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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A big THANK YOU from the Design & Technology department.

As you are aware, every year we ask for a voluntary parental contribution to help towards purchasing vital resources to enable us to teach an engaging and varied curriculum. Some of our donations buy resources, parts of it are used to purchase small pieces of equipment. Last week I had a wonderful parent reach out to me to ask if we needed any equipment to which my reply was an ecstatic "YES". This letter to you is an acknowledgement of a kind donation of two Pillar drills from Mr. Wadium from the Science and Technology Council and a parent of a year 9 student who must have been reading our minds when we've had two Pillar drills break down on us this year and sadly are too old to fix. Thank you Mr. Wadium for saving our bacon and thinking of us when you knew you had machinery your company no longer needed. Mr. Wadium works on a collaborative training program with UKAEA called QuEST/FuSED. They are supporting Mechatronic Apprentices with skills development in Quantum and Fusion technologies, the donation has come from both UKRI and UKAEA.

On that note whilst jumping on the coat tails of people's generosity, we know that we have lots of parents within the tech and engineering work force. We are hoping you will keep us in mind if ever you have any machinery that your company may no longer use. I am in the midst of trying to kit out two workshops and we are in need of the following equipment:

- 2x Disk sanders
- 2x Pillar drills (yes two more needed!)
- 2x Laser cutters (an expensive plea I know)
- CNC Router

If you feel you can help, please do reach out to me msmith@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk
Thank you for your time to read this letter.

Kind Regards

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