

September 2025

KSU Insight & Policy Update



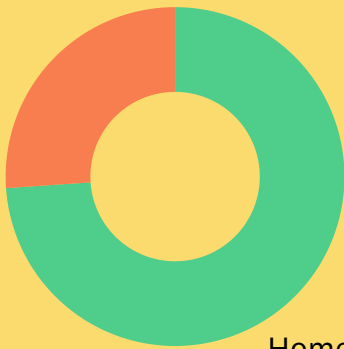
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KSU activities in September

**2,292 students attended our Freshers' Fair
on 24 September 2025.**

International students
26.1%

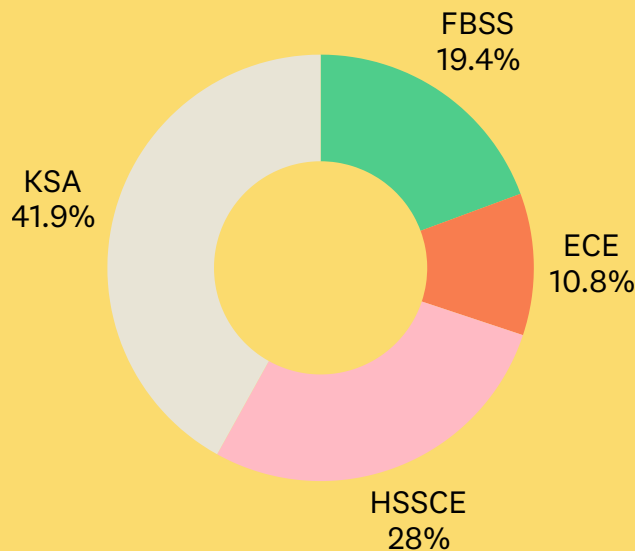


Home students
73.9%

Postgraduate
13%



Undergraduate
87%



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Student Officer updates



Hamza, President

- Governor's Training with Advance HE
- Welcoming new students at Freshers' Week
- Freshers's Fair and Vice Chancellor Tour



Canon, Vice President

- Welcoming new students at Freshers Week and induction sessions
- Student Group Training with societies and sports clubs committee members



Ckyra, Vice President

- Welcoming new students at Freshers Week
- Preparing Black History Month



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KSU insight this month

In April, we ran a successful [Annual Student Survey](#), which received 1,067 responses. Here are three things we learnt:

Reasons for not joining student groups

From the 56% of students who stated they've never been involved in student groups, 24% declared it's because they can't afford the membership fee.

Reducing this financial barrier is one of Canon's manifesto objectives, and he's begun exploring how to remedy this.

Student loneliness

9% of students do not have friends on their course, and they tend to have lower satisfaction levels.

We're currently supporting the development of new and existing [academic societies](#) to foster community and friendship.

Feeding into KSU campaigns

We heard that 56% of students have not had the opportunity to feed into KSU campaigns. We have since [revamped our website](#), to make it easier for students to get involved and run campaigns themselves. This includes a new Campaigns Toolkit and clarity on the purpose of Student Council.



What's going on across the HE sector?



Condition E6

The Office for Students enforces a new condition that must be met by all registered higher education providers: Condition E6, which covers subject matter relating to incidents of harassment and/or sexual misconduct which affect one or more students. A list of requirements under this Condition can be found [here](#).

The Condition sets out that providers must maintain a single comprehensive source of policies and procedures relating to incidents of harassment and sexual misconduct.

KU's policies and procedures can be found on this [link](#).

Disabled students

Recent reports consistently show that disabled students are more likely to be dissatisfied with their university experience, and to be disadvantaged by university policies.

- The 2025 National Student Survey show that disabled students - who make up 20 per cent of the student population in England - are consistently having less positive experience than non-disabled students.
- KSU's 2025 Annual Student Survey shows that disabled students are more likely to have lower satisfaction levels with KSU.

Students should be informed of their rights around [reasonable adjustments](#), and of KU's [programmes for disability and mental health support](#).



What's happening in October?

Black History Month

KSU is leading a month-long celebration of Black History Month, centring the theme of Black Health and Wellbeing.

We're spotlighting the importance of culturally competent healthcare and mental well-being for Black communities.



What's On?

Games Night with African & Caribbean Society – 1st October

Melanin Medics Workshop – Date TBC

Football Fundraiser for Sickle Cell Society – 25th October

Black Horror Movie Marathon – 27th October

Student Voice & Insight

Students can still register to [become a Course Rep](#) (until 12th October).

KSU will be delivering Rep training to all Course Reps.

We're also excited to launch Kingston, Have Your Say! Week, which will take place 27-31 October. Look out for us and Course Reps as we visit each campus, gathering student views on belonging and academic experience. Responses from this will feed directly into Student Voice Committees.

