

Welcome to the School of Social Sciences (SSS)



Head of School:

Dr Balihar Sanghera

Welcome Week Schedule – School of Social Sciences

10:00 - 10:30	Head of School Welcome	
10:30 - 11:00	10:00 - 11:00 KLT1 Dr Balihar Sanghera & Dr Triona Fitton	
11:00 - 11:30	Sociology BSc / Digital Society, Media and Culture BSc Introduction	Criminology & Criminal Justice BSc Introduction
11:30 - 12:00	11:00 - 12:00 KLT6 Dr Vince Miller	11:00 - 12:00 KLT5 Dr Jack Cunliffe
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch and Social Event	
12:30 - 13:00	12:00 - 13:00 KC Teach Foyer	
13:00 - 13:30	Meet Your Academic Advisor	
13:30 - 14:00	13:00 - 14:00 Check your emails and timetable Digital Society, Media and Culture Students: Meet Vince in Cornwallis East Boardroom (1st Floor)	

IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN EMAIL/DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO AT 1pm!

You MUST still attend an Academic Advisor meeting. Please take a photo of this page and join the meeting in ANY of the following rooms at 1pm sharp:

Darwin Seminar Rooms: 1, 2, 7,8,9,10, or 14

Woolf Seminar Rooms: 1 or 2

Cornwallis Seminar Rooms: 1, 2, 3, 10, or 12

Meet

Director of Education:

Dr Simon Shaw

Introducing the **Programme Admin Team**

Email:
progadmin@kent.ac.uk

What we can help with

- Module, seminar and group changes
- Understanding course subject requirements
- Course changes
- Mode of attendance (part-time/full-time)
- Issues with submitting coursework on Moodle
- Understanding your results letter decision

We also...

- Input all marks into your Kent Vision record
- Help schools with exam paper formatting
- Work with schools and central timetabling to create your course and exam timetables
- Organise In Stage Assessment Reviews (ISARs) and exam boards with schools

Module, Seminar and Group Change
Request form



Where to find us



Templeman Library (Nexus Desk)



Sibson (Nexus Desk)

Meet the Engagement Support Team

Email:
engagementsupport@kent.ac.uk

Ask NEXUS when you have questions

Engagement Support and Programme Admin teams sit alongside each Nexus Information Desk in three central locations.

Visit any Nexus desk when you have questions or need to speak to someone.

You can contact online, call, drop-in or visit by appointment as needed.



Templeman Library, Canterbury



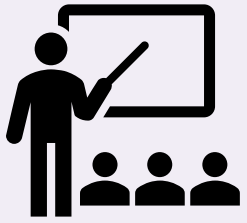
Sibson Building, Canterbury



Medway Building, Medway



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



Attendance and Engagement

It is important that you **fully engage with your studies and attend all teaching activity from the start**. We check your in-person attendance every couple of weeks across each teaching term. If we see a pattern of low attendance or other engagement, we will check-in to see how we can help.

If you are contacted about your attendance, please:

1. Start attending (and continue to engage on Moodle, etc).
2. Log your attendance on **Presto** or self-report if you need to be absent.
3. Speak to your Academic Adviser or the Engagement Support team.



Unfortunately, if you are not attending in-person teaching then it may get to the point where you will not be able to continue your studies (but we want to help before it gets to that point).

<https://student.kent.ac.uk/studies/engagement-with-study>



Late Submission Policy

If you miss a deadline and need a bit more time ...

**up to 24 hours late
max mark is 60**

Where the assignment is submitted **within 24 hours** of the published deadline, the mark recorded for the piece of work may not exceed the mark of 60;

**up to 48 hours late
max mark is pass**

Where the work is submitted **within 48 hours** of the published deadline, the mark to be recorded for the piece of work will be capped at the pass mark for the module;

**more than 48 hours
mark is zero**

Where work is **more than 48 hours** after the published deadline a mark of zero will be recorded.

OR you can request an extension to the deadline without any mark penalty if they have extenuating circumstances that are eligible for mitigation.



Support for Extenuating Circumstances

If you are struggling to attend teaching or if you are struggling to submit your work in time, then please contact the Engagement Support team.

Lots of things can make it difficult to do your best and fully engage with your studies. Whatever the situation, contact the team when things first happen, so that we can help. You can email, call, drop-in or visit by appointment as needed.

Email: EngagementSupport@kent.ac.uk

Visit: Ask for the team at any of the three Nexus desks if you need to speak to someone about personal circumstances or if you need advice about your options.

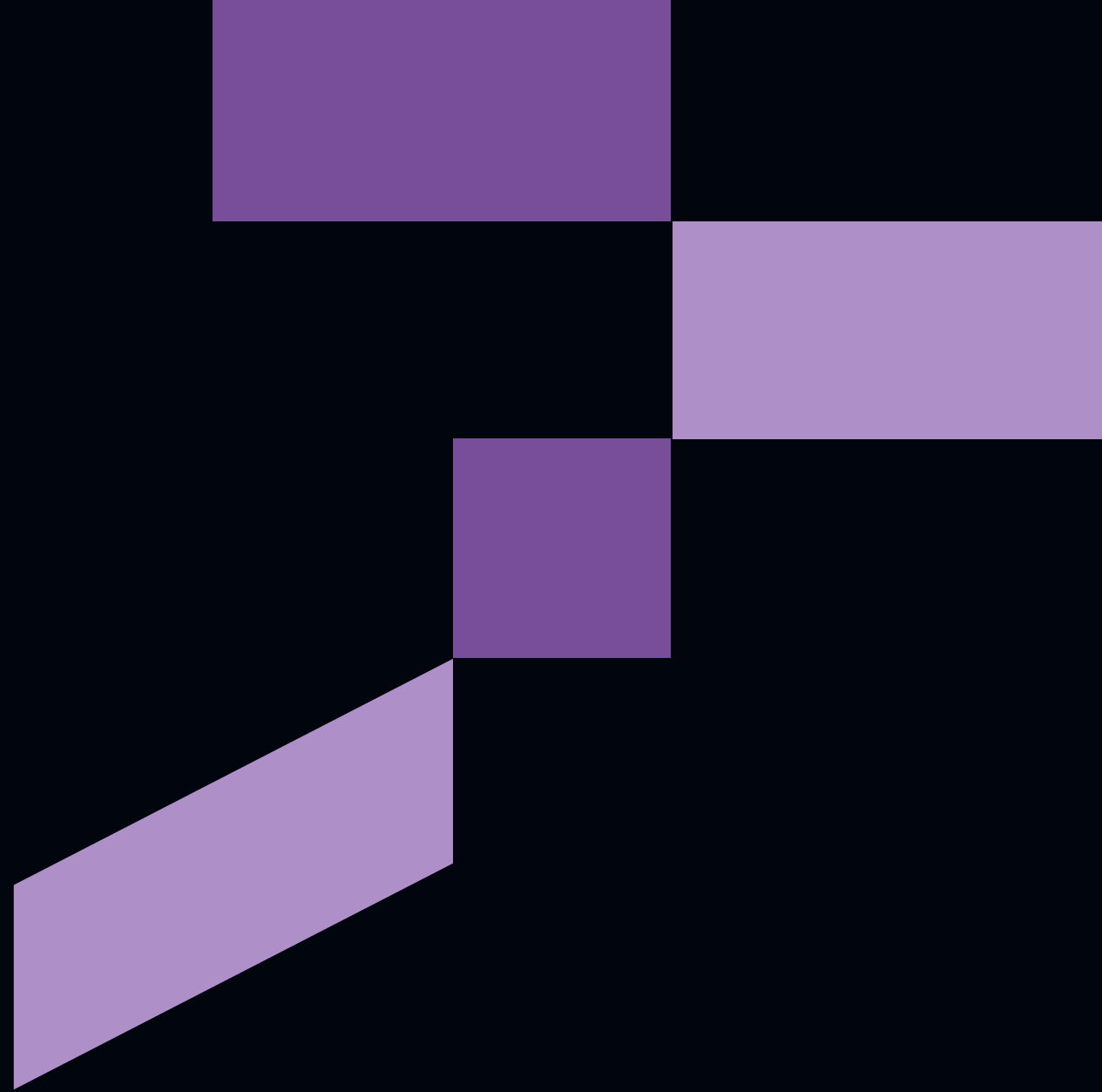
<https://student.kent.ac.uk/support/engagement>



Meet the **Library and IT Services Team**

Email:

academiclibrary@kent.ac.uk



Library and IT Services

What we do:

- Provide millions of books and e-resources for you to use, for free!
- IT support to connect you to your account, WiFi and lots of useful apps
- Help you develop skills to find the best information for your studies



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Templeman Library



- Access a wide variety of study spaces
- Borrow laptops to use across the campus
- Use self-service kiosks to borrow, renew and return items
- Find the Nexus desk for help about accommodation, course queries, KentOne card, finance, wellbeing, IT support and lots more



Your Academic librarian

You have your own librarian to support your studies, **Emma Mires-Richards**.

Emma can help you to:

- Find and access the most relevant resources for your studies
- Use library tools to find articles and reference them
- Develop your library and research seeking skills
- Get better grades and degree results



Contact: academiclibrary@kent.ac.uk
*Bookmark your library resources
guide for subject-specific advice!*



Find out more!



Get to know your library with our
30-minute Drop-in Library Tours!

Every day 10 & 3 at Templeman
Library **during Welcome Week**
2025



Come to the Templeman Library stall
on **Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd**
October.

It's packed with games, prizes and
useful info about Library & IT services.



Get to know the library by
visiting our Library induction
moodle.

Meet the Student Success Team

Email:

StudentSuccess@kent.ac.uk

Student Success



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🎯 Our Mission

- ⚖️ We acknowledge that the University of Kent has risks to the equality of opportunity for our students.
- 💜 Our mission is to provide a university experience that is inclusive and equitable.

📚 What We Offer

- 🔧 Workshops & Skills Programmes – Build confidence and develop key academic skills.
- 🎤 Inspirational Speakers – Be inspired by diverse voices and experiences.

🎉 Diversity Mark

- 📖 Helping to ensure inclusive, representative teaching.
- 👤 Opportunities to get involved as a Diversity Mark Officer.

💛 Belonging & Community

- 👋 Inductions and term-time events to connect with your peers and build your place at Kent.



📌 Get Involved

🌐 Webpage: [Student Success](#)

Belonging and Beyond

Welcome to the Kent Community

Welcoming ethnically marginalised students and supporting their sense of belonging, this initiative is open to all students. It is a chance to hear from and learn about Kent's diverse community, and to network with staff and students.

Sibson Lecture Theatre 3

Wednesday 1st October

15:00 - 17:00

✉ StudentSuccess@kent.ac.uk

🌐 <https://www.kent.ac.uk/student-success>



Uni Ready

Mature Students (21+)

Uni Ready is a series of events welcoming and supporting Mature students' transition to Kent.

Orientation

Sibson Seminar Room 7, Sibson PC Room 1

Tuesday 30th September

14:00 - 17:00

Orientation (Repeat of Event)

Online

Thursday 9th October

17:00 - 19:00



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<https://www.kent.ac.uk/student-success>



Money Matters

Kent Students' Union (KSU)

Designed to introduce the KSU Advice Service
and offer useful tips on managing your finances.

Sibson Lecture Theatre 3
Thursday 23rd October
09:00-10:00



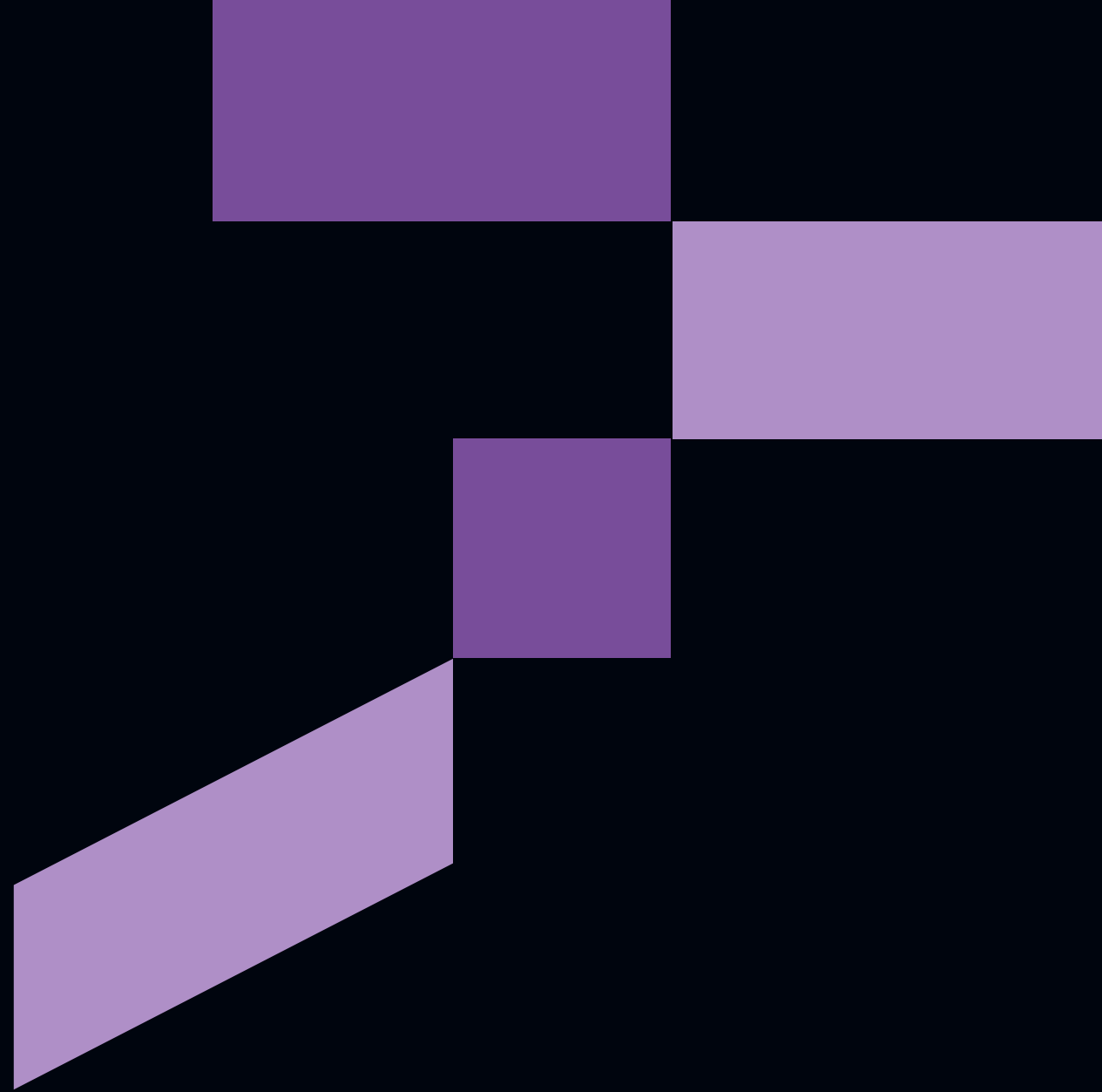
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Meet Write Right coordinator Dr Triona Fitton



WRITE *RIGHT*!! ACADEMIC WRITING WORKSHOPS



On Teams, 1 hour per week
Autumn Term lecturer: Dr Jen Leigh

Week	Title of Session
1	Welcome to Write Right
2	How to succeed at a social science degree
3	Planning an essay
4	Plagiarism, AI and Turnitin
5	Referencing: Where little mistakes cause big problems
6	Time Management Part 1
7	Effective Reading
8	How to get a 2:1

Convenor: Triona Fitton
T.Fitton@kent.ac.uk

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Purpose of the workshops

1. To **demystify** your assignments
2. To offer a **friendly and informal space** to work on different aspects of academic writing
3. To **eradicate small mistakes** that may be costing you more marks than you think
4. To encourage you to look at the process behind your essay, and the work you are submitting and ask yourself a question:

“What mark would I give this if I were the lecturer marking it?”

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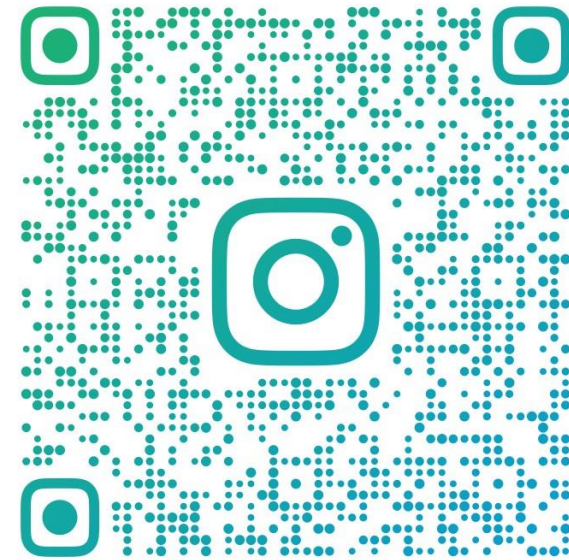
What Write *Right!* will teach you

- To take pride in what you are submitting
- Fail to prepare? Prepare to fail!
- You are doing a social sciences degree and that means **you need to READ.**

*"So read, read, read!
Stuck on the block, read, read!
Sittin' in the box, read, read!
Don't let them say what you can achieve.
Cuz when people are enslaved,
One of the first things they do is stop them reading,
Cuz it is well understood that intelligent people will take their freedom."*

Meet
Your student
society:
The Social
Sciences Society

Stand for ambition.
kent.ac.uk



@UKCSOC SOC

Meet the **PAL (Peer Assisted Learning) Leaders:** Romany, Lloyd, Regan, & Ana

PAL

Where learning is shared,
and everyone has a seat
at the table





*You don't see the
world as it is;
You see the world as
you are.
And you are who you
hang with*



Join WhatsApp
Group



jd862@kent.ac.uk

Your PAL Leader is...

Lloyd Darbon

About me

Old white guy who's read many books,
Raised a bunch of kids,
And eaten a lot of chocolate cake.

Peer Assisted Learning

- Small group discussions
 - A leader who's completed the module
 - Get advice on aspects of your course
 - Consolidation of learning: what to learn & how to learn
 - Become more independent in your studies
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<-- Keep an eye on the
WhatsApp group for time and
place of weekly meetings!



My life motto

*"To lift another is to
rise together."*

Contact me



Join WhatsApp
Group



Rjm67@kent.ac.uk

Your PAL Leader is...

Regan Mangan

About me

I am currently in my second year of studying Sociology, driven by a passion for delving into the intricacies of society and the world around us.

Peer Assisted Learning

- Small group discussions
- A leader who's completed the module
- Get advice on aspects of your course
- Consolidation of learning: what to learn & how to learn
- Become more independent in your studies

Available Thursdays

@ 1pm



My life motto

"Listen to the stories that statistics can't tell."

Contact me



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Group

aa2741@kent.ac.uk

Your PAL Leader is...

Ana Ametovic

About me

I'm a 2nd year BA Sociology student who is looking forward to moving on to specialising in Theology.

Peer Assisted Learning

- Small group discussions
- A leader who's completed the module
- Get advice on aspects of your course
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Availability: TBC

(Dependant on timetabling during module term)

Meet the **Kent Students' Union (KSU)**

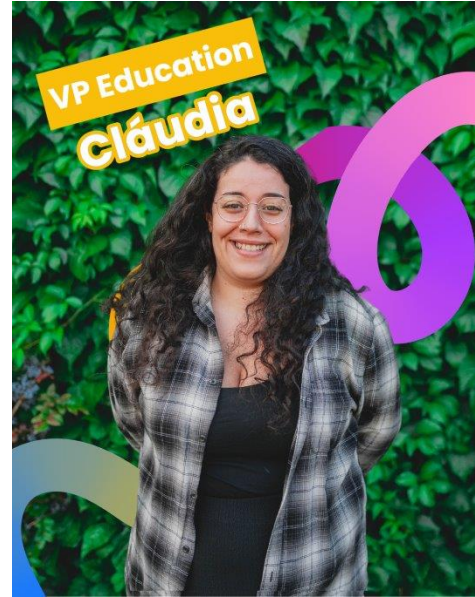
**Himadri (president)
& Teslimat (welfare, international &
communities)**

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**

What Do We Offer?

- 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?

- 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

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

- 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

KSU



Get in Touch!



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



Kentstudentsunion



@KSUofficers

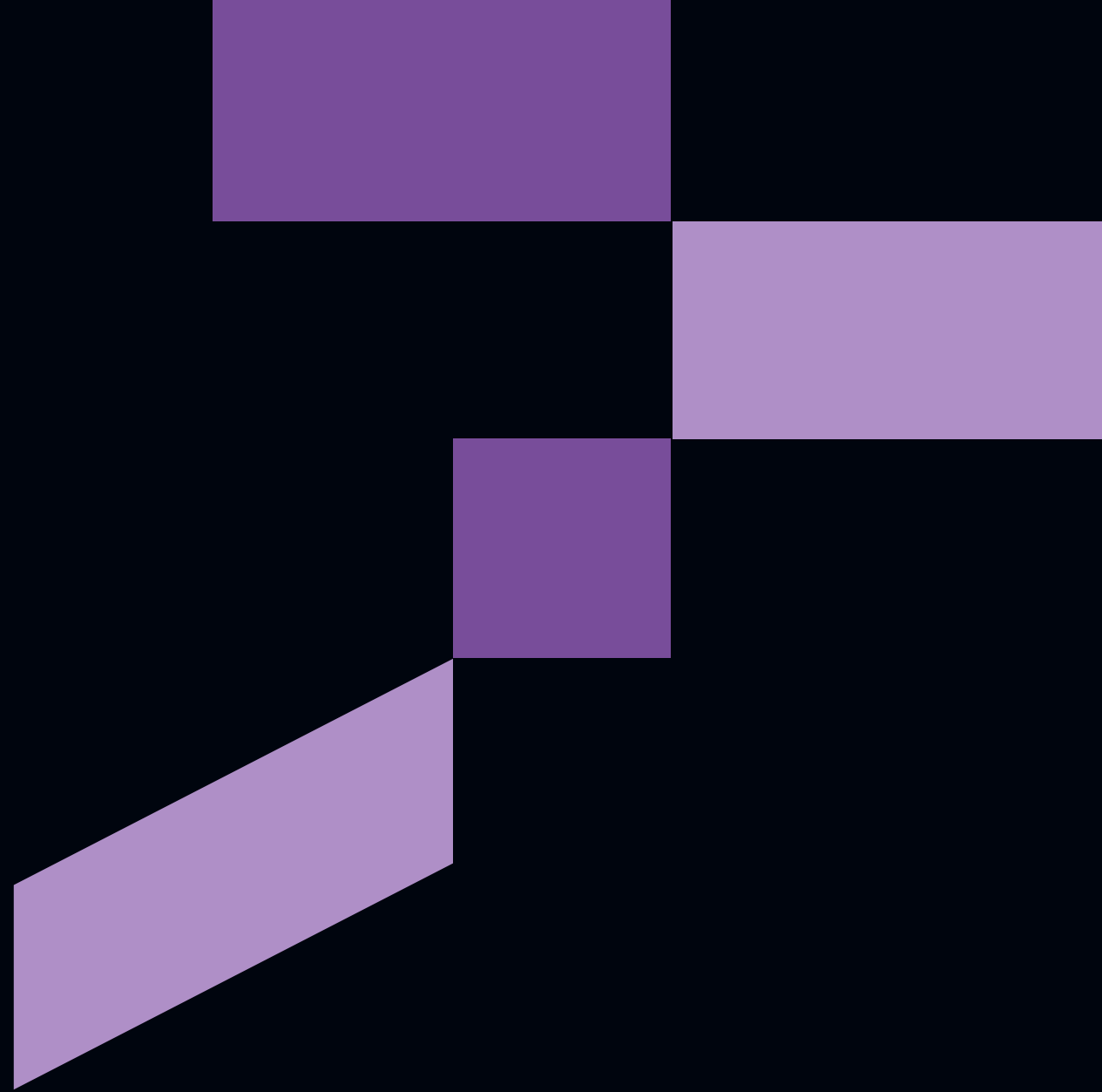


@unionkent

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



Meet the Careers and Employability Service



THE GOOD NEWS!

- In 2024, the employment rate for working-age graduates was 87.6%
- In 2024, 67.9% of working-age graduates were in high-skilled employment compared to 23.7% of non-graduates.
- In 2024, the median real term salary for graduates was £26,500. This was £7,000 more than working-age non-graduates. (Please note, salaries are calculated using earnings from individuals' full-time main jobs only.)
- Your degree will give you more employment opportunities and a better wage

THE CHALLENGES

- In the 2025 cycle there were 439,180 applicants accepted for UK degree places through UCAS as of 14th August 2025. This represents a 3.1% increase from the 425,860 accepted applicants in 2024.
- Growth in the number of university graduates signifies more competition for graduate job opportunities. Employers then become more selective and pose a more challenging set of job requirements.

Your degree gives you access to the graduate labour market, however:

Employers look for evidence of motivation, generic and practical skills in recruitment decisions instead of examining only graduates' technical expertise and academic results.

How can the Careers and Employability Service help you?

Through the extensive range of appointments, resources, workshops, talks, events and resources you can benefit from using the Careers and Employability Service in many ways such as:

- Make informed choices – understand options with your degree, the graduate labour market (graduate schemes and graduate jobs), internships, year in industry and what opportunities that are out there that relate to your interests and motivations.
- Clear the fog – if you are uncertain about what you would like to do or the pathway to your career / job of choice
- Learn how to write strong CV's / cover letters / applications that are targeted and tailored to the roles you are applying
- Develop your employability for example – commercial awareness or understanding how engaging in activities from part time work, volunteering, extra curricular activities can help you stand out
- Discover how to prepare for interviews, the different types of questions you may be asked and how you can formulate your answers
- Be signposted to resources where you can view internships, placement year and graduate opportunities

Careers and Employability Service

- Book an appointment: <https://careers.kent.ac.uk/>
 - Quick Advice (and try [CareerSet](#) CV checking tool)
 - Placement Support
 - Practice interviews (and try [Short List.Me](#))
 - Careers Guidance
- Practice psychometric tests with [Graduates First](#)
- Tips and guidance on finding a Career Mentor: [Career Mentoring Scheme](#)
- Skills workshops, Study+ and employer talks
- Employability Festival and Careers Fairs
- Careers Hub jobs portal: graduate roles, part time roles, volunteering, internships, placements and more



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Employability Service

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Next up:

11am:

**Sociology &
Digital Society, Media & Culture
introduction (KLT6)**

**Criminology & Criminal Justice BSc
introduction (KLT5)**