

# **Why Choose Us? – School of Physical Sciences league tables, National Student Survey (NSS) and Unistats**

## **Chemistry**

### **1. Student Satisfaction**

- **9<sup>th</sup>** in the UK for **Chemistry for Student satisfaction (Overall) – 2014 Guardian University Guide**
- **85% overall student satisfaction** in the **Chemistry** subject area in the **NSS 2013**

### **2. Inspirational Teaching**

- High-quality teaching from expert staff
- The School's Functional Materials Group came second nationally in the latest RAE
- Strong industrial links

### **3. Research opportunities**

- A number of cutting-edge research opportunities leading to MSc or PhD degrees in Chemistry

### **4. Modern Facilities**

- New £2.5 million refurbished teaching laboratories
- Well equipped research laboratories

### **5. Attractive Campus and Location**

- 300 acre parkland site overlooking Canterbury city and Cathedral
- One-hour by train to London
- Excellent links to mainland Europe
- Canterbury was rated as the safest University city in England in the 2012 Complete University Guide

### **6. Excellent Sports and Social Life**

- Active student union events
- On-campus cinema, theatre and night-club
- Vibrant amateur music scene
- Outstanding sports facilities and inclusive 'sport-for-all' policy

### **7. Excellent opportunities**

- Opportunities for industry placements available on some programmes
- Foundation years available offering flexible entry routes for those who require additional preparation in Mathematics, Science or English Language

### **8. Excellent graduation experience**

- Graduation in Canterbury Cathedral

### **9. Excellent Job Prospects**

- **85% of Kent Chemistry students found employment or went onto further study within 6 months of graduating in 2010**
- **80% of Kent Physical Science students were employed in graduate level jobs within 6 months of graduating in 2010**

### **10. Good League table performance**

- **7<sup>th</sup>** in the UK for **Chemistry for Student: Staff ratio – 2014 Guardian University Guide**
- **14<sup>th</sup>** or **7/10** on "**Value Added**" for **Chemistry - 2014 Guardian University Guide**

### **Institutional performance**

- **Kent was ranked 3rd in London and South East and 10th in the UK for overall student satisfaction in NSS 2013**
- **Kent was ranked 20th in the UK in the 2014 Guardian University Guide**
- **Kent was ranked 28th in the UK in the 2014 Complete University Guide**
- **Kent was ranked 33rd in the UK in the 2014 Times/Sunday Times Good University Guide**
- **Kent is a top 30 institution in the annual 'Table of tables', published by the Times Higher Education in 2011**
- **Kent was ranked in the top 100 worldwide institutions less than 50 years old in the 2013 THE ranking**
- **Kent was ranked in the top 420 worldwide institutions in the 2013 QS World League Table**