

Education (Mobility)

Study UK open day Mumbai and Pune - West India (Schools)

7-11 August 2023

Report – Study UK open day in Mumbai and Pune West India

Introduction: British Council organised schools tour to the cities of Mumbai and Pune from 07-11 August 2023. We received an overwhelming response from the UK HEPs with 53 expressions of interest, to participate in the UK Open Day. Spaces for the programme was offered on a first-come, first-served basis (based upon EOIs received).

LIST OF PARTICIPATING DELEGATES

S.NO	Name of the University	Name of the delegate
1	Aston University	Shannen Tyra Fernandes
2	Birmingham City University	Srishti Birla
3	Brunel University London	Priyanka Dhote
4	University of Birmingham	Navjyot Kaur
5	University of Chester	Sameeksha Pardeshi
6	City, University of London	Priyanka Ramesh Ghuge
7	University of East Anglia	Arpit Ajmera
8	University of East London	Sumona Choudhury
9	University of Essex	Vaishnavi Kotiyal
10	University of Hertfordshire	Ms Anjali Kapoor
11	King's College London	Dolan Mitra
12	University of Leeds	Manisha tanwar
13	Leeds Arts University	Krutika Parmar
14	Leeds Beckett University	Kunal Hulbe
15	University of Nottingham	Parul Chauhan
16	Newcastle University	Gabriella Nazareth
17	Northumbria University	Kanika Trikha
18	Manchester Metropolitan University	Prudhvi Varada
19	University of Portsmouth	Angita Vikram
20	Queen Mary University of London	Mishi Sardana
21	Swansea University	Supriya Arora
22	University of Surrey	Mayuri Rajput
23	University of Westminster	Manisha Khatee
24	University of York	Akansa Prisca

LIST OF HOST SCHOOLS:

Mumbai		
Date	Name of the Schools	No. of Participants
07 August	Nahar International School	200
	The Universal School	240
08 August	Cathedral & John Connon School	75
	B.D. Somani International School	100
09 August	DY Patil International School, Nerul, Navi Mumbai	200
	Reliance Foundation School, Koparkhairane	300
Pune		
10 August	Mansukhbhai Kothari National School	300
	Trinity International School	250
11 August	Symbiosis International School	150
	Indus International School	200
	Total	2015

Format: At all schools the universities promoted the UK generically while hosting students at helpdesks to answer more specific queries.

Panel discussions on '**Factors that define an Excellent UG Application and writing a statement of purpose**' at **Reliance Foundation School** and **DY Patil International School** with 3 UK universities representing as a part of the panel at each school.

The panel discussion gave prospective students insights on one of the most important aspects of the application process. The panel's expertise on application requirements, statement of purpose, scholarships the difference in the admission process in UK to other countries, etc. provided students with authentic information.

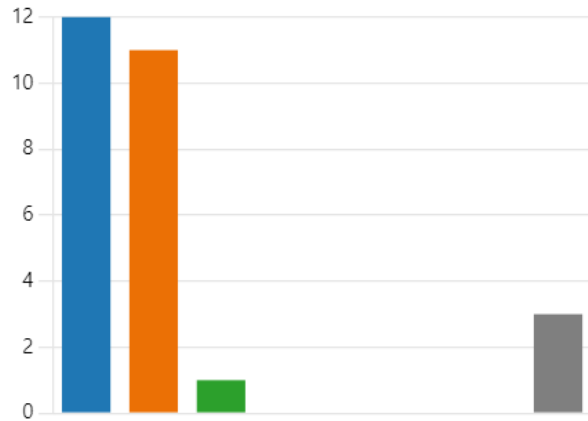
The thoughtful responses of the panellists to the queries on the importance of discovering their passion for a subject and staying engaged with it have undoubtedly empowered the students to make more informed decisions about their career choices and professional journeys. However, we do wish we could have had a bit more time to interact and delve deeper into discussions with the delegates - **Alok Katdare, Principal, Reliance Foundation School**

Summary:

- The school tour was joined by **24 UK universities**. Over **2000 students** from **10 schools** from Mumbai and Pune participated and engaged with UK universities.
- Overall, the school tour was a success, with excellent feedback from the schools and the UK university delegates. They look forward to future collaborations and are delighted to work with the British Council on a various other programmes and activities.
- Following the school visit, we requested feedback and experience-sharing from representatives of the participating UK universities. The details of the responses received are as below:

1. By participating in the Study UK Open Day your objectives were met?

● Strongly agree	12
● Agree	11
● Somewhat agree	1
● Neither agree not disagree	0
● Somewhat disagree	0
● Disagree	0
● Strongly disagree	0
● Other	3



2. Which of the following were your reasons for participating in this trip?

● Recruitment	19
● Profile raising	19
● Market insights	19
● Other	1



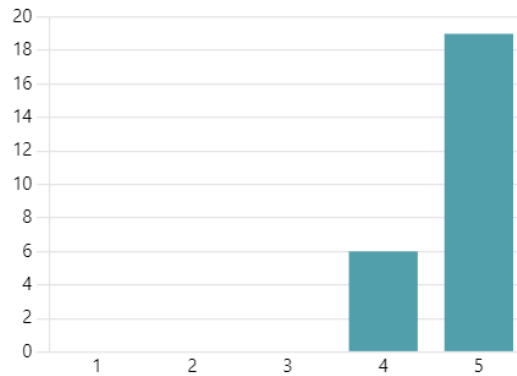
3. What is your assessment of the students at the Study UK open day ?

● Excellent	9
● Very Good	12
● Good	4
● Average	0
● Below Average	0



4. How would you rate the support to your business needs provided by the British Council? Please note 1 is lowest and 5 is highest.

4.76
Average Rating



Feedback from the participating UK Universities:

Fantastic Job by British Council for this one-of-a-kind tour on HS engagements. Keeping the profiling of Russell Groups in mind ahead we do look forward to participating in events with quality schools.

Gabriella Nazareth – Newcastle University

The event was overall quite productive and were organised very systematically. Looking forward to more events hosted by the British Council, in cities like Bangalore/ Delhi and South India.

Shannen Tyra Fernandes - Aston University

The British Council devised a meticulous arrangement. Because of the smaller group size, it is easier to communicate with colleagues from the same industry about the newest trends, insights and so on.

Priyanka Ramesh Ghuge - City, University of London

It was a good experience as I got to visit different schools and understand the UG market. It also gave a clear understanding of which schools can be targeted for UG courses. I'd love to work with you again.

Angita Vikram - University of Portsmouth

It was an amazing experience! I loved the way it was wonderfully organized and well executed study tour of 5 days.

Navjyot Kohli - University of Birmingham

More active participation from class 11th and 12th graders. Overall, it was a good initiative by the British council team.

Vaishnavi Kotiyal - University of Essex

Feedback from the host schools:

Our students were very happy with their interaction with the representatives and am sure this will help them make good choices for their applications. **Poonam Pagay – Career Counsellor, Symbiosis International School**

The UK Fair was very received by our students & parents, and you can expect a lot of applications from our school students. **Sandhya Kamble – Career Counsellor, Indus International School**

Our forthcoming programme: Following the success of the West India Schools Tour, we plan to host schools tour 2.0 in November/December 2023 in South India. The information will be published soon on our website for registration and more information.

Snapshots:

