



## SUMMER CAMP FAQ'S

### **What are camp hours?**

All camps run from Monday to Friday and start at 9.30. You can choose to finish at 1PM or 3PM.

### **How much do they cost?**

The 9.30 – 1PM camps cost €130 for 1 or €120 for siblings.

The 9.30 – 3PM camps cost €180 for 1 or €165 for siblings.

### **Who delivers the courses?**

Whizzkids uses teachers with strong IT skills or Computer Science/IT graduates with a passion for inspiring young coders.

### **What is your level of staff at each camp?**

Camps are capped at 60 attendees per week, broken up into three groups of 20. Each group will have a teacher and a teaching assistant. The camps are further supported by the general manager who visits the centres throughout the summer.

### **Will children be supervised at all times?**

Yes the children will be supervised at all times. This includes during lunch and break times.

We implement a buddy system for 8-10 year olds so that they will not be alone at any time, e.g. if they need to visit the toilet during class time.

### **Do they need to be strong at computers before they can attend?**

No. Although most children have had some exposure to computers before they attend a Whizzkids summer camp, few will have undertaken any web design work before. Naturally, the older the attendee the quicker their group will proceed, but all will start with a blank sheet and will build their website from scratch.

### **How are classes organised?**

Groups are organised by age. Even if someone is advanced for their age in terms of computing ability we feel they should be with the peers for all the other activities and organise the groups accordingly. Whilst we cannot forecast exactly who will book in any particular week, the 3 groups largely fall into the following categories: 8-10 year olds, 11-12 year olds, 13-15 year olds. In some of the smaller venues there may be only 2 groups and the age spread will be wider.

**What is the boy/girl breakdown?**

Again, we cannot forecast exactly what numbers will book into any particular week, however the pattern over the years shows approx 60/40 boy/girl breakdown.

**Do the children need to bring their own equipment?**

For hygiene reasons we ask that they bring their own ear/headphones. All other equipment is provided. Each student will have access to their own computer.

**What do they need to bring with them to the summercamps?**

You may bring a packed lunch or hot lunches are available for purchase on campus.

As summers can be unpredictable weather wise, we ask that you bring appropriate clothing, i.e. in the event of sunshine, bring plenty of fluids, sun block and hats and rain jackets if it is showery.

**What is a typical day like?**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30-11:00	Digital Skills 1	Digital Skills 1	Digital Skills 1	Digital Skills 1	Digital Skills 1
11:00-11:15	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:15-12:00	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports	Sports
12:00-13:00	Digital Skills 2	Digital Skills 2	Digital Skills 2	Digital Skills 2	Digital Skills 2
13:00-13:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:30-14:00	Whizzkids Academy	Whizzkids Academy	Whizzkids Academy	Whizzkids Academy	Digital Skills 3
14:00-15:00	Digital Skills 3	Digital Skills 3	Digital Skills 3	Digital Skills 3	Presentation

**Does the weather have an impact on the camps?**

Whizzkids summer camps are a mix of indoor and outdoor activities. Weather permitting, we will spend plenty of time out in the fresh air. However, if it is wet outside sports are cancelled, we move our movie-making indoors and everyone is kept busy with plenty of alternative spy missions to complete.