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IMPORTANT INFORMATION UK Parliamentary General Election 12th December 2019

Dear Student

Make sure you are registered to vote!

A UK Parliamentary General election is to be held on Thursday 12th December 2019 and if eligible, you must register by **Tuesday 26th November** in order to be able to vote in this election. You will not be permitted to vote in this election if you have not registered by the deadline. You must only vote **ONCE** in this election, it is a criminal offence to vote more than once. There will also be a Police & Crime Commissioner election on Thursday 7th May 2020. Voting is a great way to have your say, your vote could make a difference!

For many students, it could be logistically very difficult to return home to cast a vote on Polling day. To ensure that you do not lose your vote, as a student living away from home, you are entitled to be registered to vote from your term-time address <u>and</u> your home address (provided that these do not fall within the same area). Students from the UK, EU, Commonwealth, British Overseas Territories and British Crown Dependencies are all eligible to register to vote. However EU citizens are not eligible to vote in the Parliamentary election.

As mentioned above, in national elections such as a General Election or a Referendum, you must only vote once (from either address) and in local elections you may vote from both addresses (providing that they do not fall within the same local authority). Registering to vote is simple and if eligible to register to vote, you will shortly receive a registration form for you to please complete and return to us as soon as possible or alternatively you can register quickly and easily online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or call us on 01227 862007.

(If you do not know your National Insurance number or do not have one, please indicate this in the space provided on the form (box 7), or online select 'I can't provide a National Insurance number' and enter 'student' for the reason).

You may, if you wish, decide to only register at your home address. If you do not want to register in respect of your Canterbury address, it will assist us if you would please send an email to electoral.services@canterbury.gov.uk stating that you do not wish to register in the Canterbury district giving your name and **term time** student address in order that we may remove you from our system.

Please make sure you respond by registering to vote, or by contacting us to let us know that you do not wish to register.

If you have already responded for this academic year or are not eligible to register, please ignore this email.

Should you have any questions or need assistance with your registration, please do not hesitate to contact Electoral Services.

Yours faithfully

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Electoral Services Manager

For more information please visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

