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. (Items in grey are suggested but non-critical)

Competitors	
Item	**Notes**
Food	Lunch is not provided at regional heats (at Nationals some is provided although you may wish to supplement this) so we recommend you to bring something to eat during the day. 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. Allergies are catered for, please do notify us ahead.
Drink	Hydration is important! A tap is available at each event so bring a bottle. A thermos with tea can be a good option.
Internet Enabled Devices	We have found that competitors prefer to build their final presentation and share resources on the *cloud*. 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 at least one laptop is essential for making a presentation. UKSDC is also trying to move more of its resources online to save paper so having access to the UKSDC website will be useful.
Chargers	Keep your devices topped up; you'll be going through your battery at a rate of knots!
USB Sticks	These can be much quicker to transfer documents between team members than waiting for uploads and downloads from a cloud service. It is also good to have offline copies in case the wifi goes out or is overloaded.
Calculator	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!

Overnight Bag / Washkit	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.
Power Strip	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.
Drafting Tools	Pens, pencils, paper, rulers… the list goes on.
Appropriate Software	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 and a lot of your time can be wasted reading through EULAs.
A Scanner App	Several of these are available for phones and they are very useful for cleanly transfering drawings onto the final presentation.
Headphones	Some competitors need to be able to focus and do so by drowning out background noise.
The UKSDC Book	If you have it. This book is packed full of useful tips and tricks for the competition. The book is available from Amazon.co.uk.
Teachers	
Marking and Admin	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.