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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 run a Jobshop offering employment opportunities, an advice centre, the 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 the SU Shop, Woody’s Bar and the new Park Wood Student Hub, 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.

Aaron Thompson, Kent Union President
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Why we love
Kent Uni

There’s a lot to love about being at Kent – the social life, the fab facilities and so much more. We asked our students to tell us about their favourite things…

“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

“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’s a very welcoming place. Kent’s academic facilities are great, the Templeman 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 help 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

"Want to know more? Find out what students say about their studies at www.kent.ac.uk/courses/profiles"

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

We’re run by students for students, and our mission is to speak up for students, help you have the best time at Kent and to prepare you for life after Kent.

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 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 – 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

At Kent Union we fund and help our students to 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. We also host The Bunnies – an awards evening celebrating the achievements of all our societies.

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 boosting your employability. We have over 3,500 roles on offer with something to suit everyone; you could be a committee member for a sports club or society, or take part in Age UK tea parties, food bank collections and litter picks. Student volunteers also fundraise for Kent RaG (Raise and Give) and there have been some great activities on offer from RaG raids to climbing Kilimanjaro.

Nightline

Nightline is a listening service run by trained student volunteers. You don’t have to tell us anything about yourself, not even your name, and the content of the call never leaves Nightline. You can talk to us about any problem, big or small, and find out about services that can offer you advice. We aren’t here to judge or advise: we listen not lecture.

Buddy Scheme

University can be the best time of your life, but sometimes we all need a helping hand and our Buddies are here for you! If you join our Buddies Scheme, we can match you with a current student who will help you settle in, recommend places or events to attend, or maybe introduce you to some like-minded friends. The more you tell us about your likes and dislikes, the better we can pair you. To get more info on how it works, go to www.kentbuddy.co.uk
Our on-campus nursery allows students 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

Jobshop is an on-campus employment agency that helps you to find part-time work while you study. We advertise 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.

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

Kent Union – your students’ union

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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 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 local fixtures to national competitions.
Team Kent also participates in British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) events. See www.bucs.org.uk for all the latest news.

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, and bike hire at the Cycle Hub. The University also boasts artificial pitches, indoor and outdoor tennis and netball courts, accessible to all. 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
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 also order online.

**Rutherford Dining Hall** – if you fancy something hot, this college 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 our arts centre café is a firm favourite with students, staff, and the general public.

**Create Café** – is the place for grabbing food on the go: pasties, panini, jacket potatoes and ramen are just some of the treats on offer.

**Dolche Vita** – we can wholeheartedly recommend the katsu curry! Dolche Vita offers a range of flavours and fusion dishes from across the world.

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

**Origins Bar and Grill** – pop over to Origins for the BBQ vibe of some great American smokehouse dishes, with veggie and vegan options too.
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.

Nightlife

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.

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

If you want to go all out, the Venue is one of the best student nightclubs in the country. With two floors and space for a thousand clubbers, the Venue is a great place to make new friends and have some serious party-going fun. 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.
“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 jukebox, Ye Olde Beverlie 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!)

“The Penny Theatre

“Kitch is an amazing, picturesque 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).

Kitch

“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 and 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, tucked away and quieter than the other parks making it a top spot for revision, Westgate Gardens with its beautiful river (and ducks!), and Bleian 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**

“Revivals has it all. From cool coffee shops to the best student bar, it’s the place to be.”

**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!”

**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 cozy feel, comfy seats and a welcoming bar, making it unlike any other cinema in the area.”

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.

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Rachael Smith, Drama and Theatre

We also love: Siesta for its quirky and unusual Fairtrade gifts, 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.

Sara Cook, Multimedia Technology and Design

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

Tom Sweeney, MSc Marketing

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Canterbury: the student view:

“It’s the most beautiful city I have ever and probably will ever visit. Everything has a story and Canterbury Cathedral is like nothing else 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, Classical and Archaeological Studies

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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.

**Park Wood Student Hub**

With so many places to explore and enjoy, everyone loves our Canterbury campus – and this year it’s set to get even better.

The new Park Wood Student Hub is due to open this September and it’s dedicated to providing even more space for you to study, shop and socialise. Here’s what’s in store...

- Feeling peckish? Pay a visit to Woody’s Bar with its flavoursome menu created with a student budget in mind. Highlights include the revival of an old Kent favourite known as ‘The Stack’.
- The IT/study hub is the perfect place to stay on top of your assignments or cram for your exams. Fancy a break? There’s also a stylish social-study space where you can chill out or chat with fellow students.
- If you’re feeling active, why not pop into one of the dance studios? With so many sports societies on campus, they’re sure to be busy.
- For help or advice, the mini ‘high street’ provides several student services in one convenient location.
- Last but not least, when it’s time to stock up, our local shop has everything you need, plus a range of hot food for those ‘grab-and-go’ moments.

**Going out...**

Work hard, party hard: Freshers’ Ball, Snow 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.

**The great outdoors**

At Kent, we have many outdoor spaces, 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 the cathedral.

**Fun foodie facts**

- Fancy some smokey tastes of the South? Get down to Origins for your Proper Nachos, Texas Toast and Louisiana Po’ Boys.
- Rutherford has hundreds of menu options each week, plus a wok bar where you can pick your ingredients and watch them being cooked.
• Serving pizzas to the masses, Hut 8 is open till eleven, perfect for fueling those late-night snack attacks.
• The jacket spud is always high on the popularity list... top three toppings are cheese, cheesy beans and tuna mayo.
• Got a sweet tooth? Get stuck into the famous Oreo Cookie milkshake from Mungo’s – the most popular shake on the menu!
• Love a curry? Try the katsu chicken curry from Dolche Vita – it’s their bestseller.
• Exam essential: the energy drink. 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 does a student shopping night, sometimes with up to 50% off.
• Café des Amis (Mexican) and Café du Soleil offer 25% off your food and drinks bill, Sunday-Thursday.
• Café Mauresque has mid-week discounts for students.
• If you need stuff for your room, head to Poundland, Wilko 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 canterbury.mytownmycity.co.uk
• Your student ID card can also work as a cashless card. Many of the cafés and restaurants on campus give you 5% off if you use it to pay for food.

**Explore without breaking the bank**

Lonely Planet loves the county of Kent, from ‘spellbinding Canterbury’ to its ‘beautiful coastal stretches’. There’s lots 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 river tour of Canterbury. For £9.50 you get to see the city from a whole different perspective.
• Like the theatre? The Marlowe offers £10 Discovery tickets to students: see marlowetheatre.com/your-visit/discovery
• 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 £15.
• If you fancy a trip to Bluewater shopping centre, get a National Express return from the bus station in Canterbury. It’s £10 if you have a Coachcard.
• You can also get to the Westfield Shopping Centre [close to the Olympic Park] by train from Canterbury West.
• Howletts Wild Animal Park offers a great day out for under £18.
• 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!

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 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**

“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**

“Kent 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. Kent has amazing opportunities and your CV will look awesome.”
**Diamantina Stavrianou, Politics and International Relations**

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

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

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

“Don’t set fire alarms off at three in the morning – everyone in the halls will hate you!”
**Rowena Mante, English Language and Linguistics**
Students' Accommodation Guide

On-campus, off-campus, part-catered, self-catered, en-suite, shared bathroom – there's an option to suit everyone.
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**Yasmeen Soudani, Classical & Archaeological Studies**

“I really liked being on campus. My room was bigger than the one I have at home and it was only a 30-second walk to lectures. I got on really well with my flatmates and lived with them off campus the following year.”

**Andrew Paul, Mathematics with a Year in Industry**

“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**

“Park Wood is a pretty place in the woods. It felt safe there and I liked being a short distance from central campus. I met all my housemates on the very first day. It was really exciting and everyone’s in the same boat so it was really easy to make new friends.”

**Harriet Donovan, Cultural Studies and Media**

“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**

“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**
If you live on campus, here's what you get

All rooms have access to 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.

Want to see more?

You can explore all the University's accommodation in our virtual tours at www.kent.ac.uk/virtualtours

If you live off campus, here's what you get

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.

Home Stamp is a free service that can provide advice and information on finding off-campus housing. See www.homestampkent.co.uk

Fast facts: living off-campus

- Three universities in Canterbury; over 25,000 students live in the city
- Average students per household: four
- Average number of properties viewed before signing a tenancy: two-three
- Most popular areas: Hales Place, St Dunstans, St Stephens and Rough Common.

What to pack?

☐ 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...

☐ Frying pan*
☐ Saucepans*
☐ Cooking utensils*
☐ Cutlery*

* You can buy these from our partners at UniKitOut at www.unikitout.co.uk/kent and have it delivered on to campus. If you're buying bedding, be sure to check your bed size first on Kent's accommodation website.
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