

MID KENT COLLEGE

Key Facts

- Mid Kent College is the county's largest provider of further and higher education and has been doing so for the last 100 years.
- Mid Kent College comprises of three main campuses, based in Chatham, Rochester and Maidstone. Additionally there is also now a centre based at Chatham Maritime.
- All of the four centres are close to main town centres and are easily reached from the M2 and M20 motorways.
- The College is one of the first in England to be awarded Action for Business College (ABC) status by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA).

Location and Facilities

Horsted Centre Chatham

- Located on the outskirts of Chatham, Horsted Centre is the largest of Mid-Kent College's centres and it where the administration for the college is based. Horsted Centre is also the base for the new University of Kent at Medway.
- Facilities include a fitness centre, college bookshop, library and information centre, new theatre and Rotunda Studio, on-site refectory, and reprographics unit.



City Way Centre Rochester

- City Way Centre is only a few minutes walk from Rochester High Street and the railway station so close to all amenities.
- Facilities include Campusbound travel; offering holidays, flights and coach tickets, a fitness centre, library and information centre, a floral design shop, a holistic therapy salon, a wella hair design salon, a reprographics unit, an on-site refectory and small shop.



Oakwood Park Centre Maidstone

- Oakwood Park Centre is located in a wooded estate on the outskirts of Maidstone.
- Facilities include a fitness centre, the Gallery Restaurant, a holistic therapy salon, a library and information centre, an on-site refectory, small shop and reprographics unit.



Facilities and Departments

Mid Kent College offers the following types of courses: GCSEs, A levels, access to higher education courses, HNC/HNDs, honors degrees, diplomas and job related courses. All these courses can be studied on a full or part time basis.

Careers Advice

- Mid Kent's Careers and Guidance Service is in partnership with Kent Careers Services. Careers Consultants at each of the Centres provide professional information to help all students plan their next move.
- Learning Support Department

- The College has a **Curriculum Access Support Team (CAST)** who work closely with any student who requires additional learning support. The team has specialist skills in: Dyslexia/Language Difficulties, Hearing/Visual Difficulties, Emotional/Behavioural Difficulties and Physical/Medical Difficulties.
- **Key Skills Centre**
- The Key Skills Centres offer help and guidance with spelling, punctuation, grammar, essay/report writing, using mathematical formulae, interpreting statistics, fractions, decimals, percentages and so on. Each site has a Centre available for students to use on a drop-in basis.

Library and Information Centres

- Facilities include: email and internet facilities, cd-roms, company annual reports, cuttings files, DVDs, daily newspapers and back issues online, online information and database service, periodicals and newspapers, photocopiers, project binding service, reference books and statistics, video recordings and over 90,000 text books.

Student Facts and Figures

There are 6,796 students studying at Mid Kent College, of which 4,330 are studying full-time. 30 students are from overseas (outside of Europe).

Links with Business and Training

Mid-Kent College recognises the importance of effective partnerships with businesses and the community and as a result has been awarded Action for Business College (ABC) status. Through Business Class they aim to provide a responsive service from which businesses and communities can access quality training, expertise and opportunities for collaborative work. If a suitable course is not available then customised training for staff can be arranged.

Mid-Kent College is committed to meeting the educational, training and development needs of local employers both large and small. They can devise either short or longer term training programmes that make full use of the wide experience of trainers and which can be delivered in-company or using the extensive resources available at the college.

The college has appointed a team of dedicated; client centered training consultants who are committed to provide a high quality service to employers by identifying training needs, dealing with any enquiries and issues arising and contacting and visiting their portfolio of clients on a regular basis.

Mid Kent College has worked with over 900 businesses throughout Kent and Medway GlaxoSmithKline, HM Customs and Excise, Kent County Council and Southern Water PLC.

Other companies to have utilized this service include:

- **Kent and Medway Health Authority**
- **Link Insurance**
- **Kent Police**
- **West Kent NHS**

Future Activities and Highlights

A new Mid-Kent College campus at the Lower Lines in Gillingham is due to open its doors to students in September 2009. Work is due to commence this summer on the new Medway campus, which will replace the College's existing sites at Hortsted and City Way. The College's Oakwood Park site in Maidstone will remain open as a key part of the College's future, alongside the new Medway campus.

The new building will have state-of-the-art training facilities and will be able to accommodate almost 30% more students than its existing sites in Chatham and Rochester, which will be particularly beneficial in high demand areas.

The new campus will provide a modern learning environment that will be inspirational, and that will encourage learning for life. And being situated alongside the 'Universities at Medway' at Chatham maritime, Mid-Kent College will be at the heart of education in Medway.

For more information visit: www.midkent.ac.uk