Welcome to the nineteenth edition of the Medway Staff Briefing, we hope you find the items included of interest.

**The Molly McLaren Foundation**

The Medway Moves for Molly event on Sunday 22 October raised £2,513 from ticket sales and the raffle, the overall total is £3,513 including the advance £1,000 donation. We are confident that the total will be further increased as we are currently selling snacks such as flapjacks on campus in order to raise further funds for the Foundation.

The University would like to thank those who have supported the event by donations or providing a service on the day. We are very pleased with the result and look forward to the Let’s Chat event on Friday 27 October at the Student Hub.

For further information on the Foundation: [http://themollymclarenfoundation.co.uk/](http://themollymclarenfoundation.co.uk/) and [https://www.fa](https://www.fa)

**University of Kent Graduate Secondary School Teaching Scheme (GSTS project) @ Brompton Academy**

The University is principal sponsor of Brompton Academy (formerly New Brompton College), and has been supporting the development of Brompton Academy (BA) through close links with the University’s academic departments and by the engagement of our undergraduate and postgraduate student ambassadors.

BA struggles to recruit staff in shortage subjects The Partnership Development Office have been working for just over 2 years on a project to help the school with their teacher shortages and to support University of Kent students who are interested in a career in teaching.

In September 2017, twelve recent graduates are training to become fully qualified teachers in Brompton Academy. Six of these students are continuing studying part time PhDs, whilst studying for their Qualified Teacher Status in the Academy. The other six are studying full time in the school to gain their QTS this academic year and then complete their NQT (newly qualified teacher status) by 2019.
This exciting scheme allows the University to continue supporting the students through their qualifications. We also give valuable experience to those considering teaching as a future career by providing training and work opportunities here at the University of Kent for our Student Ambassadors.

News and New Medway Activity for Kent Innovation and Enterprise

Kent Innovation and Enterprise (KIE) works with University of Kent staff to assist and develop collaborations primarily with businesses, as well as public bodies and third sector organisations. Over the last few years, KIE has successfully helped a number of Medway academics and staff, supporting and developing partnerships and securing funds for a range of collaborations and consultancy projects.

Very recent success has included the first Knowledge Transfer Partnership (KTP) award for the School of Sport and Exercise Science. This is also our first Medway KTP. The project is being funded through Innovate UK’s Health and Life Sciences competition. The two-year project is working with Smartlife, an SME based in Manchester, specialists in smart garment technology.

KIE is now increasing its presence and would like to extend its work in Medway to stimulate further innovation and enterprise activity with academics, researchers and professional staff.

KIE provides a range of services including:

- Identifying, engaging and building relationships with businesses, public bodies and other external organisations - on behalf of, and with, Kent academics and researchers;
- Supporting academics and researchers to provide expertise on a consultancy basis and responding to tenders;
- Access to and full pre-and post-award support for a broad range of funding and opportunities for collaborative projects including KTPs, other Innovate UK funding, and access to new Industrial Strategy funding;
- Fully assist academics to provide short courses, professional development and bespoke training to companies and external organisations;
- Advice and support for developing and licensing Intellectual property;
- Business engagement and support for funded MSc placements and other student workplace opportunities;
- Networking opportunities, focused events and conferences for businesses and organisations – tailored to provide an interface between the business community and University academics and experts, including a new series of twilight talks and networking events.

Are you KEIN to find funding for your collaborations?
The Kent Enterprise and Impact Network (KEIN) is a lunchtime network for academics, researchers, technicians and other members of staff interested in maximising the impact of their work, tapping into alternative sources of funding, and engaging in collaboration, innovation and enterprise activities.
The next session of KEIN will take place on Wednesday 8 November on the Medway Campus, from 12:00 – 14:00, in the Gillingham building, G3-05. We are focussing on enterprise funding and would love you to join us. A free lunch will be provided (if you register).

KIE’s Chris Nash will explain how KIE can support you with enterprise funding submissions, and highlight some enterprise funding sources. Dr John Dickinson, a Reader in the School of Sports and Exercise Sciences, and Head of the Respiratory Clinic will share his experiences of working with external organisations and talk about his recent Knowledge Transfer Partnership award, worth £163,000.

If you would like to attend this KEIN, please email entadmin@kent.ac.uk to book your place, specifying any dietary or accessibility requirements.

Kent Innovation & Enterprise (KIE) and Learning and Organisational Development (L&OD) have developed this network as a spin-out of the successful Enterprise and Impact Training course held every year. The KEIN network aims to extend the profile of enterprise and impact work at the University of Kent and foster further collaboration and innovation.

**Working with Kent – Midweek Mixers:**
Wednesday 6 December at 4pm-5.30pm in the Rochester Building: IT and Digital Health technologies: the benefits of academic-business collaboration to include short talks from: Dr Ian Denley, CEO, System C and Shearwater Systems Ltd, Prof Ian McLoughlin, Head of School of Computing (Medway) and NHS IT speaker (tbc). Networking with mince pies and mulled wine. Everyone welcome. More details to follow

For more information contact: Emma Lansdell e.lansdell@kent.ac.uk  
Tel: 01227 826570 https://www.kent.ac.uk/enterprise/index.html

**New Medway Student Engagement Strategy for the Employability Points Scheme**
In 2016-17, over 7,800 University of Kent students enhanced their employability through engaging with the EP Scheme, which included 33% of students studying at Medway. Following this success, the EP team have created and implemented a new Medway engagement strategy, which includes frequent campus pop-ups, lecture shout-outs, presentations and 1-1 appointments.

As a part of this initiative, the EP team have appointed James Lagdon, stage 4 Kent Business Student, as the Medway Student EP Ambassador. James will be on campus undertaking promotional activity throughout terms 1 and 2.

If you would like to find out more about the EP Scheme or discuss ways the scheme can benefit your students, please email the team via employabilitypoints@kent.ac.uk
Increased Student Enterprise and Business Start-Up on Campus

Following on from increased student engagement in 2016-2017, the University's dedicated Hub for Innovation and Enterprise will have a larger presence at the Medway Campus for 2017-2018.

The Hub for Innovation and Enterprise is the University of Kent's dedicated support for student enterprise and start-up guidance; providing support to students, staff and graduates wishing to start a business.

Hub for Innovation and Enterprise activities are open to all students at the University of Kent and include:

- Free 1-1 Business Advice
- Business Start-Up Workshops
- Business Mentors
- Online Business Start-Up Modules
- Competitions for Students

Along with a recently recruited Hub Ambassador (2nd year Journalism student Ayo Alli), the Hub team will be working weekly at Medway and will be offering all of the above services to students and staff.

For more information, please contact the Hub Coordinator, Sophie Taylor-Gammon at unikenthub@kent.ac.uk. Find out more here: https://www.kent.ac.uk/enterprise/hub/index.html

Congratulations to Dr Anne-Maria Brennan from the Centre for Professional Practice

Congratulations to Dr Anne-Maria Brennan, a Lecturer at the Centre for Professional Practice for being admitted a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Educators by the Master and Court of Assistants in a Declaration Ceremony held in the City of London.

An alumnus of University of York, Imperial College and the University of Wales, she is currently Director of Education and Lecturer in Professional Practice at the Centre for Professional Practice at the University of Kent.

Anne-Maria’s field of research is public engagement with science, particularly the interface between science, technology, culture and the arts. Author of five books (one of which formed a plotline in The Archers), she is also an acknowledged expert on the ecology of golf courses and formulated the industry standard guidelines on their sustainable design and management. She is also a specialist in forensic biology, in particular the investigation of wildlife crime.

The Worshipful Company of Educators is the 109th Livery Company to be granted this status by the City of London. It provides a forum through meetings and social occasions to bring together members
from all parts of the education world to discuss and exchange views on matters of topical interest. In pursuit of these aims, the Company is inclusive in its membership and activities, transcending the traditional boundaries between the different sectors, and particularly between academe and business insofar as the latter concerns itself with education, training, and development.

You can contact Dr Anne-Maria Brennan by emailing her: A.Brennan@kent.ac.uk

**New Peer Reviewed Journal from the Centre for Professional Practice - the Advanced Journal of Professional Practice (AJPP) - Call for Submissions**

The Centre for Professional Practice is delighted to announce its new Advanced Journal of Professional Practice (AJPP). The AJPP has a specific remit for contemporary work which addresses trans-disciplinary, work-related, practice-based applications of new knowledge, technology, discussion, research or practice-based innovation. The journal allows for the sharing of experiences and gold standard practices from anyone working in a professional role and is inclusive of student dissertation papers, from all faculties across the University.

“The journal has been established as a portal for new knowledge created for the advancement of professional practice. AJPP will host new creative work and welcome submissions of traditional or untraditional nature, but which demonstrate translational work-related professional practice application. I am looking forward to welcoming new submissions and hope to present the first issue of the journal this academic year,” said Dr Claire Parkin, the Editor-In-Chief of the AJPP.

Follow the link to find out about the focus and scope of the journal: [http://journals.kent.ac.uk/index.php/ajpp/index](http://journals.kent.ac.uk/index.php/ajpp/index)

Email enquiries to: AJPP@kent.ac.uk

**Success for Kent Business School at London Outreach Event**

Kent Business School's Student Success Team led the inaugural London Outreach Event in July. Delivered in collaboration with the School of Sport and Exercise Science and the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, the team delivered a range of interactive taster sessions to comprehensive school students, aged 15 to 18 years.

The aim of the event was to build links with the school, raise the profile of Kent Business School Medway and, perhaps most importantly, to encourage students from a Widening Participation background to apply to Higher Education. The school is one of the most challenging in the London borough of Lewisham, with over 60% of students claiming free school meals.
By positioning our outreach event just before the students began their UCAS application process, we helped to ensure that the University of Kent Medway campus had a high profile amongst university applicants in the school.

‘Our students are wrapping up Year 12 this week and Year 13 teaching starts on Monday. With that comes the start of the UCAS application process. As such, the University of Kent provided us with a lovely start to getting that ball rolling. The feedback from students was very positive. They were a really friendly team who had a good rapport with the students.’ – Mrs Lorraine Keane, Sixth-Form Director, Sedgehill School.

Topics such as ‘Innovation,’ and ‘Why not Wonga’ - a practical look at inflation rates in a modern-day context - were delivered by six academics (including Kent Business School’s Dr Catherine Robinson and Professor Stephen Flowers). A Kent Business School student ambassador and our Student Experience Assistant, James Lagdon delivered a joint presentation and Question and Answer session on student life at KBSM.

‘This is a great opportunity to build links with a potential feeder school who may be prepared to act as a hub or host school for future events attended by other London schools and, also, to increase our profile in the London area.’ – Sheree Palmer, Student Success Officer and event organiser, Kent Business School.

Congratulations to all involved from Kent Business School.

Find out more about the Student Success Project.

Women in Leadership Aurora Launch Event

To mark this year’s Aurora programme, past and current Aurorans, role models and mentors were invited to the Aurora 2017/18 Launch event, hosted at the Medway Campus, Rochester Building on Monday 2nd October 2017.

Professor Yvonne Sherwood, UoK Aurora Champion, opened the launch event welcoming this year’s participants, outlining the programme and the benefits, which were echoed by two previous Aurora Alumni who shared their Aurora experiences later during the morning – Dr Anna
Jordanous, School of Computing and Chloe Street-Tarbatt, School of Architecture (2016/17 Alumni).

We were equally delighted to have our new VC, Professor Karen Cox attend the event and share her own personal career journey, experiences and positive commitment to developing women’s leadership at Kent.

Her candid, personable talk provided an inspirational platform for some of Kent’s future women leaders!

The event was followed by a networking lunch, and participants were left feeling enthused and looking forward to the programme ahead.

For more information about the programme please visit https://www.lfhe.ac.uk/en/programmes-events/programmes/women-only/aurora/index.cfm or contact Jena Dady, Learning & Organisational Development Adviser j.dady@Kent.ac.uk

The GK Unions Student Advice Centre

The GK Unions Student Advice Centre provides impartial, non-judgemental and professional advice, guidance and information to Greenwich and Kent students on a range of issues:

- Academic Discipline and Appeals
- Finances
- Housing
- Overseas issues
- and more

Please direct your students to contact us if you think we can help them in any way.

We are based in the Student Hub Building and can see students by appointment or at a drop in session. We also run an advice line (01634 888855) and provide email advice (advice@gkunions.co.uk). For more information about our service, please see our webpage here.

News from the School of Music and Fine Art

Amazing range of music ensembles to join at Medway!
A fabulous selection of ensembles, vocal groups and bands are up & running at University of Kent (Medway) this year. We are lucky to be in close range of London, so top performers and teachers come down to coach our groups. Importantly, lots are OPEN TO ALL – students, staff & the broader community.

More info here: https://www.kent.ac.uk/smfa/news.html?view=2569
SMFA's Sarah Turner on ASFF 2017 Northern Film School Best Screenplay Jury
Sarah Turner, Director of Research and Reader in Fine Art in the School of Music and Fine Art, is on the jury for the 2017 Aesthetica Short Film Festival Northern Film School Best Screenplay. Founded in 2011, ASFF is an international film festival which takes place annually in York at the beginning of November. It is a celebration of independent film from around the world, and an outlet for supporting and championing filmmaking. The awards recognise outstanding talent in filmmaking practice, and are a prestigious accolade. The winning films are selected by a jury of industry experts, and are presented at the Closing Night Awards Ceremony. More info here http://www.asff.co.uk/asff2017/jury/

SMFA's Sarah Turner in conversation for Another Gaze
Sarah Turner, Director of Research and Reader in Fine Art in the School of Music and Fine Art, features in a new video conversation for feminist journal Another Gaze. Link to listen here: http://www.anothergaze.com/in-conversation-with-sarah-turner/

SMFA's Sarah Turner in panel discussion at Nottingham Contemporary 12 October
Sara Turner was at the Nottingham Contemporary, participating in a panel discussion on 12 October, 6.30-8.30pm as part of the tour for her film Public House, which screened there 13-15 October. More info http://nottinghamcontemporary.org/event/sarah-turner-public-house-discussion http://www.nottinghamcontemporary.org/event/sarah-turner-public-house-screening

The Grierson Award nominated film Public House (96 mins, 2016) premiered in October 2015 at the BFI London Film Festival, was screened at Tate Britain and the ICA, and is being toured nationally through Picture House and other cinemas, including the Gulbenkian Cinema in June. The film also tours many venues that include Liverpool, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Brighton, Southampton, Norwich, and London. More info http://www.thepublichousefilm.co.uk/screenings.html and https://www.kent.ac.uk/smfa/news.html?view=2478

Shona Illingworth on Judging Panel of both 2017 Film London Jarman Award and IWM Film Festival
Fine Art Reader and Director of Graduate Studies in the School of Music and Fine Art, Shona Illingworth, was on the Judging Panel of the prestigious Film London Jarman Award. This annual prize recognises and supports the most innovative UK-based artists working with moving image. Shortlisted for the prestigious Jarman Award herself in 2016.

Shona was also one of the judges for the Imperial War Museum’s Film Festival, special category Age of Terror, and her work shown as an exhibiting artist in this category. IWM Short Film Festival is a showcase of imaginative and challenging films that explore the causes, course, and consequences of war and conflict, and its impact on people’s lives. Festival screenings take place in the cinema at IWM London between Friday 17 and Sunday 26 November 2017.

Two SMFA Fine Art students in first stage of 2017 Platform Awards
Fine Art again had 2 graduates through to the first stage of the Platform graduate award exhibition at the Turner Contemporary gallery in Margate. This year Luiza Jordan and Tayler Goatier were selected and their work exhibited at the Turner from Friday 15 September - Sunday 5 November 2017 [https://www.turnercontemporary.org/exhibitions/platform](https://www.turnercontemporary.org/exhibitions/platform).

In the 5 year existence of the Platform Graduate Award, fine art students from SMFA have won the final award twice, in 2015 and 2017- a spectacular achievement! The award includes all the major fine art degree courses in the South East of England outside London.

**Bhangra and Bollywood Live!**

SMFA’s first exciting major Bhangra and Bollywood Event took place on Tuesday 3rd October at The Deep End, Chatham Maritime. There was Indian cuisine, a drumming workshop, Bhangra dance workshop and an evening show with Bollywood Band and the Vasda Punjab Bhangra Dancers. The event featured top UK Bhangra star, the multi award winning Kuljit Bhamra, and Kaykay Chauhan (keyboard) and vocalists Shahid Khan, Rekha Sawhney and Bindi Sagoo (dholak/perc) from the stage musical Bend it Like Beckham.

More info: [https://www.kent.ac.uk/smfa/news.html?view=2539](https://www.kent.ac.uk/smfa/news.html?view=2539)

**BA (Hons) Fine Art 3rd Year Interim Show, Friday 8 - Wednesday 13 December, 11am to 4pm, Chatham House High Street, Rochester**

Students will again be holding their popular annual interim show in this historic Georgian brewery in the process of being restored; spaces include an intact 18th century wine cellar, a family chapel and grand formal staircase. Work will range from performance, sound and projection to installation and painting. Everyone welcome.
Music Workshop with two of the hottest young names on the British jazz scene
On Wednesday 25 October, 9.30am-1.30pm, in the Galvanising Shop Performance Space, SMFA was thrilled to present an improvisation, composition and creative music making workshop with trumpeter Laura Jurd and pianist Elliot Galvin - described by Lira Music Magazine as “two of the British jazz scene’s hottest young names … together a super unit that bubbles with musical and personal understanding”. Both are prize-winning performers and prolific composers whose music crosses style boundaries.

SMFA concert series launched Tuesday 24 October
The new SMFA concert series, featuring talented students performing a range of musical styles, started on Tuesday 24 October at 3pm with the SMFA Ensembles. Taking place in the Galvanising Shop Performance space at the Historic Dockyard Chatham, all these concerts are free to attend and usually last for 2 hours.

You can find out more about all these events online here in our What's On: https://issuu.com/musicfineartkent/docs/lr_university_of_kent_-_what_s_on_a

The next concerts are:
- Weds 29 November, 6 December 2017, and 21 and 28 March 2018, 11am-2pm, Undergraduate Lunchtime Concert
- Tues 12 December 2017, 13 February and 3 April 2018, SMFA Ensembles, 3-5pm (check SMFA website for confirmation of 2018 times)

Don’t miss the Popular Music Gig at Cargo Bar, Liberty Quays on Thursday 14 December, 8pm until late.

Winter Concert 13 December 7.30pm, Dockyard Church
The beautiful Royal Dockyard Church (Chatham Historic Dockyard) provides the stunning seasonal setting for a feast of musical offerings from University of Kent (SMFA, Medway) ensembles. Includes the University choir and band and University chamber orchestra featuring items by Tavener, Schubert and Queen.

Tickets are £5.
For more information contact: MFA Reception
Email: mfareception@kent.ac.uk
SMFA Website: https://www.kent.ac.uk/smfa/
SMFA Visiting Artist Talk Series:
Next speaker Samson Kambalu Tuesday 28 November, 4.45pm - 6.30pm

The School of Music and Fine Art offers an exciting programme of talks from visiting artists, writers, filmmakers, curators and performers, with national and international profiles. Previous speakers have included Lindsay Seers, Jeremy Deller, Oreet Ashery, Sonia Boyce, Rebecca Gordon-Nesbitt and John Russell.

The Autumn 2017 term kicked off on Tuesday 17 October with 2015 Turner Prize nominee, Bonnie Camplin and the next speaker on Tuesday 28 November will be London based artist and author Samson Kambalu. Born in 1975 in Malawi, he studied at the University of Malawi (BA Fine Art and Ethnomusicology, 1995-99); Nottingham Trent University (MA Fine Art, 2002-03) and Chelsea College of Art and Design (PhD, 2011 – 15). Working in a variety of media, including site-specific installation, video, performance and literature, he has shown his work around the world, including Dakar Biennale (2014, 2016), Tokyo International Art Festival (2009) and the Liverpool Biennial (2004, 2016). He has won research fellowships with Yale University and Smithsonian Institution, was included in All the World’s Futures, Venice Biennale 2015, curated by Okwui Enwezor, and is Associate Professor of Fine Art at Ruskin College and fellow at Magdalen College, Oxford University.

The talk will focus on Cinema and Praxis – the artist’s occupation with the problematic of the gift (non linear time) and how it animates various aspects of his art practice/praxis around film, with regard to his background growing up in Africa and current forays around the world from Europe. [https://samsonkambalu.com/](https://samsonkambalu.com/)

Other artists in this exciting series include Cathy Rogers and Joseph Dance from Kent-based Analogue Ensemble, to talk about Expanded film and Paracinema. Watch the website for details!

The talks are FREE to attend but please book via Eventbrite. [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/school-of-music-and-fine-art-visiting-artist-talk-samson-kambalu-tickets-38497857127](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/school-of-music-and-fine-art-visiting-artist-talk-samson-kambalu-tickets-38497857127)

EED Live Event Tuesday 12 December 2017 in Rochester

Year 3 Event & Experience students present a live event from 11am-4pm with multimedia installations and performances in an explorative response to the physical, historical and social contexts of one of Medway’s historic sites – Eastgate House, High Street, Rochester.

This innovative event, which is free and open to the public, produces an interpretive and immersive tour of the buildings.

Says Programmes Director for Event and Experience Design, Event and Experience Management, and Fine Art, and Deputy Head of School, Peter Hatton, “it is a great privilege and pleasure to work again with the officers at Medway Council’s Sports, Leisure Tourism and Heritage Department and a wonderful opportunity for the students to work with a client in a real world environment.”
Research Awards for Medway Academics 2017

Medway School of Pharmacy

Dr Elisavet Vasilopoulou

**Project Title:** Regulation of Inflammation in Glomerular Disease by Thymosin-B4; a Novel Treatment for Patients with Renal Disease  
**Funder:** Kidney Research UK - Research Fellowship  
**Award Value:** £122,577

Dr Sarah Corlett

**Project Title:** Urgent Care Project - Emergency Care Centres  
**Funder:** Health Education North Central and East London  
**Award Value:** £5,470

Dr Vladimir Gubala

**Project Title:** Bowels - Inside Out  
**Funder:** Cancer Research UK  
**Award Value:** £950

School of Computing

Dr Srivas Chennu

**Project Title:** Computational Tools for Electroencephalographic Brain Connectomics  
**Funder:** Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) – First Grant  
**Award Value:** £101,058

Prof Ian McLoughlin

**Project Title:** Audio Intelligence for mobile devices  
**Funder:** Huawei  
**Award Value:** £65,211
School of Sport and Exercise Sciences

Dr John Dickinson  
**Project Title:** The effect of A2 milk on exercise performance, inflammation and severity of exercise-induced bronchospasm (EIB) in athletes with EIB and asthma  
**Funder:** a2 Milk  
**Award Value:** £86,714

Dr Mark Burnley  
**Project Title:** EPFNMS - Emergent properties of the fatiguing neuromuscular system  
**Funder:** Leverhulme Trust  
**Award Value:** £160,189

Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research

Dr Tara Young  
**Project Title:** Conceptions of violence, friendship and legal consciousness among young people  
**Funder:** Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC)  
**Award Value:** £71,976

Research Science Faculty Research Festival - “Science and Health”

The first Faculty of Science Festival, “Science and Health” took place on the 13 September at the Royal Dockyard Church Lecture Theatre on the Historic Dockyard. Over 70 UoK staff and Students attended from across the Faculty and from across both Campuses. The cross-faculty event was aimed at early career researchers (PhD students, Postdocs, Fellows and new Academics), but open to all. ECRs submitted abstracts, from which poster and oral presentations were chosen to be presented on the day.
As well as providing the opportunity for ECRs to present their diverse and exciting research at poster and talk sessions, a “signposting” session was held to highlight the services support departments offer. The following members of staff gave short presentations:

- **Dr Peter Nichols**, Dean of KentHealth (Chair)
- **Prof Paul Alain** (Dean of the Graduate School)
- **Dr Dan Mulvihill** (on behalf of Kent Innovation and Enterprise)
- **Dr Andrew Massoura** (Research Grants and Contracts Manager, Research Services)
- **Dr Kate Hamilton-West** (Senior Research Fellow and NIHR RDS SE Research Advisor)
- **Lesley Gould** (Academic Support Manager, Drill Hall Library, Medway Campus)
- **Rosalyn Bass** (Faculty Librarian – Research Support and Sciences, Information Services Library Collections)
- **Sarah Slowe** (Head – Office of Scholarly Communication)
- **Dr Jennifer Leigh** (Lecturer in Higher Education and Academic Practice, UELT)
- **Alison Coles** (Director of Development, Development Office)

Another key session for the event was the Academic Career Case studies; **Dr Dan Mulvihill** (Biosciences and Associate Dean of Sciences (Research & Innovation)), **Dr Claire Peppiatt-Wildman** (MSoP), **Prof Nathan Gomes** (EDA) and **Prof Ian McLoughlin** (Head of School (Medway), Computing) discussed their distinctive “routes into Academia”, outlining their differing career paths into their first and subsequent Academic and Research positions.

The event was designed to provide researchers with information and advice on helping them think about different career paths and UoK support available to them. The event also provided an excellent opportunity for individuals to discuss ideas with researchers from other schools and develop new cross faculty collaborations. The feedback from the event has been extremely positive, both for the event and for the venue – a first trip to the Medway Campus / Historic Dockyard for many Canterbury based attendees.

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**The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) part of the Unit for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (UELT) – Guiding Student Achievement**

The mission of the Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) is to guide student achievement and to enhance the Student Learning Experience (SLE).

**Vision for SLAS**

SLAS will be widely recognised in the University for Excellence and Leadership in:

**Advising and Learning** – leading practice in advice and guidance, student monitoring and mentoring in Learning Development
Teaching and Learning – providing a solid foundation for learning development and study skills within programmes across all constituencies of the university.

Environmental Scanning – sharing information on students and their learning progress with other schools/services in the University and the academic community, and proactively addressing emerging issues that affect student success.

The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) is a free, friendly advice service providing guidance and information on all aspects of effective learning and study skills to ALL students from the minute they arrive at the university until they finish their studies. This is a popular resource for all students.

SLAS offers
- a reflexive, responsive and developmental service to ALL students
- a cohesive response to students’ needs
- a strategic approach to their learning experience
- a distributed model of support – outreach and not just centralised!
- academic support, advice and guidance to any student connected with the University of Kent, may they be on one of the 2 main campuses or on any of the other campuses of associate or partner colleges
- partnerships with all constituencies of the university wherever they are based

SLAS aims
- to enhance students’ learning by developing pro-active engagement with the student body, by responding to students’ needs and by offering them a variety of services.
- to help students become independent and life-long learners.

Parity and Consistency of Experience
The Student Learning Advisory Service functions as one team but over two different locations: Canterbury campus and Medway campus and other locations dependent on demand.

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