Dear Student

Welcome, or welcome back, to Kent at the start of the 2016/17 academic year. Over the past year, Kent has continued to strengthen its position as one of the best universities in the United Kingdom. We are 16th in the Guardian University Guide 2016, 23rd in The Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide and have been shortlisted for the University of the Year Award by both the Times Higher Education (THE) Awards 2015 and 2016, and the Times Good University Guide 2016. We achieved the fourth highest score for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey (NSS) 2016, out of 115 multi-faculty institutions and were ranked 5th out of 120 UK universities in a mock Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) by Times Higher Education (THE).

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 which may bring the good name of the University into disrepute.

By registering with the University you have agreed to abide by its regulations 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 contactus@kent.ac.uk.

Following a successful pilot last year, the University, along with its partners, is continuing the Street Marshal Scheme in the St Michael’s area from arrivals weekend, which aims to safeguard students as they transit through this area on Venue club nights. 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 in Canterbury can be found here. 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.

Your cooperation and support through the 2016/17 academic year will be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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