



# AMBITION TO SUCCEED: PROGRESSION SCHEME FOR LEVEL 3 YEAR 1/2 AND YEAR 12/13 STUDENTS.

Apply by midnight on 14 February 2025.

## Are you considering applying to university?

**Do you want to study locally and are you interested in courses available at Kent?**

If you answered yes, then Ambition to Succeed could be right for you! This free programme, delivered by our friendly team of staff and student ambassadors, is designed to help young people from Kent and Medway explore both the academic and social side of university life. You will be encouraged to analyse your own interests, strengths and ambitions, and you will have the opportunity to gain in-depth experience of Kent subjects that interest you.

## What does the programme entail?

The course in year 1 involves a programme of online sessions and campus visits, from March to August. These activities take you through the key stages of university life and will help you decide what you might want from your own university experience. You will be supported to build your confidence and knowledge around higher education, enhance your communication and academic skills, and develop a clear understanding of the subject(s) you want to apply for. In August, we will invite you for an immersive residential experience on our Canterbury campus, to build knowledge, friendships and memories!

## Year 2 support

In year 2, we will continue to support your application journey, with a series of livestream drop-in and group support sessions at key points in the application cycle. We will be there to help you all the way through your journey to university!

## Ambition to Succeed Scholarship and Scholars Programme

On successful completion of the programme and if you are accepted onto a course at Kent, you will be eligible for our Ambition to Succeed scholarship package. See our website for more information.

The support doesn't stop there! When you enrol with us, you will also be invited to join the Kent Ambition Scholars Programme, an enrichment programme designed to enhance your academic, employability and personal development skills, including an invitation to apply to our Student Ambassador Scheme. This additional layer of support aims to contribute to the success of your degree here at Kent.

**Note:** To be eligible for this scholarship, students must have completed the programme having met the minimum attendance requirement.

To apply for a place on the programme, please scan the QR code. For more information, please email [outreach@kent.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@kent.ac.uk).

## Year 1 timetable

Activity	Location	Date	Times
Getting Started	Online	Wed 12 Mar	18.00-19.00
This is Kent: Welcome to campus	Canterbury campus	Sat 15 Mar	10.00-15.00
Spotlight on subjects	Online	Wed 2 Apr	18.00-19.30
Subject supermarket	Online	Wed 7 May	18.00-19.30
Discover you: Understanding self and choices	Canterbury campus	Sat 24 May	10.00-15.00
Learning 101: A taste of academic life	Canterbury campus	Sat 28 Jun	10.00-15.00
Beyond the books: exploring student life	Online	Wed 9 Jul	18.00-19.30
Summer scholars residential	Canterbury campus	Tue 5 Aug – Fri 8 Aug	Residential on campus



TO APPLY FOR A PLACE ON THE PROGRAMME, PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM  
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## Who can apply?

We encourage all interested Year 12 or first year FE level 3 (T Level or BTEC) students to apply, who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- They live in an area of low participation in Higher Education
- They have achieved five GCSEs 9-4, including Maths and English
- Their parent(s)/guardian(s) did not attend university
- They have been in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM)
- They are from a group which is under-represented in Higher Education, including:
  - Live in or have lived in local authority care
  - Refugees or unaccompanied asylum-seeking children
  - Disabled students
  - Young carers
  - Those studying without the support of family/carers
  - Gypsy, traveller, roma, showmen and boater.

## Why apply?

- It's an opportunity for you to make informed decisions about your future
- Staff and student ambassadors will support you to explore the courses available at the University of Kent
- You'll gain first-hand experience of a university campus and all its facilities
- You will experience what it feels like to be a student
- You will be encouraged to develop transferable skills
- It's FREE! The University will fund all aspects of the programme, including transport, and food and accommodation on the residential
- You will receive a library membership at the University, with plenty of opportunity to make use of it
- You will gain a certificate of participation upon completion
- You will gain vital knowledge and support navigating the UCAS application process
- If you successfully complete the programme, you will receive a scholarship and package of support if you choose to come to Kent

