Information for Parents & Guardians

The **Cosmos & Sustainability Influencers (CSI) Hackathon** is a **safe, school-based online learning programme** designed for **students aged 10–16**. It combines creativity, technology, and sustainability education in a structured and supportive environment.

Your child participates **through their school**, with the **active presence and guidance of their class educator**, and with continuous support from the CSI team.

🌍 What Is the CSI Hackathon?

The CSI Hackathon is a **10-day educational challenge**, where students learn by **creating digital projects** rather than taking exams.

During the programme, students:

- Explore topics such as **space, the environment, and sustainability**
- Learn how to express ideas through **videos, podcasts, infographics, blogs, and digital campaigns**
- Work individually and in small teams
- Build confidence, communication skills, and digital literacy

No previous experience with technology or media is required.

🧠 How Does Learning Take Place?

The programme uses a **hybrid learning model**, designed to fit naturally into the school routine.

🟦 **Live Sessions (During Class Time)**

- Take place **online during school hours**
- **Led by the class educator**
- Supported by the CSI facilitation team
- Focus on discussion, teamwork, guidance, and reflection

Your child participates in these sessions **as part of their normal school day**, under teacher supervision.

🟧 **Self-Paced Activities (Flexible)**

Students also complete:

- Short educational videos
- Creative tasks linked to their projects
- Reflection and discussion activities

These may take place:

- During school project time
- Or at home, depending on the school's schedule

📅 Programme Timeline (2026)

- **15 February:** Selection results announced & platform access provided
- **15–28 February:** Preparation period
  - Students explore materials and get familiar with the platform
  - No competition or project submission
- **1–10 March: Hackathon & competition phase**
  - All projects are created and submitted during these 10 days
- **20 April:** Online showcase and celebration event (parents welcome)

🌐 Languages & Participation

- Learning materials are provided in **English and Greek**
- **Students may create and submit their projects in any language**
- Educators may guide students in the language most appropriate for their class

This ensures inclusion and comfort for all learners.

💬 Communication & Support

Throughout the programme, students and educators have access to:

- **Moderated discussion forums** for questions and idea sharing
- **Direct communication with the CSI team** for ongoing pedagogical and technical support

This ensures that students are **never left unsupported** at any stage.

🔒 Safety & Well-Being

- All activities take place in **secure, closed online environments**
- Sessions are **moderated by educators**
- No public posting is required
- The programme follows **GDPR and child-protection standards**
- Content is age-appropriate and educational

🏅 What Will My Child Gain?

By completing the CSI Hackathon, your child will:

- Develop digital, communication, and teamwork skills
- Gain awareness of sustainability and global challenges
- Create a personal digital portfolio
- Receive a **CSI Digital Advocacy Microcredential** and skill badges

These outcomes can support school portfolios and future learning opportunities.

🌱 In One Sentence for Parents

The CSI Hackathon is a safe, educator-led online programme where students learn about sustainability and digital creativity during class time, with flexible activities and continuous support.