

# ***MDS Open Days 2019***

***Celebrating the work MDS has  
been doing for over 30 years,  
developing high calibre people for  
the food, fresh produce,  
horticultural and agricultural  
sectors.***

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MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**In February and March 2019, MDS will be hosting two open days to encourage new members to join as the number of trainees increases.**

Each event will include:

- Presentation from Christine Tacon, MDS Chair
  - Overview of MDS
  - How MDS develops talent and why it works for businesses such as Aldi, Barfoots, BASF, G's Fresh and PepsiCo International
  - The MDS apprenticeship, now available to members' employees
- Presentations from member companies as well as current and past trainees
- Time for questions and conversations with the presenters and MDS team
- Sector update:
  - February: BASF, agrochemicals
  - March: Chia Co, health food

***Dates and times:***

**10.00am - 1.30pm (buffet lunch available)**

**14 February 2019**

BASF, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire (SATNAV postcode SK8 6PT)

**7 March 2019**

The Orchards, East Malling, Kent (Satnav postcode ME19 6BH)

***RSVP***

To RSVP or for any queries, please contact

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***About MDS***

MDS is a unique partnership of companies that was formed 32 years ago, to attract high calibre recruits with management potential into the fresh food, produce, horticulture and arable supply chain. Since then, MDS has seen over 350 trainees complete its graduate scheme, designed to equip young people with the experience and training to rapidly become senior business leaders within the industry. In recent years, the number of graduates recruited has been increasing to meet the looming skills gap, meaning that by 2020 MDS will be providing the industry with 30 aspiring managers annually.

For many years MDS has been the "secret weapon" of the fresh produce industry, however MDS is now broadening its reach to the wider food and fresh produce supply chain. Today its membership includes retail, agrochemical and food processing businesses, providing trainees with an even broader view of the industry.