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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 two shops – the Kent Union Co-ops on the Plaza and at Park Wood, plus Woody’s Bar in the 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.

Sasha Langeveldt, Kent Union President
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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…

“I felt very nervous when I first arrived, but also excited. I loved the campus from the start – it is so pretty and close to the city, I just felt at home. My housemates and I were living in Park Wood. We all became friends instantly and lived together again in my second year. I felt like part of a community in Park Wood. The social life at Kent is amazing! There are sports, fitness, academic and other societies. I really like all my lecturers too. You can tell that they really enjoy what they do, which helps me to be enthusiastic too.”

Isobel Holden, Social Policy

“I think it’s a really good campus; everything from the School building with the labs we use, to the sports facilities, to the library – there’s a lot of good stuff offered here. It’s a nice environment with places to sit outside when it’s sunny and you get to know nooks and crannies where you can find space to work without always going to the library. I am in a lot of sports societies. I’ve been playing tennis for a long time and I do badminton as well. It’s good to have some physical activity that just really blows away the cobwebs.”

Duncan Mackenzie, Astrophysics.
“I love the studio and the fact that it’s open 24/7. You’ve got the computers and the drawing boards, there’s plenty of space to work and you can do your modelling. And because you’ve got all the year groups mixing together in the studio, you can hear other people’s opinions and see what they’re doing and how it relates to your own work. It’s a real community.”

Colleen Laurent, Architecture

“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 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, cafes, 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

“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 studies 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

“I’m from Italy and I wanted to get an international angle on my business studies. I think that my favourite part of studying at Kent is that you get to meet people from all over the world. We all feel like we’re on the same wavelength but by having all these nationalities working together, we bring so many different perspectives to the subject.”

Martina Saiu, International Business with a Year Abroad
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 can become a member of Kent Union and your membership entitles you to access all areas within the 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 12 leaders of student community groups elected by you to lead on the issues that you tell us about through our democratic systems. We also have over 300 student 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

Societies are a great way to make friends, have fun, and gain valuable skills that will support you in your future career. 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! 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, as well as boosting your employability. We have thousands of 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 Buddy 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.kentunion.co.uk/buddy
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 want the best time possible during your time here! We look forward to welcoming you at Woody’s Bar and at The Venue, our on-campus nightclub. The Library Café is also available during the day and evening for you to catch up and socialise with your friends. And every year, our entertainment team puts on the Summer Ball, a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the end of exam season and the start of summer.

Kent Union has two shops on campus – the Co-op on the Plaza and the Co-op in Park Wood. They can provide all you need for your weekly shopping and university necessities. It has regular offers, as well as a self-service salad bar and a hot food counter.

There are many reasons why you might need professional advice and the Student Advice Centre is here to help. Our friendly staff will do everything they can to help you with academic appeals, financial, health or housing issues, employment advice, consumer concerns or visa applications.

To book an appointment, call in at the Mandela Reception, email us on advice@kent.ac.uk or call +44 (0)1227 827724.
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
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 just how you want it. You can also order online.

Rutherford Dining Hall – if you fancy something hot, this college dining hall offers lunch, dinner and snacks, 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 and jacket potatoes 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.

Head to K-Bar if you want to relax with friends; there are plenty of screens to watch sport, and the tables out in the courtyard are the perfect place for lazing away a summer’s evening.

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.

Kent Union Co-op – Fancy a night in, cooking for yourself? Maybe you just need to pick up a few day-to-day things? Kent Union Co-op is the on-campus store that stocks fresh and frozen produce, convenience items, wine, beer and spirits. It also serves hot food.

Kent Union Co-op is open late, so if you fancy a 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.

**Nightlife**

**Mungo’s** – check out Mungo’s in Eliot College for the ‘American diner’ experience with tempting burgers and extravagant deserts.

**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.

**Woody’s Bar** – pick up a coffee or perhaps a quick drink or meal from a delicious menu which includes some great Daily Deals.

**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.

**Street Kitchen** – on the Plaza, street food at its very best with a menu that changes every week. Think cajun chicken skewers and sweet potato tacos.

**Sibson Café** – this stylish café goes in for delicious and healthy food. Think fresh veg, lean protein and low GI carbs. There’s plenty of seating inside but on a warm day, the best place to be is on the long tables outside – it’s a real suntrap!

**Shopping**

**Kent Union Co-op** – justifiably a treat after your work out? Refresh yourself with sandwiches, snacks and drinks in the foyer of the Sports Centre.

**Hut 8** – with ping-pong and pinball, this relaxed hangout is open until 10pm. Perfect for a late-night gathering and the 15” handmade pizza is big enough to share.

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**We are here**

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**Drinking**

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

**We also love:** The Dolphin for the beer garden and great food, The Lady Luck for the jukebox, the Penny Theatre for its food challenge (are you really brave enough?). Or try the Black Griffin with its friendly bar staff and selection of board games. (Yes, you will play board games at uni!)

**Eating**

**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.

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

**Reclining**

**Dane John Gardens** are just 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!

**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 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.
Going off campus? Check out some of our favourite haunts.

Shopping

Revivals, a vintage shop on the high street, is just like Aladdin’s cave. It’s packed full of clothes, shoes and accessories. The staff are really helpful too, especially if you’re after a bit of fancy dress.

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.

Clubbing

The Cuban brings the carnival vibe to Canterbury with regular guest DJs and five club nights a week. Check out Detox Thursdays, with club anthems on the main floor, RnB upstairs and 80s/90s retro in the Barn. Some pretty special cocktails too!

We also love: Club Chemistry for the supercheap drinks; the Ballroom for a classy night out and, for indie fans, Alberrys on a Friday night.

Watching

As well as the usual mainstream screenings, the Curzon shows a number of interesting and quirky films. With its cosy feel, comfy seats and welcoming bar, it’s definitely our favourite downtown cinema.

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. Then there’s the Canterbury Festival: it happens every October and the city takes on a whole different buzz.

The view from the hill

Our gorgeous campus is up on the hill overlooking the city of Canterbury. And once you’re here, you’re sure to spend many happy hours admiring the view. And why on earth would you want to resist? The sight of Canterbury Cathedral is definitely the highlight but let’s not forget the Marlowe Theatre, which adds a dramatic modern twist.

Of course, the grassy slopes are not just about the great views – they’re also the perfect place to indulge in a game of frisbee or an impromptu picnic.
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. The Park Wood Student Hub is dedicated to providing even more space for you to study, shop and socialise. Here’s what’s on offer...

- Feeling peckish? Pay a visit to Woody’s Bar with its flavoursome menu created with a student budget in mind. Highlights include the Korean Pork Bap and the Vegan Chilli Burrito.
- 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.
- Last but not least, when it’s time to stock up, the Park Wood Co-op has everything you need, plus hot food for those grab-and-go moments.

**Fun foodie facts**

Campus has tons of places to eat – so make sure you try something new, as well as tucking in to all the old favourites.

- 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 ten, 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.

**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.
• 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
• There’s times we all need a blowout breakfast. If that’s your thing, be sure to head over to Woody’s and grab yourself an all day breakfast.
• Exam essential: the energy drink (campus shop). We’re reliably informed that sales almost double in the summer term...

Canterbury has plenty of students and that means most places offer some kind of student deal. Our top tip – ask about discounts in every shop you go into! Here’s some of our best advice for thriving on a student budget.

• The KPass is the best (and cheapest) way to enjoy Kent Union events on campus. This card gives you access to great savings, free meals and drinks, exclusive Summer Ball offers and queue jumping all year long!
• Students get 10% off in all Co-op shops – including the ones on campus with an NUS Totem card. And don’t forget to join the Co-op’s own discount scheme for extra savings.
• 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 10% off when you use it to pay for food.
• Try supermarkets after 8.30pm – you’ll be amazed what bargains you can pick up.

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

Freshers’ Ball, Snow Ball, Keynestock, WorldFest, Summer Ball... you get the picture. There’s plenty of partying to be done at Kent.

And let’s not forget The Venue – our very own nightclub at the heart of campus. There’s a ton of special events throughout the year and plenty of regular club nights too. It’s open every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in term-time.

Work hard, party hard!

Explore without breaking the bank

• The Turner Contemporary gallery in Margate has free admission.
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• 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!
On campus, off campus, part-catered, self-catered, en suite, shared bathroom – there’s an option to suit everyone.
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On campus

“Definitely do it! You get to meet loads of new people and live near to them. Also, you live so near that you can easily go to events and other stuff – do as much as you can while it’s easy to get to.”

Ruby Wiltshire, ELL/Psychology

“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

Self-catered accommodation

“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

“arived on Monday, I was on time. I got to meet loads 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

Check out our virtual tour of campus

You can explore our Canterbury campus, and the accommodation in the online virtual tours. Just go to: www.kent.ac.uk/virtualtours
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 £6000 room 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
- Bedside cabinet
- Desk with drawers
- Fitted carpet
- Wardrobe
- Desk chair
- Curtains.

Looking off campus

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.

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.

What to pack?
- Headphones
- Bedding: pillow, duvet, duvet cover, sheets*
- Towels*
- Hairdryer*
- Tea towels*
- Food storage containers*
- Mugs and glasses*
- Cutlery and crockery*
- Camera/photos from home
- Blu tack and drawing pins
- Clothes airer/coathangers*
- Extension lead (there are never enough plugs!)**

* 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.

** For international students: don’t forget electric socket adaptors
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!

www.facebook.com/UniversityofKent
www.facebook.com/unionkent
www.youtube.com/UniversityofKent
twitter.com/UniKent
www.thestudentroom.co.uk
### Useful contacts

If you need more info, then these people can help

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