



## FUNDING AGREED FOR KENT AND MEDWAY MEDICAL SCHOOL

A joint bid by Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Kent for funded places to establish a medical school has been successful.

The Government and funding body Health Education England (HEE) announced that the bid had been successful on 20 March. The two universities will now develop the Kent and Medway Medical School, the first medical school for the county of Kent. It will bring together the institutions' existing centres of excellence in health and medical education with local healthcare organisations to offer a new model of patient-focused medical training.

The bid for the Kent and Medway Medical School was submitted in November 2017. It was the culmination of over a year's work by both institutions in response to the Government's commitment to fund an additional 1,500 medical places by 2020.

The region's MPs, local councillors, NHS Trust chief executives and medical directors, and a range of other health and education related organisations, all expressed their backing for the bid. It was

also supported by Brighton and Sussex Medical School, which will act as the 'parent institution' – one of the requirements of the General Medical Council (GMC) as a new medical school is established.

The school will welcome its first students in 2020, and the universities will consult with key stakeholders and work with the regional NHS partners and healthcare organisations to shape the design of the school and its degree programmes.

Read more about plans for the medical school at [www.kent.ac.uk/kmms](http://www.kent.ac.uk/kmms).



## Our Templeman celebrations

Members of the public joined students, staff and special guests at a host of special events to celebrate 50 years of the Templeman Library.

A week of celebrations featured exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of the Library's special collections, plus special editions of *The Listening Project* hosted by Kent alumna and honorary graduate Fi Glover, and the popular current affairs show *Dateline London*, hosted by Gavin Esler, both of which were broadcast from the Library.

Members of the public can delve into one million books and 150 special collections held in the newly refurbished Templeman Library by becoming a member. Visitors are welcome from 08.00 to 21.00 in term time. Opening hours vary during vacations and can be checked at [www.kent.ac.uk/library/visitors](http://www.kent.ac.uk/library/visitors).

## MP honours contribution of suffragette movement

Rosie Duffield MP officially opened *A Vote of My Own*, an event to mark the centenary of women's suffrage, held at the University's Canterbury campus this spring.

Rosie was elected as the first-ever female Member of Parliament for the Canterbury area in the June 2017 election. She spoke in celebratory and inspiring terms about the suffragette movement and explored the challenges ahead for gender equality in both public and private aspects of women's lives.

*A Vote of My Own* featured a keynote talk by Dr Anne Logan from the School of History exploring the history of women's campaign for the vote in Kent. Professor Wendy Parkings hosted a roundtable featuring academics from the University of Kent, the University of Warwick, Queen Mary University and Kings College, London. The event concluded with a reading of suffragette poetry by School of English students.

# Connecting Canterbury and our campus: our Travel Plan



We work closely with transport providers and partner organisations in the city of Canterbury to promote sustainable methods of transport. Some of the initiatives that we support include:

## Travel planning

Our transport team have developed a Travel Plan, which aims to encourage staff, students and visitors to use alternative transport to get to Canterbury. It promotes sustainable travel and provides incentives to reduce the number of single-occupancy cars being brought onto campus.

The latest four-year plan is currently under development, following an extensive survey of staff, student and visitor travel habits. It provides a wealth of data to inform improvements to our transport strategy and the developing Canterbury campus Masterplan.

The Travel Plan outlines a list of measures that we take to encourage the use of sustainable transport, provides details of how we work with local transport providers to co-ordinate services, and explains how we monitor success. Through the plan we work to support local government and community initiatives to reduce congestion, improve the environment and support the health and wellbeing of our people.

## Public transport

We recognise the benefits that bus, train and coach travel offer and we partner with

local companies including Stagecoach to encourage staff and students to use their services. We provide subsidies to support improvements to services and work with them to offer discounted travel to staff and students.

Our Stagecoach Unibuses run on biofuel, reducing their impact on the environment, and are available 24 hours a day. They provide easy access between the University and Canterbury City Centre for students, staff and members of the public.

## Cycling

We actively promote cycling and walking as healthy and sustainable travel options for journeys to, from and around campus. Working with ByCycle, we offer low cost bike hire to all students attending our Canterbury campus and staff have the opportunity to buy a brand new bike and accessories from local bicycle shops using the Cycle to Work scheme.

There are more than 1,300 cycle spaces on our campuses and we welcome the team from Dr Bike to our Canterbury campus every Wednesday to carry out bicycle maintenance, repairs, adjustments and safety checks.

Kent County Council's local transport plan informs our strategy for encouraging commuting by bike and we actively promote their recommended local cycle routes to students and staff.

## And what about people who drive?

We've partnered with Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Greenwich to operate a scheme to make sure staff who drive to campus consider car sharing. The scheme matches staff from across all three universities with other drivers along the same route so that they can share lifts and reduce the number of cars on the road. As an extra incentive to sign-up, members of the scheme receive a discounted parking permit for use on campus.

When parking areas are assigned for redevelopment, we aim to ensure that an equivalent number of bays are reinstated elsewhere on campus. Although our central car parks are often busy, bays are usually available in Park Wood Courts car parks and we provide free access to our main campus from this area via the Unibus service. We encourage all staff who drive to campus to sign up for our car sharing scheme.

Students living on campus and in an exclusion zone incorporating Canterbury postcode areas CT1 1, CT1 2, CT1 3, CT2 7 and CT2 8 are not entitled to park on campus. In all pre-arrival communications with students we discourage them from bringing vehicles to Canterbury and advise them to make use of the discounted public transport services provided. [www.kent.ac.uk/transport](http://www.kent.ac.uk/transport)

## Business focus

### Industrial strategy briefing for South East businesses

Business leaders from across the South East attended a breakfast briefing on the UK's new industrial strategy at Kent Innovation and Enterprise.

The briefing illustrated how the Industrial Strategy, published in November 2017, can add value to businesses. It also showed how the research and innovation activities of experts within the University can help businesses to maximise the strategy's benefits. Adam Bryan, Chief Executive of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership gave the keynote speech at the event.

### New Business Award for alumni entrepreneurs

Entrepreneurs at the University's Hub for Innovation and Enterprise won the award for Most Promising New Business at the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce Business Awards.

Convert Energy was founded by Kent alumni David Brown and Ben Glancy in

2016. It is an independent technical consultancy and low energy products provider, for the South East and nationwide.

David said: "We're thrilled to have won this award. To have independent judges acknowledge the future potential of our business is incredible. I'd like to personally thank the sponsors for selecting us and the team at the Hub for Innovation and Enterprise. As a proud Kent alumnus, there was only one place I wanted to start my business and we couldn't have developed the business so quickly without their dedication and support."

The Hub for Innovation and Enterprise is the University's dedicated support to entrepreneurship and self-employment. To find out more visit [www.kent.ac.uk/enterprise/hub](http://www.kent.ac.uk/enterprise/hub).

### Local news partnership shortlisted for national award

A unique partnership between the University and regional publisher KM Media Group has been shortlisted for a Guardian Higher Education award.



The partnership created KMTV, North Kent and Medway's first dedicated community Freeview television channel. It provides local news, sport, business and entertainment coverage around the clock for more than 250,000 Kent households. Content is sourced, created and broadcast by a dedicated KMTV team of professional journalists, University of Kent students and KM group editors.

KMTV builds on the long-standing relationship between the two organisations, which provides newsroom internships for students. Graduates from Kent's Centre for Journalism have gone on to work for national and regional news organisations.

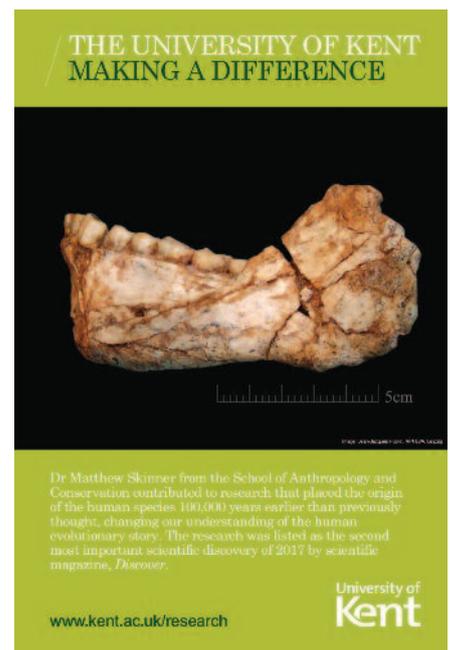
## The impact of our research

### Making a difference

A new poster campaign has launched in Canterbury to highlight the impact of some of the research carried out by academics at the University.

The campaign demonstrates the public benefit of this research. It includes new scientific discoveries that could transform age-related health and the use of immune therapy strategies to fight leukaemia; work to deliver the next generation of high-speed 5G mobile networks; the discovery and identification of fossils that have changed our understanding of human evolutionary theory; and a major report recommending new housing legislation following the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

These are just some of the ways in which our research has helped to tackle local, national and global challenges. The posters will feature at locations across the city over the next few weeks.



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

- **Tuesday 8 May to Friday 15 June 2018** – Summer term at Kent
- **Saturday 2 June 2018** – Kent Summer Ball on campus+
- **Sunday 10 June 2018, 10.00-15.00** – Open Day at CCCU
- **Saturday 7 July 2018, 09.00-15.00** – General Open Day at Kent (Canterbury campus)
- **Monday 16 to Friday 20 July 2018** – Kent graduations at Canterbury Cathedral\*
- **Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 September 2018** – CCCU graduations at Canterbury Cathedral\*
- **Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September 2018** – Arrivals weekend for new students at Kent and CCCU
- **Monday 17 to Friday 21 September 2018** – Welcome week for new students at Kent and CCCU
- **Monday 24 September 2018** – Start of Autumn term at Kent/Semester 1 at CCCU
- **Saturday 6 October 2018, 09.00-15.00** – General Open Day at Kent (Canterbury campus)
- **Saturday 20 October 2018, 09.00-15.00** – General Open Day at Kent (Canterbury campus)
- **Saturday 17 November 2018** – CCCU graduations at Augustine House\*
- **Friday 23 November 2018** – Kent graduations at Canterbury Cathedral\*
- **Saturday 24 November 2018, 09.00-15.00** – Postgraduate Open Day at Kent (Canterbury campus)
- **Monday 17 December 2018 to Tuesday 1 January 2019** – CCCU Winter vacation
- **Monday 17 December 2018 to Monday 14 January 2019** – Kent Winter vacation

+ While the summer ball is an opportunity for students to celebrate their final year at university, we are conscious of the potential impact on local residents. The police, council and universities together monitor noise levels and student conduct to ensure an enjoyable evening for all.

\* 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)

## 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](mailto:envhealth@canterbury.gov.uk)

[www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental\\_problems](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental_problems)

### 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](mailto:help.canterbury@serco.com)

[www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20025/household\\_waste/120/report\\_a\\_missed\\_bin](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20025/household_waste/120/report_a_missed_bin)

### 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](mailto:parking.enforcement@canterbury.gov.uk)

[www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/200062/parking\\_fines\\_and\\_restrictions/43/report\\_illegal\\_parking](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/200062/parking_fines_and_restrictions/43/report_illegal_parking)

### Crime or anti-social behaviour

T: 101 to report non-urgent crime (available 24hrs, waiting times vary)

T: 999 to report an emergency

[www.kent.police.uk/ask-the-police](http://www.kent.police.uk/ask-the-police)

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.

However, if you need further support both universities have a community liaison person who can provide further advice.

### University of Kent

E: [communityliaison@kent.ac.uk](mailto:communityliaison@kent.ac.uk)

### Canterbury Christ Church University

E: [community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk)

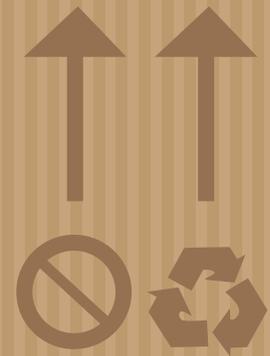


## WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

*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](mailto: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.



# MOVING OUT



The University of Kent, Canterbury Christ Church University and Canterbury City Council are working with students and local communities to plan ahead for the end of the academic year, when students begin to move between houses or leave Canterbury for the summer.

We are working with Canterbury City Council to provide purple rubbish sacks, which can be collected from college receptions and the Mandela Building reception on campus. The partnership are also working with Serco to run a bin amnesty to collect unwanted items on a weekly basis from 11 June to 8 July 2018.

## WORKING WITH NECESSARY FURNITURE

This year, we're also teaming up with Canterbury charity Necessary Furniture to encourage students to donate unwanted items to be recycled. Their items will benefit local people who need a helping hand or will be reused by students arriving in the autumn. We've been talking to Necessary Furniture since October 2017 to get the project off the ground.

Through the re-distribution of household goods, Necessary Furniture is making a positive contribution to the welfare of disadvantaged members of our community. For 11 years the charity has worked to save hundreds of tonnes of useable furniture by re-distributing it to community members. They also provide training and work experience for the unemployed, helping them into work.

## STUDENT CHECK LIST

- Let the University, Canterbury City Council, utility companies and other key contacts know that your address is changing. Take final meter readings for your utilities
- Save yourself money by checking your tenancy agreement, arranging a landlord inspection and working through your inventory list to ensure you leave your property in good condition. Take photographs of the property on moving out day to share with your landlord. Lock the doors and windows before you leave
- Plan ahead – contact your Student Community Champion at [studentcommunitychampions@kent.ac.uk](mailto:studentcommunitychampions@kent.ac.uk) to get extra purple rubbish sacks and put out some of your waste and recycling in weekly collections in the weeks leading up to your moving out date. Put a date in the diary to have a good clean of your property with your housemates. Don't forget to tidy the garden!
- Check your bin collection day and bin amnesty zone at [www.canterbury.gov.uk/homepage/29/find\\_your\\_bin\\_collection\\_dates](http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/homepage/29/find_your_bin_collection_dates)
- Recycle as much as you can in the bins and boxes provided by the City Council. Canterbury Household Waste Recycling Centre is located on Vauxhall Road and is open seven days a week
- Donate unwanted items to charity including bulky items such as fridges, sofas, beds and bookcases – contact Necessary Furniture to arrange a free collection on 01227 712680 or visit [www.necessaryfurniture.org.uk/donating/](http://www.necessaryfurniture.org.uk/donating/)
- This year we are also running a Give a Dog a Duvet day, so that you can donate unwanted bedding to a local animal charity
- Don't forget there are food banks, book bins and clothes recycling collection points on campus at both universities. For a full guide to which items you can recycle on campus visit [www.kent.ac.uk/estates/services/waste-recycling/azrecycling.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/estates/services/waste-recycling/azrecycling.html)
- Let your neighbours know your moving out date and tell them if you've arranged a collection of bulky items, especially if this may affect their ability to access their property

Kent Union's Advice Centre can provide support on liaising with your landlord about the return of your deposit <https://kentunion.co.uk/welfare/advice/housing>.

## ADVICE FOR RESIDENTS

If you live near to a student household, you could help by:

- Chatting to students to see if they need any help. You may be more familiar with schedules for waste and recycling collections and could give advice to support students with moving out
- Report missed waste collections to Serco on Freephone 0800 031 9091 or email [environmentalhelpdesk@canterbury.serco.com](mailto:environmentalhelpdesk@canterbury.serco.com). Their phone lines are open from 8.30 to 18.00 Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays)

Details of all recycling initiatives, amnesty information, and key dates can be found on the Moving Out pages of our student guide at [www.kent.ac.uk/student/community/moving-out.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/student/community/moving-out.html).

## Our impact: Kent Law Clinic

Kent Law Clinic provides a public legal service to members of our local community, directly impacting the lives of Canterbury residents.

In its 2018 annual report, which has just been released, the full impact of the activities of the students, staff and local legal specialists who work within the clinic has been revealed. In the 15 years since it was established the Clinic has helped its clients to obtain or defend sums totalling £5.6m whilst representing people who need but cannot afford access to the law.

In 2017 alone, the Law Clinic received more than 1,400 enquiries from members of the public. It provided significant legal advice in 366 instances and took on cases on behalf of 137 clients. The cases dealt with topics as diverse as housing, welfare benefits, immigration, family law, employment, criminal justice and public access to land.

More than 270 students participated in the work of the Clinic last year. Their activities included interviewing clients and



witnesses, researching the law, drafting correspondence and statements, drawing up pleadings and submissions, assisting the solicitor or counsel in court, and reporting on the progress of their cases. This provided crucial direct legal experience for the students, allowing them to learn from legal professionals as they worked together on the cases. They worked under the supervision of lawyers from Canterbury area law firms Fairweather Solicitors, Furley Page Solicitors, Johnson Clarke Solicitors, Stour Chambers, SpainWilliams Solicitors, Judge Sykes Frixou Law, Becket Chambers, Whitehead

Monckton Solicitors, Sunley Solicitors, Parry Law Solicitors and Girlings Solicitors. Thirteen representatives from these firms who volunteer at the Clinic are Kent Law School graduates.

The Law Clinic runs regular Monday evening advice sessions in local community centres in the St Stephen's, Thanington and Whitstable areas. At these sessions, local solicitors and barristers provide pro bono (voluntary) legal advice to members of the public, assisted by students. Find out more about the sessions at: [www.kent.ac.uk/law/clinic/sessions.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/law/clinic/sessions.html).

## Kent in the community



### Inspiring hearing-impaired children to play football

Work to establish Kent's only grassroots football team for deaf and hearing-impaired children has been championed by University of Kent staff member and community volunteer Liz Flaxman.

The creation of a Tankerton FC deaf team aims to inspire local young people, aged

five to 12, to participate in sport. Liz has been a driving force behind its launch and has worked to secure funding to expand the club's provision.

With the assistance of colleagues at Kent Sport, she took the lead in applying for funding from Canterbury City Council to support the development of the deaf team, winning a £3,000 grant in the latest round of the council's Innovation Grants funding stream.

Read more about Liz's work with the club at [www.kent.ac.uk/community/canterbury/schemes.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/community/canterbury/schemes.html).

### Raising the profile of disability at Kent

The Student Support and Wellbeing team at Kent are working with local disability rights organisations to run events raising awareness of disability among students and staff.

The first-ever UK Disability History Month at Kent featured a host of art exhibitions and performances, talks and workshops, plus an exploration of gaming accessibility and design. Academic and disability rights activist Professor Mike Oliver delivered a public lecture on his work, which had a profound effect on disability consciousness and social policy in the UK.

In February, blind backpacker and author, Tony Giles gave an inspirational talk about his experiences travelling the world. In March, a screening of 'Defiant Lives' was co-hosted by the Centre for Independent Living Kent (CILK) and the Kent-wide Physical Disability Forum.

Further free disability awareness events are taking place this year. For more information visit [www.kent.ac.uk/studentssupport/wellbeing/events.html](http://www.kent.ac.uk/studentssupport/wellbeing/events.html) or follow @UniKentSSW.