

WHY KENT?

Law student Ben Musio reflects

Transport- The county of Kent is situated in the south east of England with great coastal and historical attractions. The area is quite beneficial to those who are looking for opportunities to conduct business overseas as there are many transport links connecting our small island to the rest of the European union. The development of the international train stations (Ebbsfleet International, Ashford International) make commuting to mainland Europe much more feasible. You can also travel to France or Belgium from Dover where there are many ferries and other transport links that would enable a comfortable and a relatively easy journey to your required destination. With regards to domestic travel I can safely say that getting to any destination in Kent or further afield (London etc) can be done with relative ease. The South Eastern train service prides itself on its reliability and comfort of its passengers. For those who need to get to one part of the county in a rush the South Eastern train service have now introduced a high speed train service to all main destinations in Kent, So if you find that you have failed to set your alarm clock the night before the service could allow you to make that all important meeting in time!

Location- Kent is in a very good position for the conduct of your legal business. London is only a short train journey away from any destination in Kent. However you do not need to commute to London to find work or to open a law firm. There are many law firms and other businesses that provide first class legal service to the general public and to commerce. The Kent Law Society has many members from all over the county working in various legal roles such as solicitors, company secretaries, solicitor advocates, barristers and judges. With this community you will never be alone if you are in need of making contacts or links with other law firms. The community is extremely friendly and welcomes new members. Kent prides itself on its legal tradition so much so that the Law School at Kent University has made strong links with the Kent Law society. This partnership enables Kent students to gain access to the elite legal practitioners in the community. Speaking as a student myself I would say the contact with the Kent Law Society has been invaluable. The partnership also has its benefits for local legal practitioners, as there are always functions that provide a great networking opportunity to which I must admit the students try to take full advantage of however from a professional point of view this networking opportunity could lead to interesting partnerships and other job opportunities in the future.

Regarding recruitment, the Kent Law Society works hard to bring together candidates and employers for employment opportunities in the county. As I mentioned above Kent has various types of legal career opportunities and I believe that you would struggle to say that you couldn't find an area of law that you would be interested working with.

Some benefits of moving to the area-

- Attractive housing stock in all price ranges
- Extensive new developments, e.g. Chatham dockyard, Ashford Maidstone
- Family orientated environment
- Good schools in all areas, including Grammar and a range of private schools
- Fabulous attractions and family day outs (Deal beachfront, Dover Castle, Canterbury Cathedral)
- Shopping (Water Gate in Canterbury, Bluewater in Medway).