Imperial College London

1. **Go to the Maker Challenge webpage and click on the application form link.**

2. **Create a login**
   You will need to create an 'Aspire' account to be able to access the application form. The first thing you need to do is click on 'create an account link'. Then enter your personal details: name and date of birth.

   You will also need to enter an email address. It is fine to use your personal email from your school if you have one. If you don't have an email address, then please do create one (e.g. via google). You can also use a parent or guardians email address, but of you do so, they will need to verify the account for you (step 3).

3. **Verify your 'Aspire account'**
   You'll get an email from outreach@imperial.ac.uk to the email address you used in step 2. Click on the link in that email to verify the account. You will be redirected back to the sign in page of Aspire. Use the email address and password you created to sign in.

4. **Fill in the information on your 'Aspire account'**
   You will need to complete your personal information (make sure to read and agree to the data protection policy), your school information and finally your parent or guardian details.
   Make sure to press save.
   You're now ready to apply to the Maker Challenge Programme.

5. **Apply to Maker Challenge Programme.**
   Click on 'select programme'. Choose the "Maker Challenge" option.
   'Choose a start date' - a start date should automatically come up for the programme you have selected.

   (For the 'summer intensive maker challenge' programme you will be given two dates to choose from – please select the one that you most wish to attend)

SOME NOTES ON FILLING IN YOUR APPLICATION

You may need some extra info from parents/guardians and teachers. For example you will be asked about level of household income and whether your parents attended university.

There is a question about whether you are a carer with caring responsibilities. Please read the description within the application to see if this applies to you.

We also ask you to submit a personal statement – please don't worry, we don't want you to be intimidated by this and we don't use this to choose applicants. We are just very curious about what you already make or would like to make. It helps us plan to have the correct materials and tools in the space. You needn't write more than 250 words, but it is entirely up to you. You can tell us for example; why you want to join, if there is anything you enjoy making in particular, any relevant hobbies you enjoy, how the programme may help you in the future, or even something which you think is interesting about yourself that you would like to share.

If you have any trouble applying to the Maker Challenge Programme have a look at our **FAQs** on the Maker Challenge webpage.

If you are having trouble applying you can also come to a drop-in sessions at our Makerspace. This is on Tuesdays 4-6pm. However, please let us know in advance so we can make sure we're in!

You can also email: makerspace@imperial.ac.uk or call: 0207 594 8169