

SOUTH KENT COLLEGE

Key Facts

- Established in 1914, it is the largest higher education institution in Kent.
- Two Centres of Vocational Excellence in Construction and in Health & Care (with West Kent College), a status which recognises the quality of provision in education and skills-based learning.
- An associate college of the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University College.
- An excellent 'A' Level pass rate plus many more student successes.
- Its mission: "To be a driving force in the regeneration of our local communities by providing high quality education, training and development for our students and co-operating fully with our local educational and business partners".

Location and Facilities

- Situated over three main campuses in Ashford, Dover and Folkestone and the Ashford School of Art and Design - each campus is easily accessible by road, rail and bus.
- A Hair & Beauty salon is on each campus, open to students, staff and the general public.
- The Dover Campus is situated in the town centre, opposite the main bus station and 5 minutes walk from the main train station. Students benefit from all facilities close at hand.
- The College has a Student Information Centre, on-site refectory and Learning Centre and library. Specialist facilities include:
 - Catering and Hospitality
 - Construction Workshops
 - Hair & Beauty Salons
 - Motor Vehicle Workshops
 - Sports Science & Therapy
 - Student Common Room

Student Facts and Figures

- South Kent College welcomes over 15,000 students and offers a range of courses.
- All three campuses offer open and distance learning and training within the workplace.
- The College has achieved MATRIX accreditation for the quality of information, advice and guidance that it provides to students.

Facilities and Departments

- South Kent College offers courses and training for young people, adults, employers and international students in a variety of ways.
- The European Business and Language Centre is part of the college.
- Courses include GCSEs, A levels, access courses and vocational qualifications - a range of flexible learning services including full and part-time courses during the day, evening, flexi-study and distance/e-learning.
- The College is a key Teacher Training centre and also offers courses in Access to Education, Higher Education, Public Services, care, counselling, first aid, language skills, English and Maths workshops, IT and office skills - beginners and advanced and a range of professional studies including AAT and CIM.
- Specialisms include – Construction, Marine Engineering, Media and Design.

Links with Business and Training

South Kent College has a Management and Business Training Centre which offers employers and employees the option of in-company training.

Future Activities and Highlights

Plans for a proposed £25 million investment to South Kent College will strengthen its clear commercial advantage in developing significant business opportunities for the future in East Kent. This will further provide high quality education and training for employers and the local community.

For more information visit <http://www.southkent.ac.uk>