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Design and Technology Department KS3 contributions

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Throughout Key Stage 3, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 complete a range of practical Design & Technology projects that develop their creativity, problem-solving skills and technical knowledge. Using a variety of materials and specialist equipment, students design and manufacture products which, in all cases, they will be able to take home at the end of each project.

Our curriculum continues to evolve with projects including, Systems & Control, Electronics and sustainable design. These opportunities provide students with valuable practical skills and engaging learning experiences.

As you will appreciate, the cost of materials and components has risen significantly in recent years, while school budgets have become increasingly stretched. To help us continue offering a broad and high-quality practical curriculum, we kindly ask for a **voluntary contribution of £12 per academic year** towards the materials used in Design & Technology lessons.

This contribution helps cover the cost of the materials used to manufacture the products students create and keep, giving them a lasting reminder of the skills and knowledge they have developed throughout the year.

While no student will be disadvantaged if a contribution is not made, we rely heavily on the generosity of parents and carers. Without this support, we would have to reduce the range and quality of practical projects we are able to offer.

We are extremely grateful for your continued support, which enables us to provide an engaging and inspiring Design & Technology curriculum for all our students.

The voluntary contribution of £12 is set up and available through Parent Pay. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Mindy Smith

Head of Design & Technology