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

Access to the Historic Dockyard Chatham

Pedestrian Access to Chatham Historic Dockyard
From the 1 September 2015, access to the Historic Dockyard will be via a pedestrian gate adjacent to the Galvanising Workshop. All staff and students will need to present their KentOne card to the access control reader on the pedestrian gate to gain access to the Dockyard. If staff/students forget their KentOne cards they will need to request access to the site from the Dockyard Security Gatehouse (opposite the Galvanising Workshop) and produce some evidence which confirms they are a member of the university to gain access. The Dockyard have confirmed that at the start of the academic year if students don’t have their KentOne card they will still be given access if they can produce a letter from the University confirming that they have a place on a course at the University of Kent.

Vehicular Access to the Historic Dockyard
The University of Kent has 28 car parking spaces on the Historic Dockyard. From the 30 September 2015, vehicular access to the Dockyard (through the vehicular barrier adjacent to the Galvanising Workshop) will be restricted to those staff who have been given authorisation to park on the site by the School of Music and Fine Art or Kent Business School. Access will be controlled by the Dockyard using Automatic Number Plate Recognition software. If you require any further information on this please speak with your School admin staff.

Staff will be notified of the arrangements for visitors, who will be given access to the Dockyard site, prior to the implementation of the new system.

Parking at the Historic Dockyard
The University of Kent has 100 car parking spaces on the Mast Pond Car Park immediately outside the Historic Dockyard. This car park will be recognised as a Blue Zone car park for the purposes of applying for a permit to park. Staff will need to apply for a staff permit to park in the normal way for a blue zone permit, which will give access to the Drill Hall car park as well as the Mast Pond car park (please note that a pink and blue zone permit is also available which allows access to Gillingham and Central car park areas as well). Students will also be able to apply for parking in this area through the Ballot process. For further information please go to www.kent.ac.uk/transport.

Medway School Moves
The following moves will take place at the beginning of September and will be completed by the start of term.

- Kent Business School (Medway) will be moving to the Sail and Colour Loft at the Historic Dockyard.
- The IT Clinic & School of Computing are moving into the space vacated by KBS on the 3rd floor of the Medway building.
- KLS and CPP are moving from the Compass centre into the space vacated by Computing on the 3rd floor of the Medway building.
Can brain training expand the limits of endurance?
Award-winning US training and fitness writer Alex Hutchinson will speak at the University of Kent's Medway campus in September as part of an international conference on endurance research.

He will deliver a lecture, entitled It's All in Your Head! Brain Training, Neuroscience, and the Limits of Endurance, on Friday 4 September at the Pilkington Building, Chatham Maritime. The event, which runs from 4-5pm, is open and free to all but prior registration is required at: http://www.kent.ac.uk/endurance-research-conference/index.html

A former physicist, Alex Hutchinson is best known for his regular blog, Sweat Science. His latest book is entitled Which Comes First, Cardio or Weights? Fitness Myths, Training Truths and Other Surprising Discoveries from the Science of Exercise.

His lecture will mark the culmination of the three-day Endurance Research Conference 2015, organised by the University’s School of Sport and Exercise Sciences. The programme includes invited talks from world-leading scientists and practitioners.

The conference is being organised by Professor Samuele Marcara, of the School of Sport and Exercise Sciences. He is an expert on the physiology and psychology of endurance performance. His research programme investigates new ways to improve the performance of endurance athletes and how to reduce physical and mental fatigue for people in a variety of other situations. These include; soldiers, motorbike riders and patients affected by diseases such as cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, and chronic kidney disease.

CARGO's 1st Birthday Bash
The award-winning CARGO bar and bistro, next to Liberty Quays accommodation, is set to celebrate their 1st Birthday on Tuesday 22 September 2015, 19:00 – 23:00.

Staff, students and the public are all welcome to help celebrate and join in with a whole host of activities, competitions and of course birthday cake! Look out for further information to be posted on Campus Online soon.

If you can't make the birthday party or you haven't yet visited CARGO, then pop down to try the modern bistro menu in a nautical and industrial-style setting. The freshly made dishes use high-quality ingredients and incorporate ‘Red Tractor’ accredited meat, sustainably-sourced fish, and locally-sourced ingredients wherever possible. CARGO is also available for informal work meetings if you fancy getting away from campus for just a coffee or a sit down lunch. Visit the catering website for opening times and click here for the menu (pdf online). You can either turn up on the day, or for larger groups, please call ahead directly with CARGO to book a table, 01634 582615.
Kent Hospitality Pride Award – September nomination deadline

The Pride (‘Personal responsibility in delivering excellence’) Award recognises members of Kent Hospitality staff who go out of their way to deliver excellent customer service.

Any Kent Hospitality staff (permanent or casual) may be nominated from Canterbury and Medway campuses. The award is given in April, September/October and December with each winner receiving £100 of shopping vouchers.

Nominations can be made by any member of University staff, students or visitors. Red nomination boxes are located in all Kent Hospitality’s catering outlets in Canterbury and Medway – with Medway boxes located at CARGO (Liberty Quays) and No1 Bistro (on campus in the Rochester Building). Alternatively, you can download the form and email it to Rooie Thomas.

Please make your nominations detailed and provide as much information as possible. The panel looks for staff who achieve more than what is expected in their role. The deadline for the next award is 30 September 2015.

For further information, including details on the April 2015 winners, visit Pride Award online.

Introducing Employability Festival!

Following the success of Employability Week last year, the Careers and Employability Service are launching the Employability Festival. Festival events at Medway will run from 12 October to 23 October with a wide range of employer and university workshops. The Employability Fair will be on 14 October, 12-3pm in Pilkington Open Space. We have some fantastic organisations joining us this year including Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Teach First, Dovetail Games, Nuffield Health and CIMA.

Events will continue at Canterbury from 26 October to 6 November and the Careers Fair will be held in the Sports Centre on 3 November, 12-3pm. There will be an additional coach provided for the fair, as well as the usual Campus Shuttle. For more information about the festival and fair, please see our website: http://www.kent.ac.uk/ces/events/index.html
Medway Student Services get Gold at Green Impact Awards
Theresa and Lynne attended the Green Impact Awards ceremony on 2 April and are pleased to announce that Medway Student Services won Gold Standard with Excellence. Lynne was also presented with the ‘Champion of Champions’ award on behalf of the department.

As well as the certificates, we will have our name engraved on a paving stone for the University’s 50th Anniversary Footsteps Project and also have two leaves on the Awards Tree, a beautiful recycled steel tree which will be mounted and displayed on campus for all to see.

The Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) - Part of the Unit for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (UELT)

Free academic guidance service for all students
The mission of the Student Learning Advisory Service (SLAS) is to guide student achievement and to enhance the Student Learning Experience (SLE).

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.

Parity and consistency of experience
The Student Learning Advisory Service functions as one team but over two different locations: Canterbury campus and Medway campus. It also offers its support to all partner/associate colleges.

Medway Contact details
Email: learningmedway@kent.ac.uk
Phone: 01634 88(8884)

For further information please visit the website: www.kent.ac.uk/learning
Residents’ Support Officer (Medway)
Abbie Bell has been appointed as the Residents’ Support Officer (Medway) for the academic year 2015-2016. Abbie is a third year Sports and Exercise Science student who has been a resident at Liberty Quays since commencing her academic studies in September 2013.

The role of Residents’ Support Officers is a new initiative being piloted this academic year with five students being successfully appointed (1 for Medway, 1 for Keynes, 2 for Parkwood and 1 for Woolf College). The role is 15 hours per week (term time only + Welcome Week) for the academic year.

The Residents’ Support Officer (RSO) Medway assists the Master’s Office with the provision of advice and support to the University of Kent student’s resident within Liberty Quays.

The role includes helping to create and maintain a safe and harmonious residential environment within the College, helping students from diverse backgrounds to socialise, work, learn and develop in ways compatible with formal academic pursuits. This at times will involve the resolution of interpersonal conflicts. The RSO will help to maintain good order within the community and the promotion of understanding, tolerance, and good human relationships.

The five appointed RSO’s will commence their week of formal training on Monday 14 September which will include sessions on the Universities Non Academic Regulations, communications and conflict management. Abbie will then commence her role at Medway on Saturday 19 September (registration and move in weekend) and can then be contacted via email: RSOmedway@kent.ac.uk.

News from the School of Music and Fine Art
Please check out the following links:

Meditation Mix cd award - https://www.kent.ac.uk/smfa/news.html?view=1310
Fuse Festival community engagement project - https://www.kent.ac.uk/smfa/news.html?view=1314
Regeneration and Public Art seminar - https://www.kent.ac.uk/smfa/news.html?view=1378
Staff successes - http://www.kent.ac.uk/smfa/news.html?view=1486
Let’s Play Inter-departmental Sports Competition – Volleyball

Student Services at Medway put together a team for the inter-departmental volleyball match on 2 July. Amy Wiggins and Jess Dyke (Careers & Employability), Sarah Kenyon (Student Support & Wellbeing) and Kenny Budd (Student Activities) faced SSPSSR and the School of Sport & Exercise Sciences and, beating both teams 9-7.

Overall standings at the end of this event:

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Upcoming events for the competition will be Petanque on 6th August and ‘School Sports Day’ on 3 September, culminating with a Pub Quiz and Presentation in September.

Please see below the dates of the Medway Staff Briefing documents 2015/16:

- **Medway Staff Briefing No: 14**
  - Deadline for articles: Friday 26th February 2016
  - Friday 12th February 2016

- **Medway Staff Briefing No: 15**
  - Deadline for articles: Friday 27th May 2016
  - Friday 13th May 2016