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**General Questions**

**Can you tell us a bit about yourself – who you are, what you are studying, and current academic year?**  
I am Ishan Kanodia, currently pursuing a Bachelor of Technology in Aerospace Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur. I am entering my final year of study and have a deep interest in aerodynamics and data science. My academic journey is driven by curiosity and a strong desire to apply engineering principles to solve real-world challenges.

**Why did you choose to apply for the WMG Summer School programme?**  
I applied for the WMG Summer School to gain international exposure, work on interdisciplinary projects, and learn from a diverse group of peers and mentors. The programme’s focus on innovation, practical learning, and sustainability aligned perfectly with my interests. I also saw it as an opportunity to experience the UK academic environment and explore how advanced research is integrated with industry.

**What has been your favourite module so far on the programme and why?**  
I had the opportunity to work on the AI-enabled Digital Forensics project, which explored how artificial intelligence can enhance investigative processes in a sustainable way. I particularly enjoyed the hands-on experience with 3D printers — it was fascinating to see how additive manufacturing can support both innovation and sustainability. The combination of real-world applications, engaging discussions, and practical activities made the module especially impactful.

**UK Site Visit Questions**

**What were your first impressions of the university and the campus?**  
My first impression of the University of Warwick was that it felt like a vibrant, inclusive, and forward-thinking place. The campus was beautifully green, modern, and well-equipped with world-class facilities, making it the ideal environment for learning and collaboration.

**Can you tell us about one of the site visits or a lesson in the UK that you’ve found particularly inspiring? What were your key takeaways?**  
One of the most inspiring lessons came during our time working on a research project in the lab. While developing the AI-enabled Digital Forensics project, I learned how important patience and collaboration are in real-world problem solving. It wasn’t just about applying technical knowledge — it was about working through uncertainty, experimenting, and learning from setbacks. The life lesson I took away was that research is as much about perseverance and teamwork as it is about innovation. That mindset shift has been truly valuable for me.

**How have the UK site visits influenced your perspective?**  
The visits broadened my view of how engineering solutions are implemented globally. I saw how cutting-edge research can translate directly into industry applications, and it inspired me to approach problems more holistically — considering economic, environmental, and social impacts simultaneously.

**Career Questions**

**How do you think you will benefit from the knowledge and skills you’ve gained on this programme?**  
The programme sharpened my problem-solving, critical thinking, and cross-cultural collaboration skills. Exposure to industry-driven modules and hands-on workshops has prepared me to tackle multidisciplinary challenges. These experiences will be immensely valuable as I pursue a career at the intersection of aerospace engineering and sustainable innovation. I might also consider a Masters Degree.

**Personal Growth**

**How have your experiences so far on the WMG Summer School contributed to your personal growth?**  
The Summer School helped me grow both academically and personally. Living and learning in a global environment enhanced my adaptability and communication skills. It also gave me greater confidence to share ideas, work in diverse teams, and take initiative on collaborative projects.

**Recommendations**

**Would you recommend this programme to other students? If so, why?**  
Absolutely. The WMG Summer School is a perfect blend of academic rigour, industrial exposure, and cultural exchange. It challenges you to think globally and act practically. I’d recommend it to any student looking to expand their horizons and develop a global outlook.

**What has been the most memorable moment of your time here?**  
The most memorable moment was working in the lab with my labmates on the project. The mix of intense focus, creative problem-solving, and shared laughter made it an unforgettable experience. It wasn’t just about completing a project — it was about building friendships, learning from each other, and truly enjoying the process of innovation together.

**What advice would you give to someone considering applying?**  
Come with an open mind and be ready to step out of your comfort zone. Engage with peers, ask questions, and make the most of every learning and networking opportunity. It’s truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.