

FAQ's For Parents and Guardians

Q. WHAT IS A GUARDIAN STATEMENT AND WHY DO I NEED TO FILL THIS OUT?

A. This is a short reference from the parent/guardian of the student applying to the programme. The statement should confirm that the student is permitted by you, the parent/guardian, to attend the course. It can also include some information on how the student might benefit from attending the programme and what relevant interests or skills they may have.

Q. WHAT ARE THE DATA AND PHOTO CONSENT FORMS

A. Upon successful application we will ask for your consent, and the consent of the student, for photographs to be taken during the programme. We will also ask you to agree to us storing and using the personal data of the student, in accordance with our privacy notice. We use these photographs and data to help support the running and planning of our programmes, to secure future funding for the Makerspace and promote existing programmes. More information about this policy can be found [here](#).

Q. ARE THERE ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAMME FOR THE STUDENT?

A. No. All Outreach programmes are free to attend. Please note, however, that we are unable to cover your transport costs to and from the Makerspace, and you, or the applicant, is responsible for organising getting to and from the Makerspace. Please contact us via email makerspace@imperial.ac.uk if you need any advice.

Q. WILL THE STUDENT NEED TO TAKE TIME OFF SCHOOL TO ATTEND?

A. No. The Maker Challenge Programme takes place during evenings and weekends, outside of school hours.

Q. DOES THE STUDENT NEED TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORM?

A. No. The students can of course wear their uniform if they wish, especially if they're coming straight from school but this is not required. It is important that all students wear flat comfortable shoes with completely covered toes. All long hair must be tied back.

Q. DO THE STUDENTS NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH/SNACKS?

A. No. During the Maker Challenge Programme sessions a lunch/dinner and snacks will be provided for the students. It is essential that you let us know of any allergies or dietary requirements in advance, so we can cater for this.

Q. DO THE STUDENTS NEED TO BUY MATERIALS OR BRING ANYTHING WITH THEM?

A. No. All materials and tools are provided during the programme, however students might wish to bring in bits and pieces from home to work on or incorporate into their projects. This is entirely up to them!

Q. ARE ALL SESSIONS MANDATORY?

A. Yes. Each session of the programme covers learning a particular new skill or a particular tool. In order for students to access all the available equipment it is important to attend each session. If you are concerned that the student may need to miss a session or be late/leave early please do contact us.

Q. CAN I SEE THE MAKERSPACE?

A. Yes. On the first day of the programme we welcome and encourage parents/guardians to come into the space to see where the students will be making and tinkering. At the end of the programme you will be invited, along with other friends and family, to a finale event which will showcase the students' work.

Please note, however, that the Makerspace itself is not open to the public on a day to day basis. If you would like to visit or come and meet us outside of these times, please do email us at makerspace@imperial.ac.uk and we can arrange to show you around.

Q. MY STUDENT/SON/DAUGHTER HAS A SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL NEED/CONDITION - CAN THEY STILL TAKE PART?

A. Yes, of course. We have worked with lots of students with a variety of skills, backgrounds and experiences. Please contact us if you would like to discuss your student's specific requirements and we can plan how we can best accommodate them.