OVERSEAS REPRESENTATIVE CONFERENCE

Celebrating our partnership and looking ahead to the next stage of our collaboration

University of Kent, 8-12 May 2018 #UniKentORC18
WELCOME

“We are delighted that you are able to join us for our second Overseas Representative Conference. We really hope that this opportunity will allow us to develop an even stronger working relationship with you in the months and years ahead.

Advising prospective students carries with it a huge responsibility – ensuring the best information and guidance is given to suit the needs of the student as well as the institution that you represent. Helping students with such a major decision in their life is also extremely rewarding, which is particularly important to us in International Recruitment and we very much value the part our representatives play in a student’s decision making process.

I truly hope that you have an enjoyable, successful visit to our University and very much look forward to sharing the Kent experience with you”.

Joanne Ganderton-Smith
Director, International Recruitment
INTRODUCTION

The University of Kent is one of the UK’s leading universities. Awarded Gold, the highest rating, in the UK Government’s Teaching Excellence Framework†, and with a global reputation – three of Kent’s subject areas are ranked within the world top 100 in the 2018 QS World University Rankings by Subject – we offer our students a unique experience. We currently have around 20,000 students representing 157 nationalities studying with us, reinforcing our international reputation and cosmopolitan environment. The UK’s European university, we have beautiful campuses in south-east England close to London and Europe, and specialist postgraduate centres in Paris, Brussels, Athens and Rome.

International excellence

All of our academic schools produce world-class research and we are rated as internationally excellent, leading the way in many disciplines. In the most recent Research Excellence Framework, Kent was ranked in the UK Top 20 for research intensity in the Times Higher Education. This means that our students study in one of the best research-intensive universities in the UK. We have some of the best academic staff in the country and a strong track record of research publishing. Because our academics are engaged in research as well as teaching, our students study with some of the most influential thinkers in their field.

The student experience

Kent offers an inspiring and challenging student experience that prepares students for the future through exciting study abroad and work placement opportunities, international summer schools and a stimulating and effective learning community that focuses on the individual. We offer our international students a generous scholarship fund including awards for academic, musical and sporting excellence.

Our international students receive an unparalleled experience from before arrival. The University arranges pre-departure events for new students in many countries, airport pick-up and orientation programmes, followed by dedicated library and learning support, free English lessons, specialist support from International Recruitment and a monitoring programme to aid continued improvement.

To celebrate our international community and ethos, the University hosts an array of international events throughout the year including Chinese New Year, Diwali, Holi, Thanksgiving and the annual week-long Worldfest celebration. This event attracts several thousand students, staff and visitors and involves theatre, music, comedy, film, food, dance workshops, exhibitions and language classes.

† The University of Kent’s Statement of Findings can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/tef-statement
**PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday 8 May**
Arrive at Abode Hotel, Canterbury (rooms will be available from 15.00)
16.00-18.00 Meet and greet drinks and canapes, Cathedral Lounge, Abode Hotel

**Wednesday 9 May**
08.30-09.00 Pick up from Abode Hotel reception; travel to Canterbury campus
09.15-09.50 Informal Breakfast Welcome from Joanne Ganderton-Smith, Director of International Recruitment
10.00-11.00 Workshop: School of Architecture
11.10-12.10 Workshop: School of Arts
12.15-13.45 Formal welcome lunch
13.45-14.30 Guided tour: Kent Law School meeting chamber and Templeman Library
14.30-15.00 Travel to Canterbury
15.00-16.00 Historic River Tour, Canterbury
16.00-17.00 Visit to Canterbury Cathedral
17.00-18.45 Free time
18.45 Meet in Abode Hotel reception
19.00-21.00 Evening meal at Café du Soleil, Canterbury

**Thursday 10 May**
08.30 Pick up from Abode Hotel reception; travel to Canterbury campus
09.00-10.35 Workshop: School of Biosciences
10.45-11.30 Workshop: School of Engineering and Digital Arts
11.45-12.45 Workshop: Kent Business School
12.45-14.00 Lunch with Kent Business School colleagues and students
14.00-14.30 Visa compliance workshop
14.30-15.10 Campus tour
15.10-16.00 Workshop: School of Psychology
16.15-17.00 Workshop: School of Computing
17.00-18.00 Free time
18.00-20.00 Informal dinner at Origins restaurant, Darwin College (optional)

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Friday 11 May

08.30       Pick up from Abode Hotel reception; travel to Medway campus
09.30-10.15 Campus tour, The Historic Dockyard, Chatham Maritime
10.15-11.15 Workshop: Centre for Music and Audio Technology
11.15-11.30 Campus tour, Medway main campus
11.30-12.00 Workshop: Medway School of Pharmacy
12.00-12.45 Travel to Leeds Castle
13.00-14.00 Lunch
14.00-16.15 Leisure time at Leeds Castle
16.30       Depart Leeds Castle
17.15       Arrive back at Abode Hotel, Canterbury
17.15-19.00 Free time
19.00-19.30 Farewell drinks reception, Abode Hotel
19.30-21.30 Farewell Dinner, County restaurant, Abode Hotel

Saturday 12 May – optional extra

05.40       Meet in Abode Hotel foyer; travel to Ashford International
07.28       Eurostar departs for Brussels
10.05       Arrive in Brussels
10.45-12.30 Workshop: Brussels School of International Studies & Kent’s European Centres
12.30-13.30 Lunch
14.00-15.45 Tourist excursion in Brussels
16.56       Depart Brussels
17.34       Arrive Ashford International and travel to Canterbury
18.30       Arrive Abode Hotel, Canterbury

Please make your own arrangements for your evening meal on Saturday.

Dinner options in Canterbury
Azouma
Café Mauresque
Café des Amis
Oscar & Bentley’s
The Parrot
The Dolphin
The Miller’s Arms

Music on campus
The Colyer-Fergusson Building houses Kent’s music making activities. Opened in December 2012, this impressive space generates a symphony of beautiful sounds.

Theatre and film on campus
The Gulbenkian complex on campus includes a theatre, cinema and café bar. The theatre offers a wide range of theatrical and musical offerings; the cinema shows both recent releases and independent films.
Around town

Canterbury Cathedral
Pilgrims and visitors have made their way to Canterbury Cathedral since the Middle Ages. It remains one of the most visited places in the country.

River Stour
The River Stour flows through the City of Canterbury, under the High Street and along to the Friars. Tours start at the Old Weavers’ House.

Shopping
Canterbury is a great place for shopping. Around the Cathedral, you will find lots of independent boutiques, and in the Whitefriars Shopping Centre, you will find the major high street shops. The Fenwicks department store is worth a look!
EXPLORING CANTERBURY

Canterbury and the region
Canterbury is a vibrant city with a warm and friendly atmosphere. Within easy reach of London, France and Belgium, the city has been permanently inhabited since pre-Roman times. Augustine established his first cathedral and abbey around AD 600, and in medieval times the city became a centre for pilgrimage to the shrine of St Thomas Becket, famously depicted in Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales. The playwright Christopher Marlowe was born here and the Treaty of Canterbury, which paved the way for the building of the Channel Tunnel, was signed in Canterbury Cathedral by Her Majesty The Queen and François Mitterand, then President of France.

Historic city
Canterbury’s medieval history is easy to see in its streets and buildings and in the world-famous cathedral, which is the venue for the University’s degree ceremonies. The Cathedral, St Augustine’s Abbey and St Martin’s church make up a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Abbey marked the rebirth of Christianity in southern England and the church, the oldest parish church in England, is still used for worship.

Cosmopolitan city
Canterbury has a thriving cosmopolitan atmosphere as befits Britain’s closest city to continental Europe. There has been significant investment in recent years; the Whitefriars development transformed a substantial part of the city centre and is a fantastic shopping location with all the major high street names. The city has a unique charm, with past and present sitting comfortably together. There are plenty of specialist shops, as well as restaurants, pubs and bars.

Cultural city
Canterbury is a cultural city with a strong focus on the arts. There are a number of galleries and the annual Canterbury Festival attracts thousands of visitors from across the UK and Europe. The city is also home to the Marlowe Theatre, which hosts national touring productions of West End shows and attracts top artists from the worlds of dance, music, comedy, drama, ballet and opera. The theatre has recently reopened following a massive redevelopment and firmly positions Canterbury as a place to enjoy a superb theatrical experience.

Our favourite places
Here are some recommendations from our staff.

I would recommend the Chocolate café (Guildhall St)
They are open until late and it is the perfect place to go if you want a quiet drink in comfortable surroundings. Chocolate drinks are their speciality but they also sell a wide range of teas, coffees and alcoholic beverages. If you’re lucky you may even catch some live Jazz.’
Kayleigh Buckingham-Pegg
International Officer

One of my favourite places in Canterbury is Tiny Tim’s tearoom, located on St Margaret’s Street, just off the main High Street. They do a great selection of cakes and sandwiches, and Kentish drinks. It has an interesting history, and is even said to be haunted.
Hannah Ellerby,
Senior International Support Officer

One of my favourite things to do in Canterbury is to take a stroll in Westgate Gardens, alongside the beautiful River Stour. Take a picnic, watch the hours go by peacefully and enjoy the picturesque scenery. Explore the historical Tower House, the Lord Mayor of Canterbury’s Civic Office, which is located within the grounds, and look out for the giant Oriental plane tree, whose trunk has engulfed a bench which once encircled it!
Sarah Harrison,
International Administration Manager
LOCATIONS

Medway
Our vibrant Medway campus is less than an hour from London (St Pancras) by train, with innovative buildings and facilities. Close to the River Medway and partly-based at The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, our campus houses award-winning buildings, and has an exciting social life with a strong sense of community.

At Medway students can expect outstanding teaching with subjects including Music & Humanities, Business, Sociology, Science and Sports Science, and an exceptional level of personal support.

Brussels
Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS) is a multidisciplinary postgraduate School of the University of Kent, bringing together the disciplines of politics, international relations, law and economics to provide in-depth analysis of international problems such as conflict, security, development, migration and the political economy and legal basis of a changing world order.
The strong international composition of the student body contributes significantly to both the academic and social experience at BSIS. The value-added of a location in Brussels is the opportunity to expose students to the working of major international organisations such as the EU and NATO and the many international and non-governmental organisations based in Brussels. Students have the added opportunity of undertaking an internship with one of these organisations.

**Paris**
The University’s Paris School of Arts and Culture offers a unique selection of innovative and cross-disciplinary postgraduate degrees in the Humanities. Students begin their one-year MA in the world heritage city of Canterbury and relocate in the spring term to the heart of the Montparnasse district of Paris, near the famous Latin Quarter, the Sorbonne University and the glorious Jardin du Luxembourg.

Year-long programmes based solely in Paris are also available.

**Rome**
Students begin their one-year MA in the world heritage city of Canterbury and relocate in the spring term to The American University of Rome, where the Kent programmes are hosted at their lovely campus atop the Janiculum Hill. While enjoying the benefits of a traditional campus and university facilities in Rome, students have the additional resources of Rome’s specialized and extensive libraries.

**Athens**
The MA in Heritage Management is designed to combine the worlds of business and archaeology to teach the skills required for the management of heritage sites across the world. The programme is taught through a unique collaboration between the University of Kent and Athens University of Economics and Business, capitalising on the specialist teaching, research and expertise of both partners.
USEFUL INFORMATION

Health Services
Emergency Services: 999
Medical help (non-urgent): 111
Pharmacy
There is a pharmacy and Medical Centre on campus if you have further concerns 01227 469333.

Transport
Taxi service: Wilkinson Taxis 01227 450450
Longleys 01227 710777
Canterbury Taxis Ltd 01227 444444
National rail enquiries: 08457 48 49 50
www.nationalrail.co.uk

Canterbury Visitor Centre: 01227 862162

Accommodation
Abode Hotel, High Street, Canterbury CT1 2RX
01227 766 266
E: info@abodecanterbury.co.uk
Free WiFi access: Select ‘Abode Hotels’ (no password required)

Work space
You are free to use the work spaces in the Templeman Library.

Wi-Fi access
You will have free Wi-Fi access at all of our campuses and centres. To access the visitor Wi-Fi on campus, please select ‘WiFi Guest’ in your list of available Wi-Fi networks. You will need to register the first time you use it.

Expenses relating to your stay
Please see separate document.

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