

## Public Lectures 2021

We have an exciting line-up of speakers planned for the next academic year and we're looking forward to welcoming you to these events. We're currently working hard to ensure we can deliver these lectures safely, subject to strict social distancing measures and in accordance with Government guidelines, so you can enjoy our events with peace of mind.

We're delighted to announce the following speakers in 2021:

### DAME SARA THORNTON DBE QPM Thursday 11 February 2021

As the current UK Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, Dame Sara Thornton has a UK-wide remit to encourage good practice in the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of modern slavery offences and the identification of victims. She is a retired British police officer who was the first Chair of the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and the former Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police and Vice-President of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO).

### DAME FIONA REYNOLDS DBE Wednesday 24 March 2021

Dame Fiona Reynolds is Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. She was the Director-General of the National Trust until November 2012, which grew from 2.7 to 4 million members under her tenure. Dame Fiona was chair of the judging panel for the Wainwright Prize for nature writing in 2016, and succeeded Julia Bradbury as President of the Friends of the Peak District. In 2017, she published her own book, *The Fight for Beauty: Our Path to a Better Future*.

### PROFESSOR DAME WENDY HALL DBE FRs FRENG Date TBC

One of the world's leading computer scientists, Dame Wendy Hall was named by Computer Weekly as the most influential woman in IT in the UK (2014). She became a Dame Commander of the British Empire in the 2009 UK New Year's Honours list and is a Fellow of the Royal Society. Dame Wendy is the UK government's first Skills Champion for AI and is a member of the newly formed AI Council. In May 2020, she was appointed Chair of the Ada Lovelace Institute.

### LYNNE OWENS CBE QPM Date TBC

Lynne Owens is the Director General of the National Crime Agency, one of the most senior law enforcement chiefs in the UK, and the most senior woman in British law enforcement. She trained to be a detective with the Kent Police, rising to Detective Chief Inspector, before transferring to Surrey Police, where she became the first woman to be appointed Chief Constable of the Surrey Police force. We are proud that Lynne is an Honorary Doctor of the University.

To book your place and to be kept informed about how the lectures will be delivered, please visit [canterbury.ac.uk/public-lectures](http://canterbury.ac.uk/public-lectures)

## 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](mailto:community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk)  
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**University of Kent**  
e: [communityliaison@kent.ac.uk](mailto: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 complain 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,  
e: [environmentalhelpdesk@canterbury.serco.com](mailto:environmentalhelpdesk@canterbury.serco.com)  
or t: 0800 031 9091

### Canterbury City Council's Environmental Health Team

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

### Parking Enforcement

To report a problem with parking,  
e: [parking.enforcement@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:parking.enforcement@canterbury.gov.uk)  
or t: 01227 862429

If you encounter an obstruction or other endorsable offences, please telephone the police on 101.



## A message from Christ Church Students' Union

It's been a whirlwind year and there almost seems to be no history before Covid-19. The Students' Union has worked tirelessly since the announcement of a national lockdown to support our students and provide a community which they can rely upon. From running virtual events to enhance belonging, to regular written guidance and updates on the status of programmes, we have always had our community's best interests at heart in these trying times.

New and returning students might be unsure what university life will be like this semester, but Students' Unions around the country are all having to adapt, and over the past few months we've been talking with dozens of other SUs so we can share ideas and best practice.

There will be a Freshers' Week, but the safety of our students and the wider community is our primary concern, so we will have a mixture of online events and smaller physical events which allow for safe social distancing. Larger in-person events are currently on hold and in constant review in accordance with Government guidance.

We want to emphasise that these activities are for all students at Canterbury Christ Church University, not just those starting

in September. It doesn't matter if you are coming straight from A-levels, have children or dependents, or are a distance learner, we want to ensure everyone feels part of the Christ Church community.

Looking ahead, we have successfully elected three new student leaders in full time positions; a huge congratulations to Maddy (President - Sports & Engagement), Beth (President - Development) and Nathan (President - Wellbeing) as well as our incumbent Students' Union President Becky Thomson. They all have unique manifestos which will respond to the changing needs of the student body in the 'new normal', as well as a joint agenda.

This agenda includes creating more links with the local community at Medway which will benefit both local businesses and the students, increasing engagement with sports to promote mental wellbeing, and a four-phase childcare campaign.

We are extremely excited to welcome new and returning students this September and will, as always, endeavour to deliver the best student experience possible!

If you would like to read more about the campaigns we are working on or get in touch, please visit our website [CCSU.co.uk](http://CCSU.co.uk) or send us an email at [hello@ccsu.co.uk](mailto:hello@ccsu.co.uk)

## AN AWARD-WINNING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

In recognition of our Sustainability team's influence in putting sustainability at the core of our strategic governance, and weaving sustainable thinking through our curriculum and teaching, we're delighted to announce that the Sustainability team has won a prestigious national Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence (CATE), which recognises and rewards collaborative work that has had a demonstrable impact on teaching and learning.

Our University has signed the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Accord, in which we pledged to embed the SDGs (a set of goals and targets to stimulate action in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet) into our activity.



This summer, our Sustainability team produced a report that illustrates how activity across our University is addressing these goals, and highlights the diverse and sometimes unexpected ways we can achieve sustainability in our actions and our thinking, from our staff volunteering with community food banks, working towards gender equality in higher education, providing water

efficiencies in our new buildings, supporting local graduates into local jobs, to creating a community wellbeing wildlife garden.

Find out more at [canterbury.ac.uk/about-us/sustainability/docs/Sustainable-Development-Report-2020.pdf](http://canterbury.ac.uk/about-us/sustainability/docs/Sustainable-Development-Report-2020.pdf)

## 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](mailto:community.liaison@canterbury.ac.uk)

For an electronic version of the newsletter and further information, visit [canterbury.ac.uk/community](http://canterbury.ac.uk/community)



## HEDGEHOG FRIENDLY CAMPUS

We're happy to announce that we have begun our journey to Hedgehog Friendly Campus Accreditation! You may know that hedgehog numbers have been declining since the 1950s, but by signing up to this scheme we're promising to do what we can to promote the welfare of these little creatures, and to make sure our campus is a safe and friendly place for hedgehogs to live.

# Community matters

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



Dear residents,  
Welcome to the latest issue of Community Matters.

The last few months have been an extraordinary challenge for us all. The effects of the pandemic have been felt across the full spectrum of our lives, and I am incredibly proud of the resilience, resolve and innovation that students, staff and wider communities have demonstrated during this unprecedented time. As lockdown eases and the nation takes the first steps to recovery, we now look towards a 'new normal' for a new academic year.

Our campuses in Canterbury, Medway and Tunbridge Wells, will all fully re-open this September. The health, safety and wellbeing of our staff, students and the public is paramount, and we have implemented a range of new hygiene and social distancing measures to safeguard our community, following guidance from the Government, and we will continue to review our practices in line with any changes in Government advice.

Students living in our University accommodation will form new households with their flatmates, with staggered arrivals and enhanced cleaning regimes to ensure a safe start. We are also working with our local partners to welcome students into private accommodation in a safe and co-ordinated manner.

For the new academic year, we have introduced blended learning, which will provide our students with a face-to-face, on-campus experience, with access to key facilities including libraries, alongside engaging digital learning and teaching.

Our University is proud to be an active part of the local community, and we have a key role to play in supporting the broader economic recovery and renewal of Kent and Medway.

The work we do actively contributes to the regional economy - our education and research, our connections with local suppliers and business, and our pipeline of motivated, talented graduates into the Kent and Medway workforce will all be influential in ensuring our region grows back stronger. At a local level, our students bring much to the city of Canterbury, and their return will help to revitalise the many restaurants, shops and cafes that are opening again on the high street.

Our Science, Technology, Health, Engineering and Medicine building is on track to welcome students in January 2021, and our new multi-million-pound facilities will be instrumental in creating a new generation of skilled STEM professionals, vital to the emerging STEM industries in the region. We, and the University of Kent, are also welcoming our first cohort of 100 Kent and Medway Medical School students this September, for the start of their medical education.

We look forward to engaging with you in these next stages, and wish you and your families a safe autumn.

With best wishes,

**Professor Rama Thirunamachandran**  
Vice-Chancellor and Principal

Canterbury Christ Church University

## Providing strong diversity in STEM

The University launches its full suite of engineering courses this September, with a focus on promoting diversity, creativity and problem-solving in STEM.

Our high-tech facilities in a new £65m Science, Technology, Health, Engineering and Medicine building, opening in Canterbury in January 2021, will help to provide new opportunities for students keen to break into STEM careers that are so vital to the region. This new engineering offer for the region puts an emphasis on creating diversity within STEM higher education and future careers, in particular women and students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

We celebrated a national milestone this year, with government data showing that there are now one million women working in core STEM occupations, a goal that the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) campaign has been championing for the past five years. Earlier in the summer, we joined WISE in celebrating this achievement on #1OfTheMillion day, showcasing some of our own inspiring female academics who are leading the way in STEM education. Here's what they have to say about a career in STEM.

For more information, go to [canterbury.ac.uk/engineering](http://canterbury.ac.uk/engineering)



"I'm inspired by each and every person who overcomes personal barriers to persevere and stay motivated. I applaud you!

Diversity matters. Consider a career in STEM to future-proof your employability and take part in our supportive networks and learning communities."

Angela Richmond-Fuller  
Senior Lecturer in Computing



"Being in STEM means being at the forefront of solving some of the biggest problems the world currently faces.

The goal for all of us working in STEM should be to pave the way for the next generation to reach a point of pure choice - beyond bias and beyond stereotypes."

Dr Asma Ahmed  
Senior Lecturer in Chemical Engineering



"A career in STEM builds different skills and provides opportunities. The ability to think outside the box makes you a problem solver in life.

Trust in yourself."

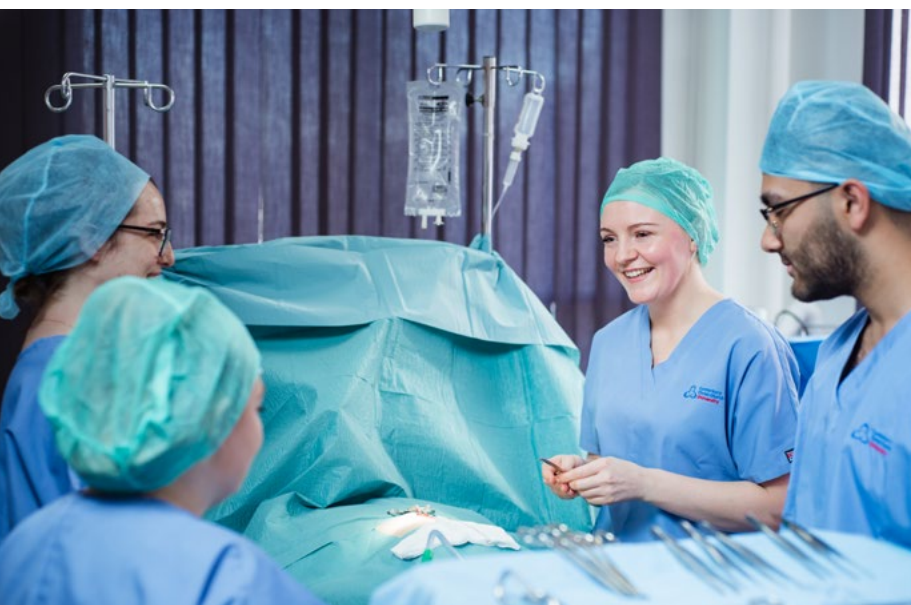
Dr Xin Yi Ong  
Lecturer in Chemical Engineering



"Lots of systems are designed by men for men, or without taking into account that women are physically different from men and interact with technology in different ways.

This is why it is so important for women to consider embarking upon a STEM related career."

Tina Eager  
Senior Lecturer in Computing



## A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEDICAL STUDENTS

This September, we warmly welcomed our first cohort of Kent and Medway Medical School (KMMS) students. A joint venture between Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Kent, KMMS is the first medical school in Kent and Medway. It provides a new regional centre for medical education and research to develop the area's health workforce, and address the growing need for medical professionals with rapid housing and population growth.

The School has been busy with preparations for Welcome Week throughout the summer, and has planned a schedule of introductory events at both campuses with as much face-to-face activity as we can safely achieve.

## UNIVERSITY IN THE TOP 10 FOR GRADUATES IN WORK

New data on graduate outcomes shows that our University is in the top ten for graduates in work after finishing their degree.

The figures are taken from the new Graduate Outcomes survey, the UK's largest annual social survey, which puts us in the top 10 large multi-subject universities with 3,000 or more graduates.

Professor Mike Weed, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) said: "We are delighted to see that our graduates are in the top 10 for students going into employment after leaving Canterbury Christ Church University. By working in partnership with industry we can ensure that our courses are relevant and support

growth and prosperity regionally, nationally and internationally.

"It is particularly pleasing to see that almost two-thirds of our graduates are in highly-skilled graduate level employment – 3% higher than the national average.

"This shows the value of a Canterbury Christ Church degree, and we are incredibly proud of all our graduates who are making a positive difference to our local, national and global communities."

The University continues to be key to the regional economy, with previous data showing that 14,000 Christ Church graduates entered the Kent and Medway workforce in the last five years. This is a unique year for all graduates, who are

entering the job market in a period of uncertainty and unprecedented challenges, but this data indicates a strong footing for our students as they move into the next phase of their lives.

We also helped mark our final year students' achievements and resilience this summer with videos and messages of support on the Universities' UK's National Graduates Day in July. Their final few months of study were affected by lockdown, though learning continued online. We look forward to celebrating their achievements with their families and friends at a delayed graduation ceremony in January 2021.

For more information, visit [canterbury.ac.uk/news/graduate-outcomes](http://canterbury.ac.uk/news/graduate-outcomes)

## An online students' showcase

Over the summer, our School of Creative Arts and Industries would normally have been sharing students' end-of-year work with a bustle of activity, from dance shows and live theatre, to showcases and exhibitions. But with the pandemic putting mass gatherings on hold, the School decided to move the festivities online.

Alongside lecturer and web designer Shelley Bartlette, three undergraduate students, Rossy Smith (Year 2, Digital Media), Fran Robinson (Year 2, Graphic Design) and Jack Beaumont (Year 2, Graphic Design) developed a showcase website to exhibit and celebrate this year's students' creative works.

You can watch short films written and created by our Film, Radio and Television students, listen to original music by our commercial music students, or visit virtual exhibitions featuring work from our photography students, including a special Lockdown Times project.

Explore this and much more at [schoolofcreativeartsandindustries.com](http://schoolofcreativeartsandindustries.com)



## RETURNING TO CAMPUS

We are looking forward to welcoming new and returning students to our campuses this September, providing a blend of face-to-face on-site and digital teaching and learning, in a safe and secure environment.

Following the latest Government guidelines, we will be implementing a range of measures to strongly promote health,

safety and wellbeing. One of our first priorities is to ensure that the arrival of new and returning students is completed in a controlled and safe way. Therefore, we will be staggering the arrival of students throughout September, with different groups of students starting their academic years at various times throughout the month. There will also be a phased approach for students coming to stay in University residences. Overseas students can arrive early and no large-scale registration events will be taking place - all registration will be conducted online.

We are introducing social distancing measures for each campus, building and specialist facility, as well as installing screens where close face-to-face interaction is required, one-way routes around campus, including stairways, additional handwashing or sanitising stations at key locations, and an increased cleaning regime, including a daily clean of each building and multiple targeted cleans of high contact surfaces. Face coverings will also be worn inside University buildings.

We are also working with our timetabling team to manage footfall on campus to maintain social distancing.

We recognise that we each have a personal responsibility to support the safety of our community by observing social distancing, maintaining good hygiene practice, and adherence to Government protocol around face masks, contact tracing and self-isolating.

In partnership with Canterbury City Council, and others, we are launching a new "Good Neighbour" campaign with our students, providing advice and guidance so they feel confident to be able to look after themselves and the wider community that they are part of.

We have launched new web pages with the latest information on what can be expected from university life at Canterbury Christ Church University this autumn. Find out more at [canterbury.ac.uk/september-2020](http://canterbury.ac.uk/september-2020).

## STUDENT COMMUNITY AWARDS

Our Student Community Awards celebrate the contribution our students make to the local and University community, from pro-bono legal support and preserving local history, to supporting the vulnerable.

During the pandemic, volunteers have become more important than ever, and our students have stepped up to support the community in this challenging time.

These are just a few of the amazing students who have been nominated in the Student Community Awards this year. The winners will be announced this October.



Dizem Cankaya: Nominated for Community Volunteer of the Year award

"Volunteering is a glue that keeps our society together."

Dizem has played a leading role in the CLOCK in Kent volunteering scheme, the local community justice project based at the Canterbury Law Courts, which provides legal help and assistance to those who cannot afford to have legal representation. Dizem is also a member of the CLOCK Student Committee which helps to organise the operations at the local court, and has volunteered as a McKenzie Friend.

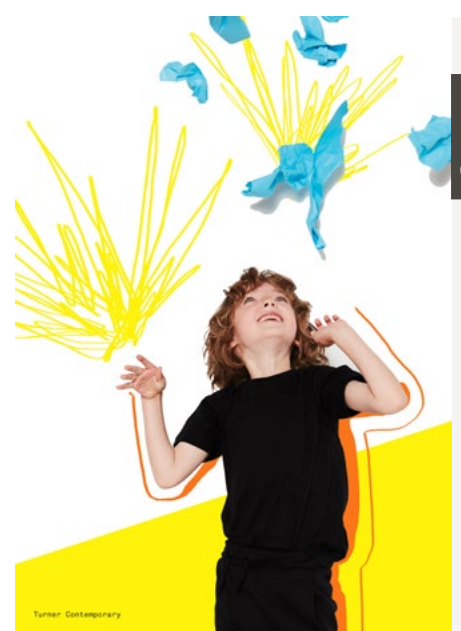


Francesca Hufton: Nominated for Special Recognition for Volunteering during Covid-19

"I signed up to be an NHS responder. It has helped me feel a sense of purpose."

Fran signed up to be an NHS Volunteer Responder to support the NHS during the pandemic, and has logged nearly 150 volunteering hours. Fran has been helping vulnerable people with essential tasks, such as shopping and collecting prescriptions, and offering company to those in isolation, using her skills from her Mental Health Nursing degree to provide emotional support.

Fyona has been volunteering with The Battle of Britain Memorial Trust CIO, which cares for the National Memorial to the Few, near Folkestone, and relies heavily on volunteers. Fyona has provided significant help with a new computerised archival programme for the Trust, helping to preserve this history for future generations.



## Portfolio Art Competition exhibition

In partnership with the Turner Contemporary in Margate, we run an annual art competition that recognises and celebrates the creative talents of pupils, students, educators and community groups across Kent and Medway.

This year's theme was Places and Spaces, inspired by and celebrating the places that we inhabit. The submissions were hugely imaginative and insightful, often touching

on reflections and explorations of life in lockdown.

The annual exhibition was unable to physically take place due to the pandemic, but you can see the winning works displayed in a new online gallery. To enjoy the brilliant prizewinning submissions, visit [turnercontemporary.org/portfolio-2020-places-and-spaces](http://turnercontemporary.org/portfolio-2020-places-and-spaces)