



Meet Robert Christie

Graduate Chemical Engineer

Johnson Matthey

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BCECA members provide engineering, design, procurement, project management and construction services to the process and energy industries worldwide. Robert Christie is a Graduate Chemical Engineer who joined Johnson Matthey in 2019

Founded in 1817, Johnson Matthey (JM) is a global leader in sustainable technologies. With a vision to make the world cleaner and healthier, now and for future generations, the FTSE listed company applies cutting-edge science to create solutions for customers all over the world. JM's outstanding scientific expertise ensures sustained growth and value creation, enabling cleaner air, improved health and more efficient use of natural resources. Through its continued investment in research and development, JM is tackling the world's big challenges into its third century and beyond.

Inspiration

"My start point was a desire to make a tangible contribution to the world around me. There is no progress without technological progress and I always wanted to be a part of that. I chose to study chemical engineering at University of Birmingham because the subject plays a vital role in many different energy and chemical process technologies.

Career opportunities

"I graduated with a Masters Degree. My studies provided me with a solid grounding in process systems engineering and gave me the problem solving and critical thinking skills that are needed to succeed with a global company like JM. I was thrilled to secure a position on the graduate training programme and it has been an amazing experience right from day one. I've used simulation software to help develop project proposals for clients in China and Russia and I'm really looking forward to working on site at some point in the future."

Commitment to professionalism

"Another great thing about JM is the company's commitment to continuing professional development. JM will give me the opportunity to work across the UK with a variety of business units and technology specialists. In the future I will get the chance to commission projects and liaise directly with clients, using my knowledge and skill to create sustainable business solutions. My next goal is to become a Chartered Chemical Engineer certified by the Institution of Chemical Engineers. Professionalism is really important to BCECA member companies like JM, and it's important to me too. Securing this recognition will provide clear evidence of my competence and commitment to ethical and sustainable engineering practice that will build a cleaner, healthier world."

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