



## Supply & Trading Discovery Day— learn about BP's School Leaver Programme

Join BP at their London office for a Discovery Day, where you'll get an insight into BP's business and the opportunities they have on offer for school and college leavers.



### Who is it for?

- This Supply & Trading Discovery Day is designed for Year 13 students.
- Students should also be expected to achieve 128 UCAS points from three A-levels or equivalent.

### When and where is it?

It's on **Tuesday 23 October**, so get your applications in! The session takes place at BP's offices in Canary Wharf, London. They'll cover up to £100 for travel expenses.

### What will you learn?

You will learn about BP's Supply and Trading strategy, the exciting challenges involved and different work streams. You'll walk the trading floor and get a chance to play BP's Commodities Trading Game - plus you'll hear from school leavers who already work for BP.



You will also be able to **apply for the Supply and Trading School Leaver Programme**. It's an alternative to university that gives you all the skills and experience you need to succeed in a business role.

**So what's the BP School Leaver Programme?** The programme is a five-year structured training and development programme with four job rotations in front office roles. Successful applicants have the opportunity to be involved in a wide range of commercial activity in our oil, gas and shipping sectors such as:

- Analysing market data.
- Working with product control.
- Supporting operations team on a trading bench.
- Working with the derivatives marketing team.
- Supporting commercial trading as part of a financial team.

**How can you apply for the Discovery Day?**

The application form is fairly straight forward; just fill out your education and personal details. If you've done work experience before, it's great to add that, but don't worry if you haven't. If you're expected to achieve 128 UCAS points and have an interest in business, BP wants to hear from you!

## The Cambridge Sixth Form Law Conference



The Cambridge Sixth Form Law Conference has run for over 40 years and gives 250 **Year 12** students the opportunity to experience Law as both an academic subject and a profession as well as give an idea of the life of a University of Cambridge undergraduate. The objective is not to hard sell either law or Cambridge but to give students an insight into the subject and university.

The conference will run from March 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the 2018 conference was £145 including accommodation and meals for the 4 days. The cost may increase slightly for the 2019 conference but financial assistance is available for those who need it and we work alongside the University of Cambridge admissions office to ensure that those who need it can receive it.



Booking for the 2019 conference will open on October 1<sup>st</sup>. You can read more about the conference and see the timetable from 2018 at our website

[www.cambridgesixthformlawconference.com](http://www.cambridgesixthformlawconference.com)

### What is The Russell Group?

This is the time of year when year 13 students are busily writing their personal statements and thinking about their university applications. Everyone has heard of the 'Russell Group' universities, but what does it actually mean. **Which? University** explains all.





The Russell Group is a catch-all term for a group of universities with a shared focus on research and a reputation for academic achievement.

The group is packed with the traditional 'red bricks' usually spotted near the top of the university league tables. Being a red brick isn't proof of a good university in itself, although they do generally have great reputations – a red brick simply refers to a group of universities that were given university charters in the 19th century and between 1900-1963.

There aren't any specifically different entry requirements for a Russell Group. Universities and courses all have their own entry requirements. But given their reputation for being cutting-edge, it makes sense that the entry requirements are likely to be high. Some universities choose not to be part of any group – and this shouldn't be viewed negatively.

### List of Russell Group universities

- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- Cardiff University
- Durham University
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- London School of Economics & Political Science
- University of Manchester
- Newcastle University
- University of Nottingham
- University of Oxford
- Queen Mary, University of London
- Queen's University Belfast
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University College London
- University of Warwick
- University of York



The Russell Group isn't the only university group out there – University Alliance is a group of 'business engaged' universities, while Million+ is a public policy think tank made up of universities.

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### What the Russell Group says:

Our students work with world-class experts, use first-rate libraries and facilities, are part of a highly motivated and talented peer group and often engage with cutting-edge research.

Graduate recruiters rank ten Russell Group universities in the top 30 universities worldwide, and Russell Group graduates typically receive a 10% salary 'top-up' over others. Why? Because the combination of teaching and research excellence creates the ideal learning environment which produces 'work-ready' graduates.

Providing a world-class student experience is a top priority for us and our universities have higher than average student satisfaction and the lower than average drop-out rates.

Wendy Piatt | Director General of The Russell Group

### Will going to a Russell Group uni get me a graduate job?

When it comes to getting a job, factors such as your grades, experience and interview will be the real clinchers. But a top class honours degree from a Russell Group university can give job applications a certain sparkle – and may open up some extra doors into competitive career sectors.

Russell Group universities offer a number of useful schemes that can make you 'work ready' when you come to apply for a job.

Some big name recruiters may concentrate on visiting Russell Group universities when running events or exhibiting at careers fairs, giving these students the edge in terms of tips and tactics.

<https://university.which.co.uk/advice/choosing-a-course/what-is-the-russell-group>

### Which Course / Which University?

# UCAS

The decision about which course to choose and which university to study at can be a daunting one. UCAS have some great advice to help make that decision a little easier.

### Comparing course content

Firstly, you will need to choose the type of course you'd like to study. If you don't know your options, you should look at the different course types and entry requirements.

If you have already decided on the type of course you would like to study, here are some things to consider when comparing different courses, and different universities.



1. Look at the modules covered in each course and identify which ones are most interesting, or relevant to your career aspiration.
2. How many lectures are there, and how much group work will be done in seminars?
3. What does the assessment at the end of each module look like? Exams, coursework, presentations, or a combination of all three?
4. Who are the tutors, and are they experts in areas you want to learn about?
5. When choosing a course, remember that not all courses with the same name are identical in content.

## Comparing course providers and locations



There are many ways you can research a university, conservatoire, or college, including reading their website or prospectus, looking at online reviews, and social media channels, but ideally you should see the campus, city, and course lecturers for yourself. Universities and colleges run open days throughout the year – look at their websites to find a list of open days.

Once you have shortlisted the different universities and colleges offering the course you are interested in, there are a number of things to consider when comparing each one:

1. What subject areas do they specialise in?
2. Can you study part of your course abroad, or get help with work placements?
3. Discover what studying at a UK college is like, and how it differs to studying at university.
4. Do they have sports facilities or societies that you would want to join?
5. How near to home, a city centre, or the countryside are they?
6. What accommodation is available for students?

## Subject and university reviews



As well as talking through your ideas and plans with family, friends, teachers or advisers, you can find other opinions online. Take the time to check what other people think by

visiting the following:

1. Get a student viewpoint at **Unistats** – perfect for subject and course provider reviews.
2. Read uni and college reviews from the **Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education**.
3. Check league tables that rank university and colleges. Make sure you check the sources though, as some

can be biased. **The Guardian**, **The Times**, and **The Complete University Guide** are some of the more impartial places to look.

4. Look at the government's **Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF)** for ratings on teaching quality, learning environment, as well as student outcomes.

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/choosing-course/how-choose-between-undergraduate-courses-and-unis>



There are a range of apprenticeships advertised weekly via the Harlow College and Hertford Regional College websites.

<http://www.harlow-college.ac.uk/study-options/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies>

<https://www.hrc.ac.uk/apprenticeships/apprenticeship-vacancies>

Here is a selection of the positions on offer. For further details on each apprenticeship please visit the website.

### I.T. Infrastructure Apprentice

The successful IT Apprentice candidate will learn how to build, manage & troubleshoot a complete network infrastructure including hardware, software, firewalls, switches, virtualization, VPN, cloud-hosted services, web filtering asset management, log file management, change control, cyber security, information security & compliance. Full training.

Location: Bishop's Stortford

Closing Date: 14/10/2018

Employer Name: HD Clinical Ltd

Ref: 1458178

### Adult Care Assistant Apprentice Level 2

A care apprentice is required to assist with and undertake the daily care needs of the residents of the home and to assist towards the smooth running of the facility. You will be required to undertake a wide range of personal care and domestic duties offering residents assistance with tasks they have difficulty in undertaking for themselves.

Location: Stansted

Closing Date: 14/10/2018

Employer Name: Broome End Care Home (Part of Ashbourne Senior Living)

Ref: 1452042

To search for nationwide apprenticeships visit:  
<http://www.gettingofar.gov.uk/>

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