



# AMBITION TO SUCCEED: YEAR 12/FE L3 YEAR 1 PROGRESSION SCHEME

Apply by midnight on 15 February 2026.

## 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 12/FE L3 Year 1 involves a programme of online sessions and campus visits, from March to July. 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.

As part of your application, you will choose a subject area that you would like to focus on and learn more about.

These might include but are not limited to: Law, Psychology, Sociology, Criminology, Architecture, Drama, Film, Media, Graphic Design, English, History, Digital Design, Business, Economics, Politics, International Relations, Computing, Engineering, Forensic Science, Conservation. Please note, a variety of subject content will be accessible to students on the programme. However, we cannot guarantee all subjects will be available.

In July, we will invite you for an immersive residential experience on our Canterbury campus, to build knowledge, friendships and memories!

## Year 13/FE L3 Year 2 support

In Year 13/Year 2, we will continue to support your application journey, with a series of online 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 on to a course at Kent, you will be eligible for our Ambition to Succeed scholarship package. Terms apply, 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 [schoolsandcolleges@kent.ac.uk](mailto:schoolsandcolleges@kent.ac.uk)

## Year 12 timetable

Activity	Location	Date	Time
Getting Started	Online	Wed 11 March	18.00-19.00
This is Kent: Welcome to campus	Canterbury campus	Sat 21 March	10.00-15.00
Spotlight on subjects	Online	Wed 22 April	18.00-19.30
Exploring your future at Kent	Canterbury campus	Sat 25 April	10.00-15.00
Being a student	Online	Wed 20 May	18.00-19.30
The creative use of research	Canterbury campus	Sat 13 June	10.00-15.00
Making the right choice for you	Online	Wed 8 July	18.00-19.30
Summer Residential	Canterbury campus	Wed 22 July – Fri 24 July	Residential on campus



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01227 824149  
[kent.ac.uk/outreach](https://kent.ac.uk/outreach)

## Who can apply?

We encourage all interested Year 12 or FE L3 Year 1 students to apply. In addition to having achieved five GCSEs 9-4, including Maths and English, priority is given to those who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Your parent(s)/guardians(s) did not attend university
- You have been in receipt of Free School Meals
- You live in an area with lower than expected participation in Higher Education
- You are from a group which is underrepresented 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
  - Child of a Military family

## 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 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 be eligible to apply for a scholarship and package of support if you choose to come to Kent

