

Welcome to the School of Psychology

Postgraduate Taught 2025

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STUDENTS'
UNION

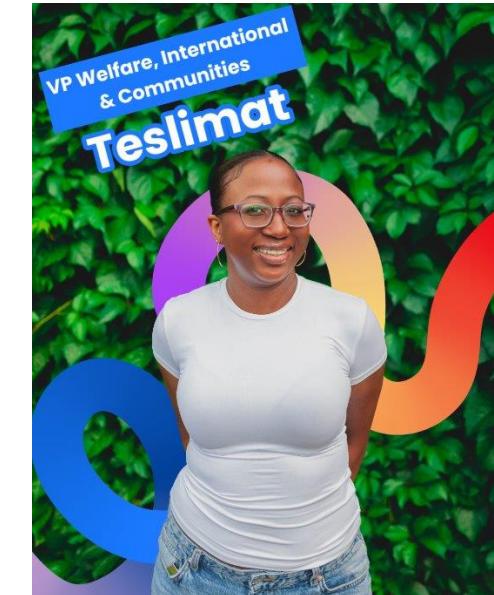


Our vision is to create a student experience where every student belongs, every voice is heard, and real change happens!

- The Students' Union is a charity, **independent of the university**.
- We are here to **support, advocate and lobby** for change, as well as provide a great student experience.
- We are **led by students, for students**.



Our Officers



If students have feedback about any aspect of their University experience, please encourage them to email
ksuofficers@kent.ac.uk



We are KSU

What Do We Offer?

KSU

- Advice Service
- Student Voice
 - Student reps
 - Networks
 - Student Advisory Boards
 - Student Voice Projects
- History Months
- Give it a Go
- Campus Pantry and Freecycle
- Societies and Sports Clubs
- Outlets



Advice Service

- We provide **free impartial, independent and confidential** advice and guidance to students.
 - **Academic** – appeals, extenuating circumstances, academic misconduct
 - **Housing** – support with contracts, landlords, finding replacement tenants
 - **International Students and Visas** – documentation, working hours, legal requirements
 - **Finances** – queries around tuition fees, loans, grants, budgeting advice, payment plans.
- **Campus Pantry** – for those experiencing food insecurity students can have access to food, toiletries and hygiene products.
- **Mandela Student Centre 10am-4pm** (e-mail, telephone and drop in available).



How can you get involved?

KSU

- Student Voice: ensure students are heard, understood and prioritised
- Give it a Go: trips or one-off events and activities, for free or low cost
- Welcome Fair
 - Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd October 10am-4pm (quieter first and last hour)
- Join a sports club or society
 - Arts and performance
 - Community action
 - Cultural
 - Faith
 - Academic
 - Politics and campaigning
 - Special interest
 - Student media (newspaper, tv station, radio)
 - Sports
 - Or set up your own!



Student Voice

KSU

Elections

- Run and/or vote for the next full time officer team (Lead Kent)
- KSU Parliament representatives
- Senate/Council and other University governance bodies
- KSU Board of Trustees

KSU Parliament

- Highest student-led decision-making body within KSU

Networks

- Student-led spaces for those who share a particular interest or identify
 - LGBTQIA+, REMP, Faith, Women's, Accessibility, Team Kent, Activities, Mature and part-time, International, Sustainability, Postgraduate and Academic

Campaigns

- Making change
- Organising around a certain cause or bring about a social or policy change



Student Reps

KSU

- Make real and lasting change for current and future students
- Only requirement is to attend a student voice forum once per term
- Reps have:
 - Made timetabling changes
 - Aligned reading weeks across modules
 - Made changes to marking feedback
 - Enhanced transparency around university changes
- How to sign up!
 - Scan the code
 - Complete the form
 - Keep an eye on your emails for access to training and next steps!



Download our app



Get in Touch!

KSU

- Download the app (search Kent Student's Union)
- Follow us on socials



Kentstudentsunion



@KSUofficers



@unionkent

- Visit us- Mandela Student Centre (next to Venue)
- hello@ksu.co.uk
- 01227 824 200



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Where in the world do you consider home, however you define it?

What excites you most about starting your postgraduate studies?

independence quality knowledge
fascinating subject getting a job after more learning
acquiring new skills a new passion professional life finding my future
experience applying knowledge being a researcher
real case studies new learning new experiences **exposure**
employment expand my horizons more education
practicality career change new experience
job/qualification practical experience
getting the degree learning new things dissertation research experience
hands-on experience finishing my masters depth of knowledge re-engaging the stress research learning
knowledge growth new beginnings extending knowledge
new beginnings career prospects
see fellow students networking future career
researching the library access
i'm just waiting god
making change opportunities new knowledge
new knowledge reeearch freedom sharing learning
knowledge new culture diversity of thought making friends
developing my career career opportunity different experience in depth learning learning new skills reseaech increasing knowledge
in depth learning focused research career
academic freedom new opportunities responsibility
top 40 uni understanding better opportunities

Welcome to Postgraduate Life

Aims

- Specialise in the psychology discipline
- Bridge theory, research, and application
- Acquire advanced skills in statistical analysis and research methodology
- Learn to communicate about psychological science

Expectations

- Independent thinking and reading
- Time management (a 40-hour week full-time)
- Professional conduct
- Enjoy the experience!







Psychology Community

Academic

- Distinguished Speaker Series
- Various seminar series and lab meetings

Extra-curricular

- Student Societies (>100)
- Christmas Party
- PG Lunch and Social Mixer – see you there later!



Equality, Diversity, Inclusivity



<https://www.kent.ac.uk/equality-diversity-inclusivity>

How do we pursue this in the School?

- Academic Peer Mentoring (UG)
- Academic Advisers
- Student Success Project (UG)
- Diversity in invited speakers
- EDI research in School
- Reading lists and teaching (lectures)



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Student Reps

Represent and Support your peers and help maintain and improve the student experience!

As a Student Rep you'll be the first point of contact for students within your school; answering questions, listening to your peers' experiences, and actioning change.

Attend termly Student Voice Forums – School specific meetings for students and staff to come together to understand the student experience, and to sustain and build upon the student academic experience.

What do you get out of it? Develop your skills and translate them into your CV with a dedicated workshop for reps, be part of the School community and take part in extra socials with pizza, prize draws and fun!

Sign up today to help make meaningful change at Kent!



Make meaningful change at Kent.

<https://ksu.co.uk/student-voice/student-reps>



What worries do you have about starting university life?

We are here to support

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Dr Emma Travers-Hill
Clinical Psychology



Dr Jennifer Storey
Forensic Psychology



Dr Hannah Swift
Organisational /Business



Dr Athanasios Vostanis
ABA / PBS



Dr Angela Nyhout
Developmental / Educational



Dr Daniel Noon
Psychology



Dr Zara Bergstrom
Cognitive/ Neuropsychology



**Dr Paraskevi
Triantafyllopoulou**
Intellectual Disabilities /Autism



Dr Kristof Dhont
Social Psychology

Many Sources of Support



Not sure where to start?

If you have questions and are not sure where to start, then ask **Nexus**.



Visit a **Nexus Information Desk** if you need information or guidance.



Nexus will get you in contact with the right team.



Nexus will also get you in contact with more specialist services.

Need help? Ask Nexus

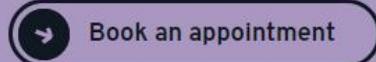


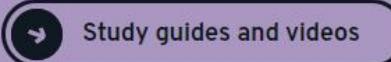
Get in contact: Email, call, or drop-in in Sibson building, **Templeman Library**, or **Medway Building**.

Sources of Support

Skills for Academic Success (SAS)

Academic skills support and advice for all students from foundation to PhD.

 Book an appointment

 Study guides and videos

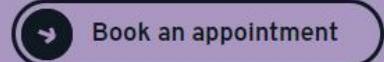


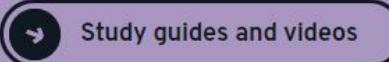
S.A.S. offers study skills, writing advice, maths and stats support, assignment and revision support.

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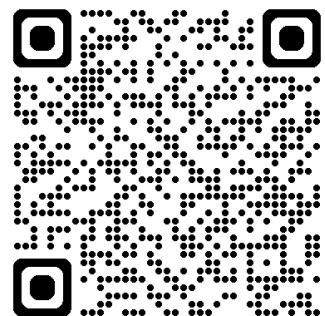


Sources of Support

Student Support and Wellbeing

 [Register Online](#)

 [Contact Us](#)



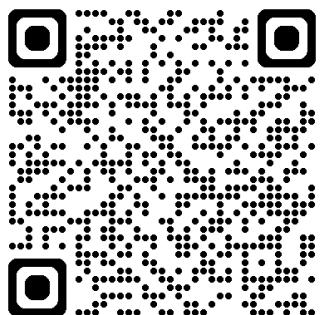
[Student Support and Wellbeing -](#)
[University of Kent](#)

Sources of Support



Kent Student Support and Wellbeing (SSW) provides a range of services to help you thrive academically and personally. Their support includes:

- **Mental Health and Wellbeing:** Confidential counselling, mental health advising, specialist wellbeing support, and addiction management.
- **Disability and Neurodiversity:** Assistance for dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD, autism, mobility issues, sensory impairments, and long-term health conditions.
- **Accessing Learning and Support:** Support for care-experienced and international students, accessibility resources, Disabled Students' Allowance, and Kent Inclusive Practices (KIPs).



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[University of Kent](#)

Sources of Support

Events to support your wellbeing

Please also see our [Additional Support and Clubs](#) page for more information on clubs.

| September 2025 | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Mo | Tu | We | Th | Fr | Sa | Su |
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Campuses 

Filter by event keyword 



Kent Community Oasis Garden Gardening Session
24 SEPTEMBER 10:00 - 14:00 Canterbury



Board Games Social Club
24 SEPTEMBER 14:30 - 16:00 Canterbury



Kent Community Oasis Garden Gardening Session
26 SEPTEMBER 10:00 - 14:00 Canterbury



Kent Community Oasis Garden Gardening Session
1 OCTOBER 10:00 - 14:00 Canterbury



'EAT THE GARDEN AND HOME A HOUSEPLANT'
1 OCTOBER 12:00 - 14:00 Canterbury



Kent Community Oasis Garden Gardening Session
3 OCTOBER 10:00 - 14:00 Canterbury

There are lots of Wellbeing events this month from coffee to gardening.



<https://student.kent.ac.uk/support/wellbeing>

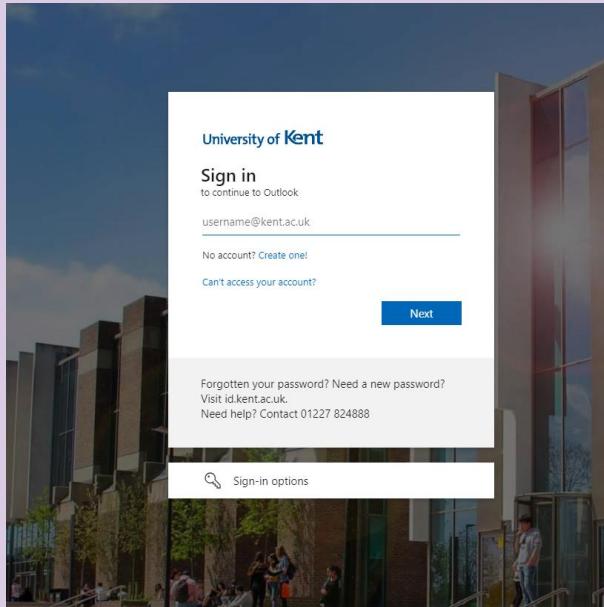
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-  **Explore the Digital Library**
E-books, databases, film streaming & more.
-  **Boost Your Research Skills**
Learn how to find, evaluate & use information effectively.
-  **Subject Librarians**
Get expert, tailored support for your subject area.
-  **Spaces That Suit You**
From silent desks to group rooms – study your way.
-  **Supporting Your Wellbeing**
Relax with our Love to Read collection, events & exhibitions.

Stay informed and up to date!



Kent Email



Moodle



Attend all teaching events

Immediate next steps...

Enjoy this moment!

Familiarise yourself with Moodle
and your Timetable

Attend your programme's
induction event



| Date/Time | Programme | Location |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| Today Oct 1st at 11am | MSc Cognitive/Neuropsychology | Keynes Seminar Room 11 |
| | MSc Organisational and Business Psychology | Keynes Seminar Room 20 |
| | MSc Social Psychology | Keynes Seminar Room 6 |
| | MSc Intellectual Disabilities and Autism | Keynes Lecture Theatre 2 |
| Today Oct 1st at 2pm | MSc Intellectual Disabilities and Autism | Keynes Lecture Theatre 2 |
| | MSc Forensic Psychology | Keynes Lecture Theatre 4 |
| | MSc Developmental and Educational Psychology | Keynes Seminar Room 12 |
| | MSc Applied Behaviour Analysis and Positive Behaviour Support (Campus-Based) | Keynes Lecture Theatre 3 |
| Today Oct 1st at 4pm BST | MSc Psychology Conversion | Online |
| Thurs Oct 2nd at 12pm BST | MSc Applied Behaviour Analysis and Positive Behaviour Support (Distance Learning) | Online |
| Friday Oct 3rd at 930am | MSc Clinical Psychology | Keynes Lecture Theatre 4 |

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Immediate next steps...

PGT Lunch and Social Mixer

Keynes Lecture Theatre 4 and
Keynes Quad

Today, 12:00 – 14:00



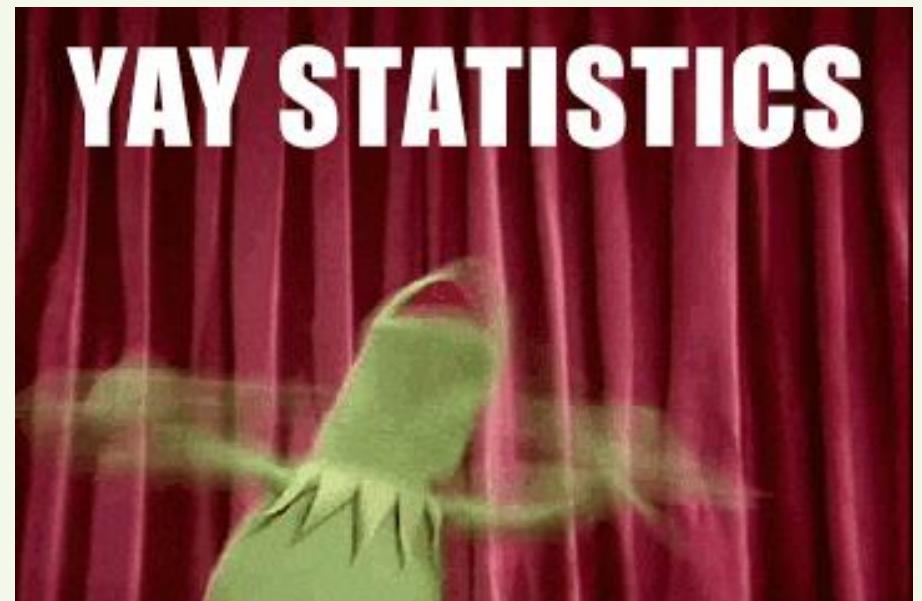
Immediate next steps...

PGT Stats Booster Course

Keynes PC1

Thurs 2nd Oct, 9:00-17:00

Professor Roger Giner-Sorolla



What is one thing you have learned from today that you will take with you into university?

support resources
there is support
go to all lectures stats are scary
asks for support do my reading library listen
lots of support just read it be extroverted stats
reading and learning do the reading!!! time management
ask for help do the reading
readings moodle learn the routes
professors network
reach out support help be on time
"do the reading" dr paden amazing ask uni life isn't easy
dr alleyne amazing go to class full time job
turn up and read interact
resources show up read
turn up work hard just do it
manage time it's ok to ask hard work reassurance
be critical read and turn up put in tje hours
engage do your reading
do the readings community
read the paper
read, research, ask

Thank
you.