University of Kent

What's On?

Wednesday 18 November 2026 | Templeman Library

Time	What's On	Location
11:00–16:00	**AI Discovery Zone – Explore, Experience & Learn:** • **VR Experience – Step into Another World:** Discover how VR and AI can come together. • **AI Challenges:** Put your critical thinking to the test and compete for prizes! • **ChatGPT Edu Discovery Station:** Explore clever ways to use ChatGPT Edu for studying, creativity, career preparation and more. • **AI Literacy at Kent:** Discover your Uni's approach to using GenAI in your studies • **AI Photo Booth:** Strike a pose and discover the possibilities of AI-powered photography. • **Candy Floss stand:** Take a sweet break and enjoy a freshly spun treat!	Library Atrium
13:30-14:00	**Your future in AI: Roles, Skills and Opportunities:** Exploring the different roles available in AI, how opportunities are evolving and how students across disciplines can prepare. ***Speaker: Joe Pritchard, Applied AI Architect, Education EMEA (Open AI)***	Templeman SR1
14:15-14:45	**Beyond the chat: Five ways to use ChatGPT Edu:** Short demos showing how ChatGPT Edu can help with student life, learning and career preparation, with time for students to try a workflow themselves and ask questions. ***Speaker: Kara McCloskey Mendes, Applied AI Architect, Education EMEA (OpenAI)***	Templeman SR1

15:00-15:55	**Generative AI & Ethics: Understanding the Technology and Its Impact:** Explore the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities that come with generative AI. ***Speakers: Kerstin Cable, AI Training Specialist & Jack Dice, AI Training Specialist (University of Kent)***	**Templeman SR1**
16:00-16:30	**Keynote: AI in the Creative Industries** – An exploration of AI's impact on creativity and the creative sector. ***Speaker: Will Draffin, Director of Digital and Future Technologies, iCCi (University of Kent)***	**Templeman** LT1
16:30-17:15	**Panel Discussion: Learning & Working in the age of AI.** Hear from experts across the University of Kent and OpenAI as they discuss the opportunities, challenges and future of AI. **Panel Members:** • **Will Draffin** – Director of Digital and Future Technologies, iCCi, University of Kent • **Professor Lisa Dickson** – Head of Kent Law School, University of Kent • **James Corbin** – Head of Careers and Employability, University of Kent • **Jean Pembleton** – Head of UK & France Higher Education Research and Partnerships, OpenAI • **Julia Bancu** – PhD Student in AI and recent winner of AI Accelerator for Business programme, University of Kent • **Dr Hafsa Olcay** – Lecturer in Architecture and Spatial Interior Design; SAA Digital and AI Lead, University of Kent	**Templeman LT1**