

We stand for ambition

University of
Kent

PRE-16 OUTREACH PROGRAMME 2025-2026

Working in partnership with schools



Find out more about
our activities



Outreach at the University of Kent

At the University of Kent, we stand for ambition. We are proud of our collaborative work with schools to support students from all backgrounds to access, succeed in and progress from higher education (HE).

We recognise the transformational power of an outstanding university experience and we value our diverse and inclusive university community.

Our outreach programme supports your students to develop their skills, understand the value of HE and to make informed decisions about their future. While many of our programmes are available to whole year groups, where numbers are limited we prioritise students who are under-represented within HE.

For a comprehensive list of criteria, and how we can help you target students, please visit kent.ac.uk/outreach

We are also proud to be a partner in the Kent and Medway Progression Federation (KMPF), a collaboration of local HE providers, schools, colleges and community groups working together to support students to reach their full potential.

Evidence-based interventions

We collect data from your students during outreach activities to monitor our work and its outcomes to assess its impact on under-represented learners.

Evidence suggests that taking part in intensive outreach activity including in-school workshops, campus visits and summer schools are all associated with higher KS4 attainment (TASO, 2021).

In 2023/24 the University of Kent worked with almost 800 pre-16 students, parents and supporters on activities specifically designed to raise attainment, and we want to continue to work with schools to target the students who will benefit the most.

Our outreach events and activities support schools to reach their Gatsby benchmarks. Please contact us to discuss how we can help you achieve your Gatsby objectives.



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KENT ACTIVITY

Progression route map

Our curriculum has been designed to allow students opportunities to engage with university and our student ambassadors throughout their student journey. By following our core curriculum and adding optional visits, your students will be provided with a unique opportunity to develop their understanding of HE.

Core curriculum

Year 7
Introduction to Higher Education



Year 8
Build a university



Year 9
University Life workshop
In-school or on-campus



Year 10
University and student life talk



Year 11
Exam Success package
online programme



Campus visits



Year 8
Project Visit Day



Year 9
Arguing with Confidence
debating programme
In-school or on-campus



Year 10
Research-themed
visit day

Campus events

Year 7
Discovery Day for students,
family and supporters

Year 8
Campus Bio Blitz
visit day

Year 9
Stats Gone Wild
visit day

Year 10
Residential Summer School

Years 10 and 11
Space School

Years 12/13

Please see our progression opportunities for schools
working in partnership with the University



Event details

Year 7

Event	Description
Introduction to Higher Education	A 25-minute talk offering key stage 3 students an insight into HE. Available to be delivered online/in-school to the whole year group.
Discovery Day for students, family and supporters	Held over the Easter and summer break, these half-day visits to campus offer students and their family/supporters the opportunity to learn more about university life. Limited numbers.

Year 8

Event	Description
Build a university	A fun workshop for students to learn more about what happens in, and on, a university campus. Limited numbers.
Project Visit Day	A visit day offering the opportunity to explore a university environment, build core thinking-skills and work as a team to complete a project. Limited numbers.
Campus Bio Blitz	A visit day offering the opportunity to work with academics and student ambassadors to explore the bio-diversity of the Canterbury campus. Limited numbers.

Year 9

Event	Description
University Life	An interactive one-hour workshop designed to answer students' questions about university life. Available to be delivered in-school or on-campus. Limited numbers.
Arguing with Confidence	This five-week debating programme is designed to support students develop key learning skills linked to English GCSE attainment. Workshops are two hours and are delivered in-school. Includes a visit to campus. Limited numbers.

Year 9 (cont)

Event	Description
Stats Gone Wild	A STEM on-campus visit, working with academics and student ambassadors to discover how maths helps conservationists. Limited numbers.

Year 10

Event	Description
University and Student Life	A 25-minute talk offering key stage 4 students further insight into university and student life. Available to be delivered online/in-school to the whole year group.
Future Human Research Visit Day	A research-themed visit day designed to increase students' understanding of academic life at university. Limited numbers.
Residential Summer School	A two-night residential experience offering students the opportunity to explore their options and experience university life. Limited numbers.

Year 11

Event	Description
Exam Success Package	A series of three one-hour online sessions designed to prepare students for their GCSE exams and beyond. Available to the whole year group.
Space School	A two-day, non-residential astronomy and space science event, for 14-17 year olds. Limited numbers.



Care-experienced and estranged students

We have a range of support services specifically to address the needs of care-leavers and estranged students, from bespoke visit days, progression programmes for students, webinars for foster carers and supporters and CPD for professionals. We also have a designated member of staff to support students before they enrol at Kent.



↓ ACTIVITIES
FOR CARE-
EXPERIENCED/
ESTRANGED
STUDENTS

Kent and Medway Medical School

Kent and Medway Medical School (KMMS) are committed to widening access to medical degrees.

The KMMS Future Doctors team can visit schools to talk about careers in medicine. They hope to inspire students to study medicine who may not have otherwise considered it an option.

They also aim to support students to make the right GCSE and A level choices to allow them to pursue their ambitions. KMMS also offer Year 9, 10 and 11 students the opportunity to join their Future Doctors: Virtual Medical Society programme.

To organise a visit or join the mailing list to find out about upcoming events, please contact future.doctors@kmms.ac.uk

Keep in touch

To receive our regular outreach bulletin, with details of all upcoming activities, or for more information about any of our activities please email schoolsandcolleges@kent.ac.uk



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INFORMATION

// The student ambassadors were wonderful – it was inspiring to have them talk about their experience and knowledge to their former peers. //

Secondary School Teacher



You need to focus now
and get the grades you
need for GCSEs and
A levels to be able to
make it to uni.



Samuel,
Year 10 Summer School
Participant



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