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Welcome from Kent Union

Kent Union is run by students, for students. From campaigns and elections, sports to societies, nightclubs to cafés and jobs and advice, you name it, we've got it!

And what's more, you're already a member.

As your students' union, we will ensure that you are represented on the issues that are important to you, and you are listened to by both the University and the wider local and national communities.

We are proud to be a campaigning and membership charity – 2015 is going to be a big year and we look forward to you participating in our upcoming campaigns!

Being at the University of Kent will be one of the most enjoyable, rewarding and exhilarating experiences of your life, meeting new people and learning new things.

We are here to make sure that you have the best possible experience alongside your academic studies. In terms of support services, we provide a Jobshop offering employment opportunities, an advice centre, a Student Media Centre and a nursery that are designed to make studying at Kent as stress-free as possible and cater for our wide range of students. Kent Union also runs Essentials shop, Unique, online and pop-up clothing store, Woodys pub, the Library Café and The Venue nightclub, which allows us to plan some fantastic social events throughout the year.

So what's next?

To find out more about us go to our website at www.kentunion.co.uk and have a look at who we are and what we do.

University will be one of the most amazing times in your life. You will get to make friends and study the subject you love. The only piece of advice that I would give you is to get involved in as many activities as you can, so you can make the most out of your university experience. Feel free to come and chat with us on campus about any problems that may arise during your studies.

Tammy Naidoo, Kent Union President
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Why we love Kent Uni

When it comes to student satisfaction, our students consistently vote Kent as one of the best universities in the UK and here are just a few reasons why…

"There is so much to love about Kent Uni I don't even know where to begin! The campus itself is absolutely beautiful, even in winter (trust me; you will have some intense snowball fights). The staff are very kind and willing to help you whenever you need it; if I'm confused about an assignment then I just email the seminar leader and a response usually comes within the same day. My shower in the accommodation is heaven, my internet connection is really stable and my roommates are great fun. I can't count how many hours we spend in our kitchen just hanging out and having a laugh."
Georgia Dawson, English and American Literature

"I genuinely love the University of Kent, I adore my course, and I think it has changed my way of thinking so significantly and so positively. After college, the idea of going to university didn't really appeal, yet I decided on Kent because of the wonderful campus and how interesting my course sounded, and I am so glad I did. I have made some wonderful friends and taken part in a huge variety of adventures and activities. I wouldn't change my experience at Kent for anything; the teachers are brilliant and, for me, it has really changed my outlook on life."
Charlotte Claesson, Social Anthropology

"I don't know where to start. There are so many things to love- the scenery, location, academic and support staff and students. There's this unique balance on campus. In the daytime, everyone is busy bustling with work but, as it fades into the night, the campus transforms into a bubbly party, yet maintains its tranquillity at the same time! There's never a dull moment and everyone is always willing to help. With students from across the globe, there's no way you won't make new friends."

Adebukola Adepeju, Architecture and the Sustainable Environment

"The University of Kent has a lot of heart and soul and being near to the city of Canterbury is absolutely incredible. It is a university that has shaped me into the person that I am today, and it's a life-changing experience. There's so much on offer, including amazing opportunities and societies that makes it truly worth the £9,000. Without it, I don't know where I would be today. That's why I love it so much".

Jasper Gogol – Sicklen, American Studies (History)

"When I first started at Kent I was apprehensive that I wouldn't enjoy the experience, that I may not make friends and that I was making a mistake. How wrong I was; I can safely say these are the best years of my life. From joining societies and working with people on my course, I don't think I have had a dull moment. It has shaped me into who I am today; more confident, outgoing and skilled to tackle the world and for that I'm thankful."

James Adley, Architecture

"When I first visited Kent University, I sensed I would feel comfortable here, and it turned out I was right! The department is friendly and go beyond their duties to assist and engage with students. In addition to this, the support provided by the Student Support team, including a specialist mentor for those with Asperger's, has enabled me to continue studying despite mental health problems, and given me the opportunity to meet many interesting and lovely people."

Emma Richards, German

"Sports, employability, scenery, nights out and learning may not seem like a possible combination but, at Kent, all the bases are covered to make your student life the best years of your life. It's an old cliché – but where else will you be able to dress up as something silly and enjoy a night out at one of the bars and nightclub, chair a meeting for Union Council, fundraise and climb Mount Kilimanjaro, compete in a college or University team? You work hard and play harder; Kent has everything you need to make you employable and love life!"

Chris Quinn, Critical Theory

Want to know more?
Check out our student video at www.kent.ac.uk/extras

By the students, for the students!

Kent Union is your students' union at the University of Kent.

We're run by students for students, and we are here to empower you! We ensure that you have a voice, fulfil your potential and get the most out of your University experience.

As a student of the University of Kent you're automatically a member of Kent Union.

Your membership entitles you to access all areas within your Union, including; Representation, Activities, Employability, Outlets and Welfare.

You can find out all about the services and activities we run at **www.kentunion.co.uk.**

Creating change for students

We have elections each year for our student leaders on campus. We have five full-time officers, and over 20 part-time officers elected by you to lead on the issues that you tell us about through our democracy zones. We also have over 300 course reps and thousands of volunteers in our sports clubs and societies. Campaigning is at the heart of what we do and 2015 is going to be a huge year of change, so make sure you are involved in any way possible.

Sport

We fund and support over 70 different sports clubs, ranging from rugby to croquet, from hockey to capoeira. We

have many highlights throughout the year such as Varsity in March; a charity sports competition between the University of Kent and Canterbury Christchurch University. We also have the Team Kent Ball, an event held by the Sports Federation to celebrate the achievement of clubs and individuals within sport at Kent. So, whether you are a player or a spectator, there is something for everyone to enjoy as part of Team Kent.

Societies

Kent Union funds and helps our students run over 250 societies that vary from special interest groups to political, religious, academic and performing arts groups. Every year students set up new societies so there is something for everyone – make sure you get involved! Societies are a great way to make friends, have fun, and gain valuable skills that will support you in your future career.

Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to learn new skills, improve your CV, help others and meet new friends. You may also earn credits towards your degree and receive a Kent Student Certificate for Volunteering (KSCV) as well as increase your employability. Our student volunteers take part in fantastic community projects including the Big Clean and Canterbury in Bloom as well as fundraise for Kent RaG (Raise and Give). In the last academic year Kent RaG raised over £130,000!

Featured RaG event: Escape and Evade

Which is? Get as far away from the uni (and back) in 50 hours without spending any cash!

Are you nuts? Nope...it can be done. The last winners got as far as San Francisco, Athens and Geneva!

Jobshop@kent

Jobshop is an on-campus employment agency that helps you to find part-time work while you study. We advertise a variety of jobs in areas such as catering and bar work, marketing and administrative roles, teaching, cleaning, health and care, retail and IT positions, so you can earn while you learn and enhance your employability skills ahead of graduating.

Entertainment

We want you have the best time possible during your time here! We look forward to welcoming you at The Venue, our on campus nightclub. Woodys and the Library Café are also available during the day and evening for you to catch up and socialise with your friends. And at the end of every year our team puts on the Summer Ball, a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the end of exam season and the start of summer.

Retail

Our own campus and online shops , Unique and Essentials, provide all you need by way of your weekly shopping and University necessities. Essentials has regular promotional offers as well as a Bake 'n' Bite and a self-service salad bar. If you pop into Unique, you can get yourself University of Kent memorabilia, clothing and stationery.

Student Advice Centre

There are many reasons why you might need professional advice, so the Student Advice Centre is there to help. We can help you with academic appeals, financial, health or housing issues, employment advice, consumer concerns or visa applications. Our friendly staff will do everything they can to help. To book an appointment, call in at the Mandela reception or email us on advice@kent.ac.uk or call +44 (0)1227 827724.

The Oaks Nursery

By managing the Canterbury campus nursery, we allow students and staff to focus on their work without worrying about childcare. If you are interested in this service, please apply as soon as possible as it is very popular. Contact us by email at oaksnursery@kent.ac.uk

Student Media

If you are a budding journalist or fancy a career in radio broadcasting, we have lots of opportunities for you to get involved in student media. We support CSRfm, Canterbury's student run FM radio station, which broadcasts 24 hours a day. *inQuire*, our student newspaper, which is published fortnightly and distributed across the Canterbury campus, as well as InQuirelive, an online interactive forum for news and views. Coverage of all our major sporting and entertainment events is captured by our student-led television station KTV, Kent's Student Television Station. We have also recently opened our new Student Media Centre, with studio facilties and edting suites for all three student media groups.

If you would like to find out more about your students' union, please visit our website: kentunion.co.uk

Your Students' Union

BE A SPORT!

Sport and recreation is a hugely important part of life at the University of Kent. Kent Sport has something for everyone, whether you're an elite sports person or just wish to try new activities, lead a healthier lifestyle or make new friends.

With a major upgrade to the sport and fitness facilities on the Canterbury campus in 2013 and continual ongoing improvements, Kent Sport membership gives you access to an exceptional sports complex. The fitness suite has state-of-the-art equipment with three distinct areas for cardio and resistance, strength and conditioning and rehabilitation. The Kent Sport Physiotherapy Clinic is situated within the wellness area of the fitness suite and the qualified and experienced staff can assist with convalescence, treating and preventing pain and enhancing performance.

The studios offer a perfect setting for the wide variety of fitness and dance classes provided by our team of fantastic instructors. With over 40 classes a week you can choose anything from Body Pump to Zumba. The indoor and outdoor tennis and netball centre, three large sports halls and outdoor pitches provide a wide range of accessible facilities to enable you to take part in a diverse array of sports and activities.

Kent Sport has a growing programme of sports courses, workshops, and InterCollege/InterMural competitions on offer, along with a range of fitness and nutritional consultations. We also host over 40 student sports clubs, run by Kent Union, including archery, rugby, and Ultimate Frisbee.

Membership is great value for money giving you access to enjoy our sports facilities, all fitness and dance classes, free equipment hire, advance activity bookings and discounts on recreational courses and workshops. Booking for Gold and Silver members is simple and convenient with our free online booking tool.

Take out membership before 19 September 2015 and save 10% with our Early Bird discount. Join between 20 – 26 September and be in with a chance of winning the cost of your membership back in our free prize draw.

To buy a Kent Sport membership visit www.kent.ac.uk/sports or visit the Sports Centre or Pavilion receptions. Keep up with the latest news, events and offers; follow UniKentSports on Facebook and Twitter.

With all this on your doorstep, Kent Sport really is the place to be!

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Chilling on campus

With all this on your doorstep, campus really is the place to be!

Food and drink

Create in the Marlowe building – is the place to go and try something different. Delicious pancakes are cooked for you with your choice of sweet or savoury toppings. Also available are quesadillas, tacos, paninis and jacket potatoes. The milkshakes are not to be missed!

Dolche Vita in Keynes – has an extensive menu offering a range of flavours and fusion dishes from across the world, cooked to order in an open kitchen. You can also dine alfresco here with a view of the Keynes pond.

Gulbenkian café – situated at the heart of the University campus alongside the cinema and theatre, this vibrant café makes the perfect place to meet friends. Relax with a coffee, a glass of wine or enjoy a range of delicious hot and cold meals freshly prepared using locally sourced ingredients.

K-Bar in Keynes – offers a relaxed setting and comfortable seating inside and outside. It's the perfect place to meet friends for a cooked-to-order Chicago Town pizza.

Library Café – the café is a great place to take breaks and re-energise with a range of snacks and hot and cold drinks.

K-Bar

Dolche Vita

* Kent is a Fairtrade university (one that has been awarded Fairtrade status by the Fairtrade Foundation).

Nightlife

As well as the many bars and restaurants, the Canterbury campus also has a theatre, cinema and nightclub.

Gulbenkian – Arts Centre – Offering a host of exciting events from top name comedians, dance, theatre, live music, films and family shows. Phone 01227 769075 or visit www.thegulbenkian.co.uk for more information.

Hut 8 in Turing – consists of three eateries in one food court. You can also take advantage of the delivered take-away service across campus until late, seven days a week! Food options include fish and chips, pizzas or something from the flame-grilled BBQ. Everything is freshly-cooked with an emphasis on high quality ingredients.

The Pavilion Café Bar – a fantastic place to relax and enjoy good food and a great atmosphere, with viewing balconies over the sports pitches, wireless internet access and large screen TVs. The vending machines and social area are available during Pavilion opening hours even when the counter service is closed. Counter service is available in term time; see www.kent.ac.uk/sports for opening hours and the menu. The Pavilion Café Bar is also available for hire and is a great venue for group functions and events.

The Venue – it's is officially one of the best student nightclubs in the country. Whether you prefer drum and bass, dance, indie, R'n'B or pop, with two floors and three bars, this 1,200-capacity club is the place to be seen.

Mungo's in Eliot – in a lively and exciting atmosphere, Mungo's offers a selection of made-to-order dishes including burgers, chips, speciality salads and freshly made sandwiches. The desserts are a must... student favourites include the waffles with ice cream and the banana split.

Origins in Darwin – with its bright surroundings, the warm atmosphere and friendly service will welcome you to Origins. The Latin American and Mexican cuisine makes a meal with friends at Origins a must. Have a look at the specials board, offering new dishes every day.

Real Meal Deals – if you haven't got a meal entitlement with your accommodation and want to save up to 40% on your food, you can buy one of our meal deals and pay for your food in advance. Full details are available at www.kent.ac.uk/catering.

Rutherford Dining Hall – located in the centre of Rutherford College, this traditional cafeteria-style outlet offers a wide range of breakfast, lunch and evening meals and has an extensive salad bar.

Rutherford Bag It – order sandwiches and baguettes online, which will be ready to collect at the time you choose. You can buy additional items, such as hot drinks, pasties and pastries, when you arrive to pick up your lunch.

Sports Centre Café – grab a quick drink before you exercise, or enjoy a leisurely sandwich, panini or snack after your workout in our comfortable seating areas, situated in the foyer of the Sports Centre.

Woodys – a sports pub serving good food in a warm and inviting atmosphere. Its location in Park Wood, near the sports pitches, makes it the perfect place to relax after a match, or watch sport on the plasma screens.

Shopping

Essentials – the large main campus shop stocks everything from frozen foods to freshly cooked Bake 'n' Bite, University branded clothing and stationery. Essentials is open 24 hours offering hot snacks to weary clubbers on their way home!

Park Wood Essentials – offers a large range of goods for a small convenience store. Perfect for students living in Park Wood – convenience on their doorstep, until midnight in term-time.

Unique – our online and pop-up shop sells University branded clothing, from hoodies to t-shirts and caps.

SIX OF THE BEST

The Ballroom

"It's got an amazing atmosphere, great cocktails and jazz – what more do you need? I've seen Coco and the Butterfields and a few other local jazz bands there, and the small venue makes the experience a lot more up-close and personal."

Anita Wan, Biodiversity Management

We also love: The Dolphin for the beer garden and great food, The Lady Luck for the Sunday night pub quiz, The Olde Beverlie with its great atmosphere and good food and The Black Griffin for friendly bar staff and selection of board games (yes, you will play board games at uni!)

Chocolate Café

"It's a lovely cafe with a cosy atmosphere and rustic decor. They serve food alongside the best hot drinks such as luxury hot chocolates and tonnes of different coffees and teas. They also have amazing desserts and single chocolates. They're open late every evening, so a great place to go in the evening if you don't fancy a bar."

Emily Adkins, Psychology

We also love: The Veg-Box Café for good value, tasty vegetarian fare, Boho for the yummy desserts and Tiny Tim's Tearoom for its fab homemade food (it's also supposedly the most haunted building in Canterbury).

Dane John Gardens

A beautiful area with a fountain, lush greens and the Dane John Mound which, at the top, has the most stunning views."

James Foster, Classic and Archaeology

We also love: Greyfriars Gardens is tucked away and quieter than the other parks – a top spot for revision, Westgate Gardens has a beautiful river (with ducks!), and Blean woods for its 11 square miles of ancient woodland.

That's not all!

Not far from the campus, Whitefriars is the place to go for a great range of big-name stores including Topman/Topshop, Zara and H&M, or for an alternative shopping experience, stroll down Canterbury's King's Mile. You'll find a good selection of independent shops selling everything from ethnic musical instruments to homemade fudge.

You're spoilt for choice when it comes to eating out, with long-established Indian, Italian, Chinese, Thai, Mexican and Spanish eateries. Many of the smaller restaurants have a fantastic atmosphere and are great value for money. There are also loads of pubs, which offer varied menus, and The Goods Shed is also worth a visit for its thriving daily farmers' market and restaurant.

The favourite places in the city, as voted for by Kent students

Revivals

"It's a vintage shop and is just like Aladdin's cave. It's packed full of clothes, shoes and accessories. The staff are really helpful, especially if you're after a bit of fancy dress."

Rachael Smith, Drama & Theatre Studies

We also love: Siesta for its quirky and unusual Fairtrade gifts, The Sewing Shop for their workshops on making stuff, Topshop for the discounts and the new Primark, which is HUGE! Keep an eye out for student discount nights in Canterbury – you can get up to 30% off in some places.

Club Chemistry

"Chemistry is the place to have fun and vibe to good music after a long weekday and put your feet up and let your hair down. You're always guaranteed to meet new, interesting unique people."

Michelle Adodo, Criminology and Social Policy

We also love: Bramley's for fantastic live music and The Cuban for it's amazing cocktails and carnival vibe.

The Venue and Woody's

(OK, you get two for the price of one here)

"I like the student vibe at Woodys, the great drinks deals and the fact that it's run by Kent Union. The music is always great and you don't need to see a 'celebrity' to be amazed. I often go to Woodys to check out the Live Music Society night and have seen some great student artists such as Make Friends With Strangers and Rebecca Vaughan – we have some amazing talent at this University!"

Jayna Rana, Comparative Literature and English Language and Linguistics

"I saw and met Bastille at the club on campus last year, and that was great!"

Kim Mulholland, Hispanic Studies

Canterbury: the student view:

"It's the most beautiful city I have ever and probably will ever visit, everything has a story and the cathedral is like nothing you've ever been into."

Fiona Evans, Actuarial Science

"The buzz of the town – the street performers give it a London-esque feel, there are plenty of bars, pubs, restaurants, coffee shops and places to simply chill out." **James Foster, Classics and Archaeology**

Living here

You've seen the prospectus and maybe you've been to an open day but what's it really like to live here? Even if you're local, you'll be spending a lot of time on campus and you may decide to live in the city after your first year.

Campus: vital statistics

- Library opening: 100 hours a week (term time)
- Computers on campus: 800+
- Female to male ratio: 52:48
- Cafés and restaurants: 13
- Cost of a coffee (latte): £1.30
- Bars: 7
- Most popular bar on campus: K-Bar in Keynes College
- Cost of a pint? £2.90 (lager), £1.50 (Coke)
- There's 78 sports clubs and 256 societies (at the last count!)
- Students involved in clubs and societies: 6,500+
- Number of student volunteering hours logged in 2013: 103,964
- Vacancies advertised through Jobshop: 2,890+
- Bus stops: 14 (average waiting time is 3 minutes)
- Cycle lock up points: 41
- Launderettes: Available in all colleges. You can even find an available washer/dryer by visiting www.laundryview.com
- Distance from town: 1.5km (0.9 miles)
- Quickest route into town: Eliot footpath

Time out

There are so many great places on campus, but student faves are the hills outside Eliot College and Tyler Court. Both are glorious in summer, good for impromptu Frisbee, (and epic snowball fights in winter), and have spectacular views of the city and cathedral.

Going out...

Work hard and party hard: Welcome Ball, Snow Ball, Masquerade Ball, Keynestock, WorldFest, Summer Ball... you get the picture. If you like your festivals, Lounge on the Farm is a good local one to check out: www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk

The Canterbury Festival happens every October and the city takes on a whole different buzz. And speaking of the city, there are LOADS of lovely places to discover so although campus is great, make sure you venture down the hill and explore.

Fun foodie facts

- Fajitas v Enchiladas? A hotly contested debate among Origins regulars, but the enchilada is king... 10,632 were made last year!
- Rutherford has 77 different menu options available each week
- Is there anything that can't be improved by the addition of curly fries? Not according to Kent students. They munched through 9,370kg of the twirly temptations last year!
- Most popular pancake: The Caramel (yum!)
- The jacket spud is always a firm favourite...top three toppings are cheesy beans, beans and tuna mayo
- Got a sweet tooth? Get stuck into the famous Rocky Road Waffle from Mungo's – the most popular dessert on the menu!
- Kent has dedicated coffee lovers – 77, 463 lattes were sold last year!
- Exam essential: The 35p energy drink (campus shop). We're reliably informed that sales almost double in the summer term...

Best discounts in town...

- Ask in every shop you go into! Most places offer some form of student discount. Try supermarkets after 8.30pm... you'll be amazed what bargains you can pick up
- Whitefriars (top end of town) often does a student shopping night, sometimes with up to 30% off
- Café des Amis (Mexican) and Café du Soleil offers 25% off your food and drinks bill Monday-Thursday
- Café Mauresque has 15% off food Sunday-Thursday (after 5pm)
- If you need stuff for your room, head to Poundland, Wilkinson or Dunelm Mill. Between them, they'll sort you out.

Some advice from our current students

Our students have been in exactly the same place you are now: wondering which university to choose, whether to move away from home, what to pack, and a million other things. We asked them what advice they would pass on to you...

"Don't set fire alarms off at 3 in the morning. Everyone in halls will hate you." **Rowena Mantle, Linguistics**

"Get out and see everything! Always say yes to something/somewhere you haven't done or been to, but above all, if you see someone next to you who has no one around them, make the first move to start a conversation!!" **Fiona Evans, Actuarial Science**

"Don't be shy, the more you speak in seminars the more you get to know people. And make sure you start essays as soon as possible." **Bethany Freeman, History**

"Get involved in many things the first year. Many say that first year you should relax I say get yourself in everything! Societies, volunteering, training it WILL help you later on!" **Diamantina Stavrianou, Politics and International Relations with a Year in Continental Europe**

"Don't bother with an umbrella. Bring a nice warm rainproof (and probably wind resistant) coat instead." **Lee Palmer, Economics**

"Get involved in societies/sports teams – it's a great way to make new friends and you will make the most amazing memories. For me – this is what uni is all about! Besides the studying part..." **Charlotte Hunt, Law**

"Have fun and enjoy your independence. You shouldn't feel the need to make a ton of friends or go out drinking every night. It's far more rewarding to just be yourself and live the way that you want to live." **Sam Branton, English and Film Studies**

- You can visit the cathedral free with your Kent student card
- Get a Residents card and benefit from loads of discounts and offers! Apply at http://canterbury.mytownmycity.co.uk/ or for more info see their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ResidentsCard

Explore without breaking the bank

- The South East is famous for its beaches: Whitstable, Herne Bay and Broadstairs are easily accessible by bus and you can walk to Whitstable along the old Crab and Winkle Way that goes through campus
- Go on a historic river tour of Canterbury. For £7.50 you get to see the city from a whole different perspective
- Like the theatre? The Marlowe Theatre offers Discovery tickets to students – see www.marlowetheatre.com/page/3189/Discovery-Tickets
- The Turner Contemporary gallery in Margate has free admission
- If you fancy a trip to Bluewater shopping centre, you can get a return from National Express for as little as £10 if you have a Young Persons Coachcard
- You can also get to the new Westfield Shopping Centre (close to the Olympic Park) by train from Canterbury West
- Howletts and Port Lympne Wild Animal Parks offer a 15% discount if you book online – a great day out for under £25.
- Unirider bus tickets can be used on any Stagecoach bus in Kent and also on the UNIBUS service that runs between campus and the city centre.
- Blean Forest is one of the largest ancient areas of woodland in England and has plenty of fantastic cycling and walking routes. And it's free!

What's where

Goods Shed 1

Westgate Tower 2

Westgate Gardens 3

Café des Amis 4

University campus

WOOLF COLLEGE

PARK WOOD

DARWIN COLLEGE

ELIOT COLLEGE

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

KEYNES COLLEGE

Footpath / Cycle path

UNIVERSITY ROAD

WHITSTABLE ROAD

Sainsburys

Canterbury West Station

ST DUNSTANS STREET

TO LONDON

RIVER STOUR

TESCO

MORRISONS

WINCHEAP RISE

Canterbury East Station

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Nando's
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The Canterbury Tales
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Dane John Gardens
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ASDA
Kingsmead pool
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LIDL
Marlowe Theatre
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Sainsburys
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CANTERBURY ROMAN MUSEUM
CATHEDRAL
MARKS & SPENCER
Waitrose
Whitefriars Centre
10
ODEON
Odeon cinema
11
Canterbury Bus Station
10
11
Club Chemistry
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The Students' Accommodation Guide

On-campus, off-campus, part-catered, self-catered, en suite, shared bathroom – there's an option to suit everyone.

College	Where?	What's included?	Facilities
Part-catered (Bed and Breakfast) Available for 37 weeks (including winter and spring vacations, except for the two weeks the University is closed for Christmas and New Year)	Rutherford College Eliot College	Breakfast (or an allowance towards dinner on days you don't have breakfast) in Rutherford Dining Hall	Shared bathrooms
Part-catered (Bed and Bistro) Available for 31 weeks (excluding winter and spring vacations)	Keynes College (main building) Becket Court	Breakfast and dinner in Dolche Vita in Keynes College (Mon-Fri) Brunch and dinner available in Rutherford College at weekends	All rooms are en suite
Self-catered Available for 39 weeks (including winter and spring vacations)	Park Wood (flats) Keynes College (flats) Turing College (flats) Tyler Court (flats)	Shared kitchens, equipped with oven and hob, fridge/freezer and microwave	All rooms are en suite
Self-catered Available for 39 weeks (including winter and spring vacations)	Park Wood (houses) Turing College (houses) Darwin College	Shared kitchens, equipped with oven and hob, fridge/freezer and microwave	Shared bathrooms

Tyler Court

Park Wood

Keynes flats

Eliot

On-campus

"The best thing about campus life is the closeness and accessibility of everything and also the fact that your new-found buddies aren't too far away either! It takes the confusion and homesick feeling away when you live on a campus where lots of people are new and unfamiliar too."
Carla Williams

"Accommodation is of a really high standard. You can live in a self-catering house and cook for yourself, or you can choose an en-suite room in halls if you don't fancy sharing a bathroom (although I braved it for a year and survived!) Also, it's very safe on campus; you can even request an escort (from our very own campus security) if you're heading home from the numerous bars or The Venue!"
Sian Ferry

Self-catered accommodation

According to Charlotte, Park Wood, a purpose-built student village on the edge of campus, is the best place to live:

"Living in Park Wood houses this year has been really good. I live right near Essentials and Woodys, so it's brilliant! The walk to central campus is really nice, it's a lovely student village, and there's so much nature! I love the rabbits, they totally make Kent."
Charlotte, Biological Anthropology

While Hannah Greenfield says:

"Tyler Court is a wicked place to live as it's in the centre of all the action. You're right in the heart of campus life – near to the restaurants, The Venue and the library – and in summer you literally have a park on your doorstep. The rooms themselves could not be nicer, with en suites and plenty of space, as well as each flat having a huge kitchen for the culinary nightmares! I would definitely recommend it."
Hannah Greenfield

Part-catered accommodation

"Living in halls means you're just two minutes from the library, shop, bars and lecture theatres. Everything you need is right on your doorstep. You can roll out of bed and get to your lecture in five minutes! Lazy? Well it's hard being a student! As you only live in halls for one year, you may as well make the most of it. Plus, it's great to have a cooked breakfast waiting downstairs after a good night out, and if you're not up in time for breakfast, you get credits towards an evening meal."
Lee Hulme

"The facilities are on my doorstep and it really makes life easy! I have learnt to be responsible and function on my

Looking off campus

When looking for off-campus accommodation, the University advises that students rent only accredited properties. The landlords of accredited properties have agreed to abide by a Code of Conduct for landlords. This scheme supports better management of student houses in Canterbury.

Many of the landlords have let their properties to students in previous years. It is usually an advantage to deal directly with landlords or owners, as a letting agent will charge fees or commission.

See www.kent.ac.uk/accommodation/canterbury/off-campus/index.html for advice and information about finding off-campus housing.

Fast facts: Living off-campus

- Three universities in Canterbury; 25,353 students live in the city
- 8,577 students living in 2,350 houses of multiple occupation
- Average students per household: four
- Average rent per room (not including bills): £75-£90 per week for a 52-week contract
- Average number of properties viewed before signing a tenancy: two-three
- Most popular areas: Hales Place, St Dunstans, St Stephens and Rough Common.

own, but I don't feel 'dropped in it' as the accommodation is a perfect switching point between living with parents and going out into the world by yourself."
Bethany Human

If you live on campus, here's what you get:

All rooms have access to the following: the internet and email, network files and public printers, and contents insurance for your personal belongings. Most rooms don't have TVs or TV aerials. If you want to have a TV in your room, or watch programmes, as they are shown, via your pc, you'll need a TV licence.

All rooms have:

- ✓ Bed with mattress, mattress protector and one pillow (NB: no pillow in Woolf College)
- ✓ Chest of drawers
- ✓ Noticeboard and bookshelves
- ✓ Bedside cabinet
- ✓ Desk with drawers and desk lamp
- ✓ Fitted carpet
- ✓ Wardrobe
- ✓ Desk chair
- ✓ Curtains.

Want to find out more?

We hope we've shown you that being a student here is pretty fantastic, but if you want to find out more then we have a whole online community just waiting to welcome you!

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www.youtube.com/UniversityofKent

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www.thestudentroom.co.uk/

Useful contacts

If you need more info, then these people can help!

We're here to help!

Campus life

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Talking points

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From Welcome Week to society pages, Facebook has tons of info on everything. Check out the group pages to see what current students have to say

www.facebook.com/UniversityofKent

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