre.com/page/3189/Discovery-Tickets

Some advice from our current students

Our students have been in exactly the same place you are now: wondering which university to choose, whether to move away from home, what to pack, and a million other things. We asked them what advice they would pass on to you...

"Don't set fire alarms off at three in the morning. Everyone in halls will hate you." **Rowena Mantle, Linguistics**

"Get out and see everything! Always say yes to something/somewhere you haven't done or been to, but above all, if you see someone next to you who has no one around them, make the first move to start a conversation!" **Fiona Evans, Actuarial Science**

"Don't be shy, the more you speak in seminars, the more you get to know people. And make sure you start essays as soon as possible." **Bethany Freeman, History**

"Do it. Kent is one of the top universities in UK and by the time you graduate, it is going to be even higher up the rankings. It is a safe environment with very friendly staff. I study politics and the lecturers are amazing. You won't be bored, but it's peaceful enough for those times when you want to calm down and relax. Get involved with the Student Activity Centre. Kent has amazing volunteering opportunities and your CV will look awesome." **Diamantina Stavrianou, Politics and International Relations**

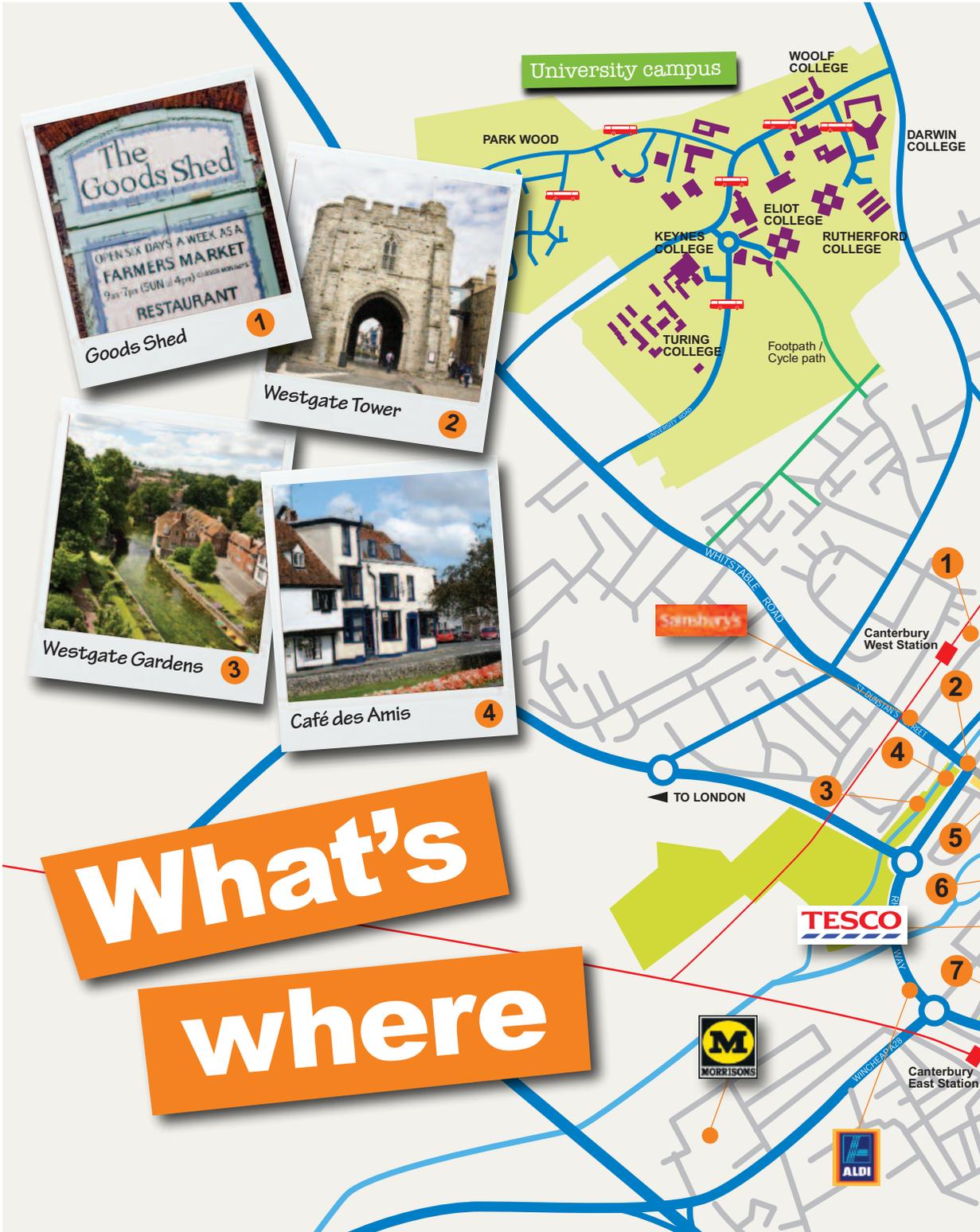
"Don't bother with an umbrella. Bring a nice warm rainproof [and probably wind resistant] coat instead." **Lee Palmer, Economics**

"Take advantage of the societies on campus because they're a great way to meet people and pick up hobbies." **Cody Henault, History**

"Hard work pays off, so try hard, do well and push yourself. Remember to join societies, attend student events and make lots of friends, as at the end of the day your classmates are sharing this journey with you!" **Stephanie Wood, Forensic Science with a Year in Industry**

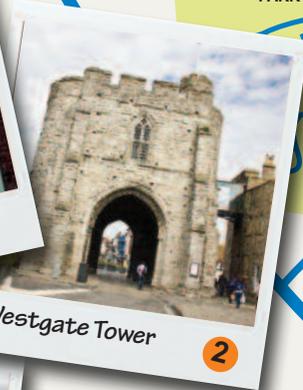
- The Turner Contemporary gallery in Margate has free admission.
- Speaking of Margate, it's got a fab beach, some great quirky shops and Dreamland amusement park Dreamland is a bit of a Kent legend – the Scenic Railway rollercoaster is a must! A wristband gets you admission to the park, unlimited rides plus you can re-enter throughout the day. If you purchase your wristband online in advance you pay just £12.
- If you fancy a trip to Bluewater shopping centre, you can get a return from National Express for as little as £8 if you have a Young Persons Coachcard.
- You can also get to the new Westfield Shopping Centre (close to the Olympic Park) by train from Canterbury West
- Howletts Wild Animal Park offers a great day out for under £16.
- Unirider bus tickets can be used on any Stagecoach bus in Kent and also on the UNIBUS service that runs between campus and the city centre.
- The Blean is one of the largest ancient areas of woodland in England and has plenty of fantastic cycling and walking routes. And it's free!





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What's

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Waitrose

Nando's

The Canterbury Tales

Dane John Gardens

Kingsmead pool

Marlowe Theatre

Whitefriars Centre

CURZON

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Accommodation

Guide

On-campus, off-campus, part-catered, self-catered, en suite, shared bathroom – there's an option to suit everyone.





College	Where?	What's included?	Facilities
<p>Bed and Flex Available for 37 weeks (including winter and spring vacations, except for the two weeks the University is closed for Christmas and New Year)</p>	<p>Eliot College Rutherford College</p>	<p>An allowance of £8 per day to spend on food in a choice of eight venues, seven days per week during term time.</p>	<p>Shared bathrooms</p>
<p>Part-catered (Bed and Bistro) Available for 31 weeks (excluding winter and spring vacations)</p>	<p>Keynes College (main building) Becket Court</p>	<p>Breakfast and dinner in Dolche Vita in Keynes College (Mon-Fri). Brunch and dinner available in Rutherford College at weekends</p>	<p>All rooms are en suite</p>
<p>Self-catered Available for 39 weeks (including winter and spring vacations)</p>	<p>Park Wood (flats) Keynes College (flats) Turing College (flats) Tyler Court (flats)</p>	<p>Shared kitchens, equipped with oven and hob, fridge/freezer and microwave</p>	<p>All rooms are en suite</p>
<p>Self-catered Available for 39 weeks (including winter and spring vacations)</p>	<p>Park Wood (houses) Turing College (houses) Darwin College</p>	<p>Shared kitchens, equipped with oven and hob, fridge/freezer and microwave</p>	<p>Shared bathrooms</p>

On-campus

"I am local so could have lived at home but I am so glad I decided to live on campus. If you stay at home you don't have the full experience of university life and can miss out on societies. Living on campus I have made friends for life and they have been an excellent support structure."

Jack Warner, Sociology

"Living on campus allows you to have the best social life and build a small community around you. Tyler Court is a wonderful place to live: it's on the edge of campus but still very easy to get everywhere. One of the best things is the short walk home after a night out at The Venue, as well as the short walk to your lectures the morning after!"

Hayley Pugh

Self-catered accommodation

According to Charlotte, Park Wood, a purpose-built student village on the edge of campus, is the best place to live:

"Living in Park Wood houses this year has been really good. I live right near Essentials and Woodys so it's brilliant! The walk to central campus is really nice; it's a lovely student village, and there's so much nature! I love the rabbits, they totally make Kent."

Charlotte, Biological Anthropology

While Georgia Morris says:

"I lived in Tyler Court. I thought it was value for money. It is so good being on campus for your first year because you are so close to everything and you get to meet lots of different people. Living in university accommodation is a kind of half-way house; you have your independence but you know that if anything goes wrong, help is at hand." **Georgia Morris, Film**



Part-catered accommodation

"I lived in Becket Court and it had catered accommodation so I didn't have to worry about cooking. The facilities were good: the room was en suite. Living in halls is very interesting because it is an experience you will probably never have again. I was fortunate to live with people who were outgoing and keen to do lots of things, which was brilliant."

Yasmeen Soudani, Classical & Archaeological Studies

"The facilities are on my doorstep and it really makes life easy! I have learnt to be responsible and function on my own, but I don't feel 'dropped in it' as the accommodation is a perfect switching point between living with parents and going out into the world by yourself."

Bethany Human, Psychology with Clinical Psychology



Tyler Court



Park Wood



Keynes flats



Eliot

Looking off campus



When looking for off-campus accommodation, the University advises that students rent only accredited properties. The landlords of accredited properties have agreed to abide by a Code of Conduct for landlords. This scheme supports better management of student houses in Canterbury.

Many of the landlords have let their properties to students in previous years. It is usually an advantage to deal directly with landlords or owners, as a letting agent will charge fees or commission.

See www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation/canterbury/off-campus/index.html for advice and information about finding off-campus housing.

Fast facts: Living off-campus

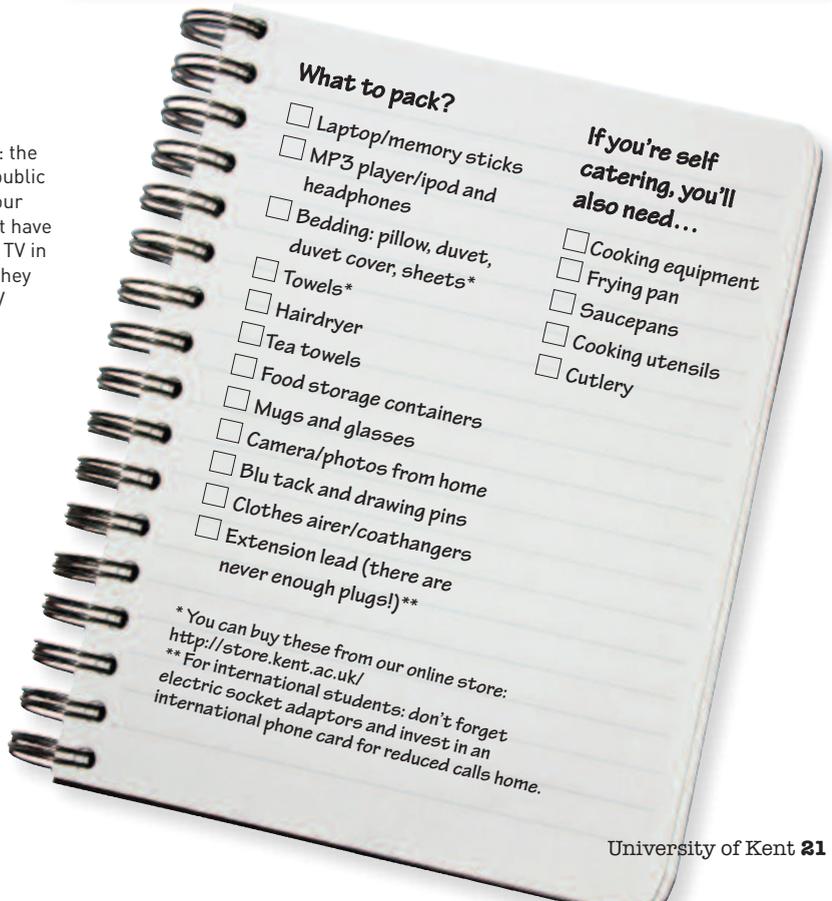
- Three universities in Canterbury; over 25 thousand students live in the city
- 8,577 students living in 2,350 houses of multiple occupation
- Average students per household: four
- Average number of properties viewed before signing a tenancy: two-three
- Most popular areas: Hales Place, St Dunstons, St Stephens and Rough Common.

If you live on campus, here's what you get:

All rooms have access to the following: the internet and email, network files and public printers, and contents insurance for your personal belongings. Most rooms don't have TVs or TV aerials. If you want to have a TV in your room, or watch programmes, as they are shown via your PC, you'll need a TV licence.

All rooms have:

- ✓ Bed with mattress, mattress protector and one pillow
- ✓ Chest of drawers
- ✓ Noticeboard and bookshelves
- ✓ Bedside cabinet
- ✓ Desk with drawers and desk lamp
- ✓ Fitted carpet
- ✓ Wardrobe
- ✓ Desk chair
- ✓ Curtains



What to pack?

- Laptop/memory sticks
- MP3 player/ipod and headphones
- Bedding: pillow, duvet, duvet cover, sheets*
- Towels*
- Hairdryer
- Tea towels
- Food storage containers
- Mugs and glasses
- Camera/photos from home
- Blu tack and drawing pins
- Clothes airer/coathangers
- Extension lead (there are never enough plugs!)**

If you're self catering, you'll also need...

- Cooking equipment
- Frying pan
- Saucepans
- Cooking utensils
- Cutlery

* You can buy these from our online store: <http://store.kent.ac.uk/>
 ** For international students: don't forget electric socket adaptors and invest in an international phone card for reduced calls home.

Want to find out more?

We hope we've shown you that being a student here is pretty fantastic, but if you want to find out more then we have a whole online community just waiting to welcome you!



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