

We stand for ambition

University of  
**Kent**

# SIXTH FORM AND FE COLLEGES PROGRAMME 2025-2026

Working in partnership with  
schools and colleges



Find out more about  
our activities



# Our work with schools and colleges

Like you, we're passionate about inspiring students to reach their potential. By working together, we can support students from all backgrounds to explore higher education (HE) and discover where their ambition could take them.

## Working in partnership

The University is proud to work in partnership with the Kent and Medway Progression Federation. We have close relationships with local schools and FE colleges, and other organisations.



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## Resource ready

We have a range of classroom resources and videos you can download and share with students.



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## Staff professional development

We can provide information on the university application process and help you to stay updated with changes in the sector. Our CPD is free and there's something for everyone.

## Open Days

Our Open Days give students the opportunity to meet staff and explore the campus, courses and facilities. Students can attend in person and bring family and friends, or book to attend online.

We also attend many large-scale recruitment events and exhibitions across the country every year, including UK University Search, What University? Live and UCAS fairs.



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# Progression route map

Our activities are designed to inform, inspire and increase awareness of higher education. We have a range of talks and workshops within the themes below to support students at each step throughout their educational journey.

Our sessions are available in person or online. We also offer a series of livestream talks to support students and their parents/guardians through these decision-making moments. The livestreams, placed at key points in the UCAS cycle, offer essential information, first-hand experience from our student ambassadors and a chance to have your students' questions answered.

## In-school/FE college

### Considering university

Explore the decision-making process ensuring that students make the choice that's right for them.



### Applying to university

From understanding the UCAS process, to writing a personal statement, preparing for interviews and understanding student finance, we can support your students every step of the way.



### Preparing for university

Students planning to enter university often have many questions about how to best prepare. Help them feel fully prepared and confident in knowing what to expect next. These sessions include insights from current students and practical information on the transition to university.

## Online

### Value of HE



### It's not too late to consider HE



### A guide to finance



### What can I expect at university

## Meeting the Gatsby Benchmarks

We've mapped how each of our activities and events are aligned with the Benchmarks and how they can support schools and colleges to deliver on their Careers Strategy.



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# Subject specific activities

We offer a wide range of subject-specific opportunities designed to inspire and inform students. These sessions are delivered by academic staff and supported by student ambassadors, giving participants a taste of university-level study in their areas of interest.

These experiences help students explore their interests, discover new pathways, and make informed choices about future study. Wherever possible, sessions are tailored to align with curriculum content and can be delivered on campus, in school, or online.



↪ EXISTING EVENTS

To discuss developing a bespoke request please email [schoolsandcolleges@kent.ac.uk](mailto:schoolsandcolleges@kent.ac.uk)

// I've been more confident at school. Like, in English, I've answered a lot more questions, and I've been giving a lot more detailed answers. //

School student

## 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.

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



# Targeted outreach

**At the University of Kent, we believe that everyone with the potential to succeed at university deserves the chance to do so.**

For over 15 years we have been committed to widening access to higher education for all those who could benefit. We have delivered major innovation and success in this field alongside the University's core objectives of excellence in teaching and research.

While many of our activities are available to all schools and colleges, some have limited capacity. We will give priority to requests from institutions that have a high percentage of students who meet the eligibility criteria.

Scan the QR code below for a comprehensive list of criteria, and how we can help you target students.



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## Care-experienced and estranged students

We have a range of support services specifically to address the needs of care-experienced and estranged students, from bespoke visit days, to 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

// **Being a Targeted Outreach Ambassador is empowering... I have been able to share my care experience and turn it into a strength by helping young care-experienced people overcome stereotypes and look towards a better future for themselves.**//

Targeted Outreach Student Ambassador

# Ambition to Succeed

## Our flagship level 3 progression scheme

Each year we invite applications from year 12 and first year FE level 3 students to join our exciting progression scheme. Priority is given to applicants who meet one or more of the eligibility criteria.

The programme comprises both online and in person sessions, culminating in a residential stay on our Canterbury campus. Students participate in engaging and interactive activities, incorporating information, exploration and experience. Midway through year one, students choose a subject strand, reflecting their emerging subject preferences.

We continue to offer guidance to students in year 13/FE level 3 year two, providing key information and support around choices, applications and transition to HE.

Students who successfully complete the programme and secure a place at the University of Kent, will be eligible for our Ambition to Succeed Scholarship.

**// On the tour when we were walking around, I was actually in my head thinking, I could actually go here. //**

School student



To book a promotional talk in your school or college, please email [schoolsandcolleges@kent.ac.uk](mailto:schoolsandcolleges@kent.ac.uk)

Scan the QR code below for more information about Ambition to Succeed programme and associated scholarship.



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# When your students become our students

## Clearing

Every year thousands of young people use Clearing to find a different path on results day. We work with teachers, advisers and parents to provide information, advice and guidance on how best to support students through this process. If your students are considering Clearing, they're not on their own; our friendly operators on our Clearing Hotline will help them to explore their options.

## Head Start

Our Head Start events give students resources, guidance and support throughout the summer, so they'll be ready to go from the moment they arrive.



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## Study skills

Our advisers provide advice and help with study skills, such as essay writing, time management, note-taking and more.

Visit: [kent.ac.uk/learning](https://kent.ac.uk/learning)

## Wellbeing and support

Our great team of advisers, mentors and trained counsellors support disabled students, those with medical conditions, specific learning disabilities and mental health concerns.

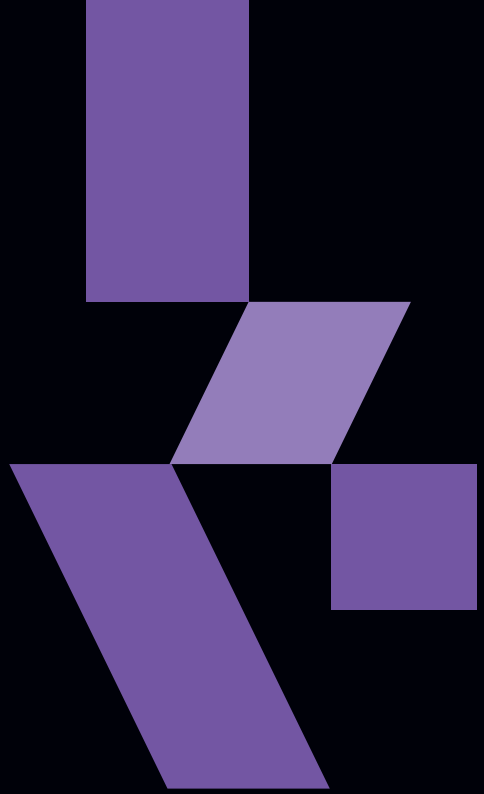
Visit: [kent.ac.uk/studentsupport](https://kent.ac.uk/studentsupport)

## Careers and employability

Our careers advisers help prepare students for life after university. Students can access workshops, events, 1:1 appointments, CV help and career planning.

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