

# To Bring List

This document is intended for both students competing and supervisors organising; some items are only applicable for the UK National finals and none are mandatory; however these are what we consider the essentials for a good experience.

Competitors	
Item	Notes
<b>Food</b>	Lunch is provided at the National Finals however, you may wish to supplement this so we recommend you to bring something to eat during the day. For Regional Competitions, please bring your own lunch. Please do not bring anything messy or liable to stain; UKSDC does not want to be barred from a venue! We do provide pizza for dinner.
<b>Drink</b>	Hydration is important! A tap is available at each event so bring a bottle. Depending on whether you intend to work late at overnight events or not, sugary drinks/energy drinks can be a useful asset.
<b>Internet Enabled Devices</b>	Teams will be required to design a presentation for the judges during the competition, for which they will use a software such as Google Sheets or Powerpoint. Therefore, having laptops in the team is a very valuable resource. We do strive to provide one static computer per room, but this cannot always be assured and so bringing a device to work on is essential. UKSDC is also moving more of its resources online to save paper so having access to the UKSDC website will be useful.
<b>Chargers</b>	Keep your devices topped up; you'll be going through your battery at a rate of knots!
<b>Calculator</b>	This competition uses a lot of numbers and quite often it's quicker to use a calculator than try and do it in your head!
<b>Overnight Bag / Washkit</b>	For the UK Nationals you will have a room booked overnight, we highly recommend trying to get some sleep and freshening up before the presentations.
<b>Appropriate Clothing</b>	For the most part, competing is a casual environment in which students can choose to wear whatever they please. That being said, many companies choose to

	dress more professionally for their presentations and during elections for leadership roles, so bringing a suit or similar is not a bad idea. There is absolutely no requirement to wear school uniform.
<b>Power Strip</b>	In some venues there are not enough wall outlets for everyone's chargers. You may want to consider bringing a safe power strip (with a lead) to move sockets to you and get you a few more places to charge up. Please do not bring anything that could be unsafe or a fire hazard.
<b>Drafting Tools</b>	Pens, pencils, paper, rulers... the list goes on. We will try to provide rooms with whiteboards and whiteboard markers for collaborative drawings, but bringing your own won't hurt.
<b>Appropriate Software</b>	Ensure that any software you want to use is either completely cloud based or installed on your machine before you arrive. The wifi in some venues is not strong enough to handle large downloads.
<b>A Scanner App</b>	Several of these are available for phones and they are very useful for cleanly transferring drawings onto the final presentation.
<b>Headphones</b>	Some competitors need to be able to focus and do so by drowning out background noise.
<b>Teachers</b>	
<b>Marking and Admin</b>	Teachers: you're not going to have much to do, I'm afraid. Offering moral support should be about the limit of your remit when it comes to helping the students. We strive to make this, as much as possible, an independent learning experience for students and so ask you to only provide technical advice at arm's length. Many teachers find this a good time to power through a week's marking, so there's some consolation.
<b>A Camera</b>	We understand that lots of schools would like to document some of the events for school newsletters at the like. However, we must stress that you cannot photograph students from other schools and so we ask that you wait until the end of the event day to take photos, once the students can get away from their company rooms and have their certificates.