

Community matters

Summer / 2017



A regular update from Canterbury Christ Church University for local residents



Silver Teaching excellence award

Canterbury Christ Church University has received a prestigious Silver rating for teaching excellence.

The Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) awarded the University Silver because it 'consistently exceeds rigorous national quality requirements for UK higher education' and delivers 'high quality teaching, learning and outcomes for its students'.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Rama Thirunamachandran said: "We are delighted that the TEF panel has rated our undergraduate teaching as Silver. This reflects our strong commitment to ensuring students of all abilities, from all backgrounds, succeed and reach their full potential.

"Christ Church has a long and proud history of providing education that makes a real difference to people's lives, from the thousands of students who choose to study with us to the communities we work with to improve the economic, social and cultural prosperity of the region. This award is significant recognition of our teaching impact and strengths."



UPCOMING EVENTS

PUBLIC LECTURES 2017/18

Book your place at our FREE public lectures, part of our exciting programme of talks by high-profile and engaging speakers. The series returns in 2017/18 with an inspiring line-up of speakers, including: Chief Executive of Stonewall, **Ruth Hunt**; politician and Speaker of the House of Commons, **The Rt Hon John Bercow**; and economist and former Governor of the Bank of England, **Lord Mervyn King**. Find out more and book your place at www.canterbury.ac.uk/publiclectures



KEY UNIVERSITY DATES

Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) and University of Kent (UoK) know that events such as graduation and arrivals have an impact on the city and that it would be beneficial to the local community to have advance notice to help plan ahead.

From 2017, Canterbury Christ Church University will be moving over to a semester academic calendar, which will help to spread key events across the year.

CCCU GRADUATIONS

12 and 13 September

CCCU ARRIVALS WEEKENDS FOR NEW STUDENTS

9, 16, and 17 September

UoK ARRIVALS WEEKEND FOR NEW STUDENTS

16 and 17 September

WELCOME WEEK FOR NEW STUDENTS AT CCCU AND UoK

18-22 September

SEMESTER 1 BEGINS AT CCCU, AUTUMN TERM BEGINS AT UoK

25 September

CCCU OPEN DAYS

8 October and 4 November

CCCU AWARD CEREMONIES

18 November

UoK GRADUATIONS

24 November

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FOR CCCU STUDENTS

16 December – 1 January

CHRISTMAS VACATION FOR UoK STUDENTS

16 December – 14 January

CCCU STUDENTS RETURN FOR ASSESSMENTS

2 January

CCCU SEMESTER 2 BEGINS

22 January

UoK SPRING TERM BEGINS

15 January

CCCU GRADUATIONS

26 January

CCCU AWARD CEREMONIES

24 March

EASTER HOLIDAYS FOR CCCU STUDENTS

30 March – 13 April

SPRING VACATION FOR UoK STUDENTS

7 April – 6 May

For more dates visit www.canterbury.ac.uk/termdates or www.kent.ac.uk/community/dates

Anifest 2017

29 – 30 September

Canterbury Christ Church University is proud to bring you Anifest, an award-winning animation festival and the largest annual event of this kind in the South East.

Celebrating its 10th year, it's a great community event that invites people of all ages to come and experience the magic of animation, allowing them to get involved with something out of the ordinary.

Situated in the historic city of Canterbury and surrounded by the legacy of Smallfilms animation studio (*Bagpuss*, *The Clangers*),



the festival has always been managed and run by people who love animation and want to share that passion with as many people as possible. With its range of hands-on workshops, masterclasses, talks and films, there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to share the fun and excitement of animation.

For further information, visit www.canterburyanifest.com



GREEN IMPACT AWARD

Christ Church Students' Union (CCSU) was crowned Green Impact Union of the Year (Non-Commercial) at the NUS (National Union of Students) Awards.

CCSU was shortlisted for the award after becoming one of only eight unions in the country to be rated 'Excellent' for its 'Green Impact', an initiative run by the NUS with the aim of promoting sustainability and reducing our impact on the environment.

A key part of the project was to encourage students to get involved and support the local community, including the Art in the Underpass project, donating to homeless charities and taking part in litter picks.

Nick Beard, President (Student Activities), said: "We recognise that we are part of a wider community in Canterbury and our students form an integral part of that community. We wanted to do something which would benefit and improve the local environment for all."

Biba Chuta, President (Sports), added: "We are looking to do more activities like this in the future with Team Christ Church, to improve our impact on the environment and support our local community."

If you would like student volunteers to get involved in local community projects, please email hello@ccsu.co.uk



STREET MARSHALS

Canterbury Christ Church University, University of Kent, Right Guard Security, Christ Church Students' Union, Kent Union, Canterbury Residents' Associations (North and South), Canterbury City Council and Kent Police are working together to support students and the community through the Street Marshal scheme.

Now in its third year, Street Marshals are here to help students stay safe as they move

around Canterbury on busy student nights, and encourage them to behave responsibly as they walk through residential areas. The areas they cover include Club Chemistry, North Holmes Road, St Michael's Road and Martyrs Field Road.

Terry Westgate, resident and local councillor, commented: "The scheme has proven to be a worthwhile investment. Not only has it made students feel safer on our streets when returning to their accommodation in the early hours, but has also contributed to the drastic reduction in anti-social behaviour and late night noise in the areas that are patrolled. The local

community is very appreciative of the presence of Street Marshals and I am constantly told by residents that they have made a big difference. I am most grateful to the two Universities for taking this initiative."

If you have any concerns while walking through a designated area, please approach the Street Marshals who will be pleased to help both students and local residents.

To find out more, including the times and areas covered, visit www.canterburystreetmarshals.org

MOVING IN

The Universities, working with Canterbury City Council, are here to help students be part of the local community as they prepare to move in for the start of the academic year. For many students, this is the first experience of living away from home or in private accommodation, which is exciting but also carries extra responsibility.

ADVICE FOR STUDENTS:

- check your inventory
- set up your utility bills and read your meters
- update your address with your University
- find out what bin is being collected when. Speak to your landlord if you are missing any bins
- sort out your council tax
- pay your TV Licence
- register to vote.

Remember: When moving to a new location you should register with a GP Practice close to where you live as soon as possible.

Don't forget that you're living in a community along with all sorts of different people and you have a responsibility to be a good neighbour.

Meet your neighbours – introduce yourself to your neighbours. It's important to make sure you know each other so you can help each other out if necessary.

Be considerate – if you're going out late or coming back from a night out, please consider your neighbours and fellow students and keep the noise down.

Respect your neighbourhood - make sure you observe the parking regulations that are in place and don't block other people's driveways or park in their spaces. And make sure you check when the rubbish collection days are and follow council guidelines so rubbish is not left out.

Get involved in your community – there's lots to do to feel part of your new community. You can go along to your local residents' association, join in community events/projects and take part in volunteering opportunities.

SUPPORT FOR RESIDENTS

The Universities strive to ensure that relationships between its students and local residents are positive and harmonious but recognises that from time to time there can be issues or concerns.

The Universities treat complaints about student misconduct in the community very seriously and there is a process in place to address and monitor reported problems.

Please remember that the Universities do not have legal enforcement powers in many situations and therefore you may also wish to contact the organisation that does have more appropriate powers (see useful contacts details).

Both Universities have Community Liaison Managers as dedicated points of contact if you did want to discuss any issues or concerns.

- Canterbury Christ Church University – community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk
- University of Kent – communityliaison@kent.ac.uk

AN INVITATION TO EXPLORE THE FORMER HM PRISON SITE, CANTERBURY

The University has teamed up with the Canterbury Society and Heritage Open Days to offer public tours around the 19th century former Canterbury Prison in Longport.

Numbers are limited to 20 people per tour and bookings open on a first come, first served basis on **31 August 2017 at 11:30am** and close on **5 September 2017 at 4pm**.

This is a unique opportunity to look around the former prison, which closed on 31 March 2013 and was bought by Christ Church in 2014 as part of exciting plans to redevelop its campus in Canterbury.

The opening times for the 30-minute tours on **Saturday 9 September** are:

10.00am – 10.30am
10.30am – 11.00am
11.00am – 11.30am

We aim to ensure that our visitors have equal access to public events. Due to the nature of the location, some areas of the prison are inaccessible or difficult to access. We shall try wherever possible to make reasonable adjustments.

Please contact Joanne Hannington if you have any questions about access, wish to discuss any particular requirements or to make a booking: joanne.hannington@canterbury.ac.uk

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Each university has a Community Liaison contact who can advise on a number of community projects, opportunities or issues.

Canterbury Christ Church University

e: community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk
or t: 01227 923475

University of Kent

e: communityliaison@kent.ac.uk or t: 01227 816156

The Universities take the concerns of our neighbours very seriously. If local residents experience anti-social behaviour and believe our students are involved, there are places you can go to report concerns and get help.

Police

Call 101 to report non-emergency incidents and 999 for emergencies.

Canterbury City Council's Refuse and Recycling Services

For all recycling enquiries and to report missed bin collections, t: 0800 031 9091 or e: environmentalhelpdesk@canterbury.serco.com

Canterbury City Council's Environmental Health team

To report a problem with noise, neighbours or nuisance, t: 01227 862202 or e: envhealth@canterbury.gov.uk

Parking Enforcement

To report a problem with parking, t: 01227 862429 or e: parking.enforcement@canterbury.gov.uk

If there is an obstruction or other endorsable offence, please telephone the Police on 101.

Discover, Learn, Enjoy!

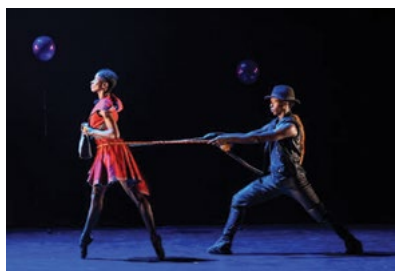
Did you know, here at Canterbury Christ Church University, we offer **Adult Education day schools and short courses across a wide range of subjects?** These courses are for everyone to enjoy. Bookings are now open for our 2017-2018 programme and there's lots to discover. There is no application process, just book your place online or through our Box Office, then turn up and learn!

We offer something for every interest - creative and practical; health and wellbeing; history, culture and the arts; natural history; philosophy and the sciences; language and literature; as well as specialist courses.

To find out more or to book your place visit www.canterbury.ac.uk/cae or call our Box Office on 01227 782994.

Canterbury Festival 2017

14 October – 4 November



The Canterbury Festival, Kent's international arts festival, returns this October, crammed with exciting events throughout the city. Canterbury Christ Church University is proud to be Partner and Principal Sponsor of the Festival, which attracts an audience

of 65,000 people of all ages to over 200 free and ticketed events. Every year, the Festival includes a wide range of events spanning music, theatre, dance, comedy, circus, exhibitions, walks and talks along with a variety of half-term activities for the whole family. Highlights include Imelda May, Newton Faulkner, Ballet Black, Tom Kerridge, Dan Cruikshank and a brand new musical, *The Masters of Mystery*, composed by Christ Church academic Ethan Maltby, as well as our series of great lunchtime concerts.

For more information, visit www.canterburyfestival.co.uk

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have any questions or comments about the University, or if there is something you would like us to feature in a future issue of *Community Matters*, please email community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk

For an electronic version of the newsletter and further information visit www.canterbury.ac.uk/community