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KS4&5 Design and Technology Department

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In Key Stage 4 and 5, your child will complete a variety of Design and Technology projects relevant to their chosen specialism. These projects involve design and make investigations using a wide range of materials and components, allowing students to develop their ideas, experiment with different techniques and produce high-quality practical outcomes.

We are committed to providing students with opportunities to be creative, develop practical skills and produce projects that they can be proud of. **Students are able to take their completed projects home with them at the point that we are able to release work**, giving them the opportunity to keep and enjoy the product they have designed and made.

Due to the increasing cost of materials and components, we would be very grateful for a **voluntary contribution of £30** towards the resources required for this academic year. These contributions make a real difference in helping us to maintain the range and quality of practical project work we can offer. Without sufficient contributions, we may unfortunately have to reduce the range and scope of materials and practical opportunities available to students.

Year 10 & 12: This contribution helps towards the cost of materials and components used for Design & Make projects and practical investigations.

Year 11 & 13: This contribution helps towards the materials required for students to complete their NEA, which is worth **50% of their final grade**.

We fully appreciate that families have different circumstances, and the contribution is entirely voluntary. However, if you can contribute, your support is greatly appreciated and helps us to continue providing students with a varied and rewarding practical Design and Technology experience.

Voluntary contributions are available to make through ParentPay.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us to provide the best possible opportunities for our students.

Yours sincerely

Ms Mindy Smith

Head of Design and Technology

