



The Forest Hackathon - by Koen, Karim and Georgii

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Introduction

The Forest School Hackathon is an exciting event for students who love coding and web development. Join us on July 2nd for a day of creativity, collaboration, and innovation. Whether you're competing, learning from mentors, or showcasing your skills, there's something for everyone. Get ready for a fun and inspiring tech experience! There are more details below.

How Does It Work?

Participating in The Forest School Hackathon is easy and fun! Here's a step-by-step guide to help you get started:

1. Sign Up:

- Visit our official Hackathon page: At <https://theforestcoding.live/> and click register.
- Fill out the registration form with your details.
- Select your team after registering: Blue are those who are at any skill level and not competing, White are anyone who is at any skill level and competing, or Yellow are those who are being taught and are beginners.

2. Preparation:

- For Blue Team participants, prepare to learn the basics of web development. No prior experience is necessary!
- For White Team participants, get ready for a competitive environment. Brush up on your coding skills and prepare for the challenge.
- For Yellow Team participants, think about the projects you want to work on and gather any resources you might need. Don't sweat, there will be mentors and teachers!

3. Event Day:

- Arrive to the school hall by the end of the first break
- Participate in the opening ceremony, where you'll hear from our speakers and learn about the schedule for the day.
- Follow the timetable provided to ensure you're in the right place at the right time for your team's activities.
- For White Team, submit your project by 2:30 PM for judging.
- Join us for the closing ceremony and awards presentation.

For more details and updates, visit our website at <https://theforestcoding.live> or if you have any specific inquiries, please shoot us an email at:

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Competition Rules

Originality:

- All work must be original and developed during the Hackathon.
- Intellectual Property: Participants retain full ownership of their creations.
- As use of Artificial Intelligence rises, we feel it is important to state ALL forms of AI used, including ChatGPT, Gemini, Copilot, Codeium and other forms, will result in an immediate disqualification of all projects, legitimate or not.

Tools and Resources:

- Use of open-source libraries is permitted but must be appropriately and clearly credited.
- Any use of third-party services or APIs should comply with their terms of service.
- There isn't a limit to the number of APIs that can be used.

Submissions:

- Projects must be submitted by the announced deadline. Submissions must be on time to be considered.
- Any projects submitted past the submission deadline will not be considered for judging.

Fair Play:

- Any form of cheating, including plagiarism, will result in the disqualification of ALL projects from you, whether legitimate or not, as stated above, this does include use of AI.
- All participants must ensure their work is done within the spirit of fair competition.

Note: The Forest School Hackathon organizers reserve the right to make changes to the rules and schedule as necessary. Participants will be notified of any changes.

Judging and prizes

- Judges will assess each project on a scale of 1 to 10, and the project's score will be averaged.

Prizes:

- 1st Place: £20 Amazon voucher
- 2nd Place: £15 Amazon voucher
- 3rd Place: £10 Amazon voucher



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Judging Criteria(s)

Innovation and Originality

- Does the website introduce a new concept or an inventive way of solving a problem? - How creative and unique is the approach?

Technical Complexity

- How technically challenging was the project to implement? - Does the project demonstrate a high level of coding expertise and understanding of the technologies used?

Design and User Experience

- Is the project designed intuitively and does it provide a seamless user experience? - Are the user interface and visuals appealing and accessible?

Functionality and Performance

- Does the project work as intended without any technical issues? - How well does the project perform under different conditions? Are there any logic errors?

Presentation and Pitch

- How effectively did the team communicate their idea and the value of their project? - Was the presentation well-structured and the argument compelling?

Completeness and Polish

- Is the project complete, or does it feel like a work in progress? - Are there any features or touches that give the project a polished feel?

Special Thanks From Us

- We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Gouws for her invaluable assistance in organizing the event. Your support has been crucial in making this hackathon a success.
- A warm thank you to Isaac Chow and Arthur Leung from year 11 for providing valuable feedback on the website. Your insights have been essential in helping us enhance and improve the overall user experience. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.
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- We sincerely appreciate the journalists for attending and covering our event, helping to share our students' achievements with the wider community.
- A big thank you to Mr. Merv Boniface from the Green Party for joining us as a special guest and judge, adding prestige and insight to our event.
- Finally, our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Austin, our headteacher, for her continuous support and encouragement, which has been instrumental in making this event possible.



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Final Words

Thank you for registering for The Forest School Hackathon! We are excited to have you join us for a remarkable journey of innovation, learning, and creativity.

Please look out for our upcoming emails as we'll be sharing resources, schedules, and other news.

Happy coding!

Warm regards,

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Year 10 students of the Forest School, Winnersh

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