Medical professionals from across the region attended an open forum at our Canterbury campus in early July to learn more about the new Kent and Medway Medical School.

The School is a collaboration between the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University. Our shared vision is to create a new Medical School for Kent and Medway that becomes a beacon for first-class medical education and research.

It will attract the most talented aspiring doctors from the region and beyond, offering training and development opportunities that will help keep them in Kent.

Regional health partners are integral to the development of the medical school and the event allowed the two universities to share plans with this key group, hear their feedback and explore opportunities to work in partnership on the project.

Find out more at www.kmms.ac.uk.

New Kent Community Oasis Garden opens

A new Kent Community Oasis Garden (KentCOG) launches in September, in partnership with Kent Enterprise Trust. Working with community organisations and members of the public, including Whitstable & Herne Bay Beekeepers, staff and students at Kent have created a garden space to promote wellbeing and environmental awareness. The garden is open to staff, students and members of the local community. It features a fruit tree orchard, bee colonies and an allotment area. KentCOG is located adjacent to the Crab and Winkle Way behind the Grounds Maintenance Building in the Park Wood areas of our campus.

For more information visit https://blogs.kent.ac.uk/kentcog/

Sibson Building wins RIBA award

The Sibson building has been recognised as one of the nation’s best new buildings by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

RIBA’s National Awards are given to buildings that make a significant contribution to architecture. The award follows success in the RIBA regional awards, where the Sibson Building was South-East Building of the Year 2018.

Sibson is home to Kent Business School and the School of Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science. It is now among 49 national winners on the shortlist for the coveted RIBA Stirling Prize, awarded annually to the best building in the UK.

Building a sustainable future for Canterbury

Our Estates team is working with community organisations to embed sustainable practices in Canterbury.

The University signed an agreement incorporating the United Nation’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into its operations earlier this year. The goals include ending poverty, promoting gender equality, creating sustainable cities and communities, and offering inclusive and equitable education opportunities. More information about our work towards the SDG goals is available at www.kent.ac.uk/estates/sustainability/futureproof.

We are also partners in the Canterbury Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Forum, chaired by local resident Richard Norman. Other partners include Canterbury Christ Church University, the Canterbury Society and Amnesty International. The forum works to promote the SDGs to the public and to influence politicians to deliver locally on sustainability targets.
Working with our community

As students return from the summer break we are working closely with residents’ associations, the city council and partners, including Canterbury Christ Church University, to safeguard the interests of the whole community.

Student Community Champions

Student Community Champions work closely with local residents to support community initiatives, provide a main point of contact and a link to the University within their communities, and to engage with Neighbourhood Watch and residents’ representative groups.

If you would like to contact your Student Community Champion for advice or support you can reach them at studentcommunitychampions@kent.ac.uk.

Street Marshal Scheme

The Street Marshal scheme operates in residential areas in the St Michael’s area, the Headcorn Drive area of Hales Place, in the vicinity near Club Chemistry and the North Holmes Road area of Canterbury. It promotes positive community relationships by encouraging students and local residents to behave responsibly within these residential areas, by providing advice and information to students on personal safety, and by building a good rapport with students and the local community.

Moving into the community: advice to students

We provide advice and guidance for students moving in to the local area, including those who are moving away from home or off campus for the first time. This covers areas including maintaining good relationships with landlords, housemates and neighbours, and the responsibilities that come with living in private accommodation.

Our top tips include:

- Use public transport instead of bringing your car to Canterbury www.kent.ac.uk/transport/bus/index.html
- Register to vote to ensure your voice is heard at election time (www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)
- Register with a GP (find your local practice at www.nhs.uk), pay your TV licence www.tvlicensing.co.uk and sort your council tax www.canterbury.gov.uk/counciltax
- Visit our pop-up safety hubs in Canterbury City Centre (near McDonalds) on Thursday 20 or Wednesday 26 September from 21.00. Check our student safety page www.kent.ac.uk/staysafe to find out who your local Student Community Champion is and download our SafeZone App www.kent.ac.uk/safezone/
- Check the inventory for your property and make sure it’s correct. Take photos of each room and speak to your landlord if anything is missing or damaged. Read your meters and submit the readings to your gas and electricity suppliers as soon as possible to ensure accurate charges.

The University continues to work closely with partners across the city, including Kent Police, Canterbury City Council and Canterbury Christ Church University to coordinate the delivery of key schemes to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the community.

Student House Ambassadors

In 2017-18 we recruited 170 student volunteers to take on the role of Student House Ambassadors in the St Michael’s and Hales Place areas. They act as the main point of contact for their households, attend residents meetings and convey important information to their housemates. The scheme was well-received by students and residents and will continue during the new academic year.

Zero Tolerance

The Zero Tolerance accreditation scheme, backed by Canterbury’s Licensing Policy, empowers premises to support a culture where sexual harassment is not tolerated, and reported behaviour is taken seriously. The scheme, supported by Kent’s Police and Crime Commissioner, delivers training and guidance to premises, and raises awareness of Zero Tolerance venues among patrons. For further information visit https://kentunion.co.uk/zerotolerance
Students taking action in the community

by Sophia Cheraitia

At Kent more than 2,000 student volunteers contribute a huge amount to the local community. Three projects in particular highlight their passion and commitment.

Dreams and Visions
Dreams and Visions supports people with a diagnosis of dementia. Kent Union volunteers and members of the community ran a nine-week programme, encouraging and supporting those involved to write their life stories. It helped give those living with dementia a space to be creative by sharing their thoughts and experiences with others. Glory, a volunteer, said: “The project offered a platform for students passionate about making a difference to their community and was really good fun to be involved in”.

Riverside School
A student-led project in Riverside School, Orpington, saw four students passionate about working in the Special Educational Needs (SEN) sector volunteer in a school for children and young people with complex needs. The students helped with life skills lessons, including taking the children to a supermarket to teach them how to buy their own food and make lunch. Lead volunteer Megan said: “The project helped me overcome mental health issues by offering a way to keep myself busy and to make a positive contribution to others.”

Canterbury Nightline
Canterbury Nightline was created by a passionate and determined group of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church students. It provides an overnight listening service that offers a safe and confidential space for those in need. With training supported by Canterbury Samaritans, Nightline’s dedicated volunteers provide a non-judgemental and anonymous service via phone, email and instant messenger. From loneliness and homesickness to stress and family problems, volunteers listen to concerns during 12 hour shifts, running the service 8pm-8am, 5-nights a week during term time.

We continue to encourage students to volunteer and make a difference in the community. Students who wish to volunteer, or members of community groups interested in working with us should visit https://kentunion.co.uk/volunteering/opportunities or email volunteering@kent.ac.uk.

Taking music into our communities
By Sophia Cheraitia

This summer academics and musicians from the University of Kent collaborated on an exhibition revealing the hidden beauty of experimental scientific data.

The Cellular Dynamics project was hosted by Beach Creative in Herne Bay and combined live piano music with projections of imagery that captured lab research culture. This fusion of music and science created a unique visual and audio experience with the performers sitting in the audience to generate a closer relationship with the musical performance.

The University’s Chamber Choir made history in May when it took part in the centuries-old tradition of choral evensong in Canterbury Cathedral for the first time. Directed by Deputy Director of Music, Dan Harding, the choir performed to a congregation that included local people and international visitors. They made a second appearance at the Cathedral during Summer Music Week, marking the end of Kent’s musical year.

Award success for Liz

The determined volunteering efforts of university staff member Liz Flaxman helped Whitstable-based football team, Tankerton FC, establish a new team for deaf and hearing-impaired children earlier this year. Now that work has been recognised by Kent Football Association with a regional award for Community Project of the Year. The team now go forward to compete for a national FA Grassroots Football Award.
We’re working together with Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU), Canterbury City Council and Kent Police to provide our local residents with key dates and useful contacts for information and advice.

### Dates for your diary

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* As families gather to celebrate the incredible achievements of our students, this can increase the number of visitors to the city and amount of traffic in the area. Please allow extra time when travelling through Canterbury.

For more key dates visit:
- Kent – [www.kent.ac.uk/community/dates](http://www.kent.ac.uk/community/dates)
- CCCU – [www.canterbury.ac.uk/termdates](http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/termdates)

### Community and on-campus events

- **Wednesday 29 August – Saturday 1 September 2018** – Cirque Berserk at the Marlowe Theatre. [https://marlowetheatre.com/shows/cirque-berserk/](https://marlowetheatre.com/shows/cirque-berserk/)
- **Saturday 1 September 2018** – Central Band of The Royal British Legion at the Gulbenkian. [www.thegulbenkian.co.uk](http://www.thegulbenkian.co.uk)
- **Thursday 6 to Saturday 8 September 2018** – University of Kent Players production of Sense and Sensibility. All proceeds go to Dogs for Good. [www.thegulbenkian.co.uk](http://www.thegulbenkian.co.uk)
- **Saturday 20 to Saturday 3 November 2018** – Canterbury Festival, [www.canterburyfestival.co.uk](http://www.canterburyfestival.co.uk).

### Who to contact

**If you are experiencing problems with your neighbours, use the contacts below for information and advice.**

#### Noise

For issues relating to loud music, shouting, dogs barking, alarms and DIY or construction, please contact Canterbury City Council on:
- T: 01227 862 202
- E: envhealth@canterbury.gov.uk

#### Rubbish

If you spot rubbish that has not been collected please contact Serco, Canterbury City Council’s waste contractor:
- T: 0800 031 9091
- E: help.canterbury@serco.com

#### Parking

If you experience problems with inconsiderate or illegal parking please contact Canterbury City Council:
- T: 01227 862 429
- E: parking.enforcement@canterbury.gov.uk

#### Crime or anti-social behaviour

- T: 101 to report non-urgent crime
- T: 999 to report an emergency

You can find out who your Police Constable or Police Community Support Officer is by entering your postcode at [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)

#### Students

Both universities take the concerns of our neighbours very seriously. If residents experience anti-social behaviour, whether they believe it to be by students or not, they should contact the agencies listed above as they have the power to intervene.

**University of Kent**
- E: communityliaison@kent.ac.uk

**Canterbury Christ Church University**
- E: communityliaison@canterbury.ac.uk

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**WE’D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU**

Community is one way we are strengthening our partnerships with residents and businesses and part of this is about developing a dialogue. If you have any questions or comments about the University or there is something you would like us to feature in a future issue, please email communityinfo@kent.ac.uk, call 01227 824009 or write to us at Community, Corporate Communications, Room 155, The Registry, The University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NZ.

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We’d like to hear your feedback, tell us what you think | E: communityinfo@kent.ac.uk T: 01227 824009 September 2018 | 4
Bringing our research to life

Our research activities help change lives in our region and around the world. As part of our public engagement with research programme we look for opportunities to share our insights with you and find out what you think of the work we are doing.

We took part in the annual three-day Pint of Science festival, sharing research with residents over a pint in the Jolly Sailor pub. Topics included the science of creativity; designer babies; outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics; and the future of SureStart Centres.

Female scientists from Kent also teamed up with counterparts from Canterbury Christ Church, University College London and East Malling Research to share world-leading research at a free Soapbox Science event in Westgate Gardens. It aimed to inspire young women and girls by showing them how exciting science can be. More than 300 people interacted with experts in conservation, psychology, physics and biological anthropology. They explored topics including chimpanzee behaviour, how bacteria attacks strawberries, how the human brain functions and what we can learn from the teeth of our ancestors.

Get involved

The University will take part in the national Being Human festival from 15 to 24 November 2018. The event is a public celebration of the humanities and its theme is ‘Running and Remembering: Migration’s Origins and Endings’.

The public engagement with research team is also looking for members of the public to join an advisory group exploring how the University can do more to involve you in its research. The panel aims to put the views of local people at the heart of our research outreach programme and this role offers a real opportunity to make a difference to our work.

To learn more or get involved in either opportunity contact Maddy Bell, Impact and Engagement Officer at m.r.bell@kent.ac.uk.

Business focus

Working together to bring business benefits

Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTP) arranged by Kent Business School (KBS) have delivered significant benefits to local businesses.

Dover-based logistics company Priority Freight reduced its environmental impact and made major cost savings thanks to initiatives introduced during a 30-month KTP that concluded earlier this year.

Professor Said Salhi and Brian Gutierrez, a Masters graduate; worked with the company to identify a new algorithm to apply to their logistics planning. It helped reduce the number of vehicle movements and miles covered, enabling the firm to cut emissions by an average of 2.2 tonnes of CO2 a week. The Priority Freight team was so impressed by the work that Brian is now their employee.

Meanwhile experts from KBS and the School of Mathematics, Statistics and Actuarial Science are working with energy management company Zero Trace Procurement on a new 24-month KTP. The project sees them collaborating on a new risk management product to allow businesses to mitigate risks associated with buying commercial energy.

To find out more about how KTPs work visit www.kent.ac.uk/enterprise/practical-partnering/ktp.html.

Inspiring women in business

The University of Kent will host the Inspire Challenge Excel Programme (ICE-P) conference on Wednesday 26 September 2018. The event will see inspirational speakers from a range of top organisations share the secrets of their success and offer advice to aspiring future female entrepreneurs. Among the guests will be former High Sheriff of Kent Dr Amanda Cottrell OBE and representatives from Enterprise Rent-a-Car, who were listed in the Top 50 Employers for Women by The Times this year.

Run in partnership with the Institute of Directors and Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, the event is open to students, staff and members of the public. Find out more at https://store.kent.ac.uk/product-catalogue/kent-innovation-and-enterprise/events.
The final stage of consultation on our Campus Masterplan project takes place in October, when we share how we might use land in different areas of our campus in the short and longer-term.

The Options Study takes into account the feedback you provided during the initial public consultation in 2016 and workshops in July 2017. Representatives of local residents’ associations, parish councils, and amenity groups attended those events. A full report of the workshop discussions and the feedback provided were included in the November 2017 Consultation Statement.

We learned a lot from this process and we invite you to attend further consultation events as follows:

- **Saturday 6 October 2018**
  10.00-16.00 at Westgate Hall
- **Thursday 11 October 2018**
  14.00-20.00 at Tyler Hill Memorial Hall
- **Friday 12 October 2018**
  14.00-20.00 at Blean Village Hall
- **Thursday 18 October 2018**
  10.00-16.00 at Darwin Conference Suite, University of Kent campus

We’ll present our plans for the period covered by the city council’s local plan (to 2031). Copies of the Masterplan and feedback forms will be available for two weeks from 6 October 2018 at: The Beaney, Canterbury City Council offices, Tylers Kiln, Blean Village Hall, St Dunstan’s Hall, and the Registry building or Templeman Library on our campus.

Our response to your feedback will be published in November, before we present our Framework Masterplan to Canterbury City Council at the end of the year.

More information is available at www.kent.ac.uk/community/masterplan or by contacting 01227 824009.

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**Our impact on Kent**

### Economic contribution
£907m a year contributed to the south-east region, supporting 9,448 jobs

### Generating local jobs
Largest employer in Canterbury, supporting one in 10 jobs in the city

### Cultural leaders
Empowering and engaging more than 10,000 young people with the arts at the Gulbenkian

### Making a difference
370 student ambassadors inspiring local young people into higher education

### Student volunteering
Kent students volunteer more than 90,000 hours helping 130 local organisations

### Reaching out through research
Delivering 25 projects engaging the public with research every year