Dear Student

Welcome, or welcome back, to Kent at the start of the 2018/19 academic year. We are proud to be one of the leading universities in the UK. We were awarded gold, the highest rating, in the UK Government’s Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) and the most recent Research Excellence Framework (REF). Kent has also been selected, in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University, to establish a new Medical School for Kent and Medway, which will have an impact within the region beyond the University itself.

The University of Kent is committed to providing an environment in which you can study successfully and enjoy University life to the full. We all have a responsibility to maintain this environment by respecting both the University community, and the local community in which we work and live.

The University expects that:

- You will study diligently taking guidance from your tutors and others, whose role is to support and enhance your learning;
- You will cooperate fully with all those at the University charged with looking after your wellbeing, safety and security;
- You will at all times respect your fellow students and their property;
- You will enjoy yourself responsibly having regard to the rights, wellbeing and safety of others at the University and within the local community;
- You will not engage in any conduct, on or off campus, which may bring the good name of the University into disrepute.

By registering with the University you have agreed to abide by its regulations available at www.kent.ac.uk/regulations

The University works very hard with members of the local community to ensure that students and residents live in harmony. Conduct which falls short of the University’s requirements will be addressed proportionately in accordance with the Regulations on Student Discipline in relation to non-academic matters. The Regulations set out sanctions which may be applied in order to maintain an environment in which students can thrive both academically and socially. The Regulations on Student Discipline in relation to non-
academic matters allow for students to be cautioned, fined, temporarily excluded and in cases of very serious misconduct permanently excluded.

The vast majority of students at Kent conduct themselves in an entirely appropriate manner and are to be celebrated for their contribution to maintaining a vibrant and thriving community. I also hope to see many of you nominated for a Kent Student Award for your outstanding contributions to the non-academic side of the student experience.

If you have any queries about these matters, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us at communityliaison@kent.ac.uk.

The University, along with its partners, will be operating a Street Marshal Scheme in the St Michael’s and Hales Place areas of Canterbury from arrivals weekend. The scheme aims to safeguard students as they transit through these areas on Venue club nights. At Medway, the Street Marshals will operate in the Liberty Quays and Medway Park areas from arrivals weekend through to Halloween. The Street Marshals are there to provide advice, offer assistance and a reassuring presence during their patrols, from 23:00 to 04:00. Further details on this unique scheme can be found at www.canterburystreetmarshals.org. Additionally we have SafeZone which is a free app service that connects you to the university security team if you ever need urgent help, first aid or have an emergency whilst on campus. Further details can be found at www.safezoneapp.com.

The University, in partnership with Kent Union, has a Student Safe Taxi Scheme in Canterbury which allows students who find themselves without funds, in a vulnerable position or isolated from their friends, with a safe way of getting home. Further details on registering for this scheme can be found at www.kent.ac.uk/studentservices/community/safetaxischeme.

Canterbury is also the first city in the UK to adopt the Zero Tolerance scheme into its Licensing Policy. This scheme accredits premises who are committed to combating sexual harassment in the night-time economy. Accredited premises are to be detailed on an interactive map available at https://kentunion.co.uk/zerotolerance. Canterbury is a safe city and we want this to be maintained for our students and local community.

Your cooperation and support through the 2018/19 academic year will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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