What attracted you to the course?
The course was exactly what I was looking for - no other universities did anything similar. There were also a lot of options if I wanted to change my mind. (HP)

I've always been good at Maths and I've always had a great interest in the Universe and stars, so it seemed like the perfect way to combine the two! (KB)

Why did you choose to study at Kent?
I loved the campus - it is really natural and everyone was very sociable. (HP)

I found nowhere else did the course that I really wanted to do. On top of that, the Institute of Physics (IoP) had rated Kent highly and I wanted to attend the best department I could. (KB)

How have you found the course?
I have found the course to be pretty much what I expected - quite hard work but also interesting. (HP)

Although the course has been challenging, it has definitely been rewarding and enjoyable. (KB)

What have you particularly enjoyed about your time at Kent?
Being president of the UKC Space Society has given me the chance to put what I learn in class into practice and the trips to ESA space centres have made me think about what I would like to do when I graduate. (HP)

There are so many things that it is hard to choose. I've enjoyed making friends and getting to know new people, including the lecturers! (KB)

Which modules have you enjoyed the most, and why?
Spacecraft Design and Operations - the lecturer was excellent and the course had me fascinated from week 1 until the exam! (HP)

The Cosmology and the Spacecraft Systems modules, it's interesting to not just study space but how we get there as well. (KB)

What are the most interesting things you have gained from your course so far?
Learning how space missions are developed and managed, something I am keen on becoming a part of. (HP)

One of the most interesting things that we get to do on our course is studying up-to-date data. Towards the end of your course, you're studying new techniques and new information - literally on the cutting-edge of science. (KB)

What would you say about the teaching?
The lecturers are good, though it is important to pay attention in lectures! (HP)

The lecturers are great. They're always very helpful and never mind if you go to them with any problems that you are having. (KB)

How would you describe your fellow students?
Brilliant - they are all really friendly, helpful and are always up for a laugh. (HP)

They are good fun to be around! Although they tend to have serious moments, so we get the work done, they are also nice people, and tend to have the wackiest senses of humour! (KB)

What about the facilities on campus? And the social scene in Canterbury?
There is nearly everything that you could need on campus - banks, shops, bars and a club, and there's always something to do - I haven't been bored at any time since I started university! Canterbury city centre is also a great place to shop or go out. (HP)

On campus, there are bars and cafes in each college, a huge library and a sports centre. There are also clubs and societies for whatever interests you have. Canterbury itself is very much a student city, with the theatre and cinema as well as pubs open late and a few clubs. On top of that, there is a main library, cafes and restaurants and a large range of shops, catering to all sorts of needs. (KB)

What do you think about the accommodation?
I lived in Parkwood in my first year and loved it - it had a real feeling of a student community and the accommodation was very reasonable for the price. (HP)

Although I never lived on campus myself, I have a lot of friends who did. They all say that it is enjoyable, as you get to be around new people and experience new things. (KB)

What do you think about the level of support in your studies?
Lecturers are always willing to help if you ask. We also have student representatives who can help. (HP) Continued overleaf...

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**Why did you choose Kent?**
The University has a good reputation and was recommended by my teacher. I also wanted to study in the south as I am from London.

The first time I saw the University was when I arrived in Freshers’ Week! Canterbury and the University are very different to the environment of London - there are vast green spaces on the campus and the buildings are spaced apart.

**Why did you choose Physics?**
I have always had an interest in Physics. When I was younger, I wanted to become a pilot and I found physics very interesting. The subject opens many doors, from subject specific careers such as engineering, teaching or research, to general graduate careers.

**What is your favourite module?**
Motions and Mechanics, especially the collisions element. I enjoy this module because it applies to the real world. We can put the formulas we learn into practice and prove the theories for ourselves.

**What do you particularly enjoy about your course?**
At Kent, I am taught by leading experts in the field and I enjoy working alongside like-minded people. The lecturers are very good, especially Professor Newport who is also my tutor. The staff have lots of time for students and I have no problems. SPS is a friendly, supportive department.

I also like the fact that we share maths modules with Maths and Forensics students so we get the chance to mix with students from other subject areas.

**What do you do in your free time?**
There are lots of social events for students to get involved with at Kent. The Student Union has a range of clubs and societies and there is also a cinema on campus.

I go to the cinema, but sometimes go to salsa classes on campus with my friends. I also enjoy going to the gym and taking part in circuit training once a week.

**What do you plan to do when you finish your degree?**
I would like to go into civil engineering.

**What advice would you give to a new student?**
Don’t worry about anything, you’ll settle in and learn to adapt very quickly. It is really easy to meet people from all different backgrounds and interests. Don’t waste any time and work hard, but make time to have fun too!

**What are you planning to do next?**
I hope to work in the space industry, researching into new technologies for future space missions. (HP)

My plan is to study for a PhD and then after (hopefully!) achieving that to possibly go into lecturing. I feel that it’s something that I would enjoy, and I would most likely stay at Kent to do it (KB).

**Any advice for those thinking about taking this course?**
If you are interested in Astrophysics, this is a great course and a good university to study at. Canterbury is a fantastic place to live and there are loads of options after graduating! (HP)