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“Allowing customers to collect points that can be redeemed for discounts on a future purchase is likely to boost the number of repeat visitors. Meanwhile, retailers that offer sought-after benefits to members, such as complementary extended warranties, exclusive special offers and free or discounted after-sales services can effectively encourage consumers to think shop first rather than price first.”

– Sara Ballaben, Technology Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- How is the high street evolving to compete with online pureplays?
- How can retailers encourage consumers to think shop first?

What you need to know

Consumer education and the entertainment of digitally savvy shoppers have become essential parts of the in-store shopping experience, as retailers try to encourage consumers to think shop first rather than price first.

As the nature of connected eco-systems boosts consumers' loyalty, retailers can further nurture this shop-first mindset by launching membership programmes that offer sought-after benefits to members, such as extended warranties, special offers and set-up/installation services.

Scope of the report

This report investigates the process of researching and buying technology products in the UK, with a focus on online and offline channels used, and potential strategies to convert shoppers into buyers.

For the purpose of this report, the phrase 'technology products' refers to four product categories surveyed and researched by Mintel – desktop/laptop computers, smartphones, tablets and televisions.

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