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Design and Technology Department KS3

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In years 7, 8 & 9 your child will complete a variety of Product Design projects. Some of these will include design and make projects using a variety of different materials, which will allow students to develop their ideas effectively, contribute to good standards and encourage progression each year.

For the last few months, we have been preparing for some significant and important changes to update and progress the Design & Technology Department to offer a wider, more diverse and challenging curriculum to KS3 students.

With the removal of Textiles and Food from under our 'Design & Technology umbrella' we have moved to more of a Product Design Model and this is what we are branding our curriculum to be known as to our students to define the changes that some students will remember from last year. The transition to this model of working means that we are able to expand and create a variety of problem-solving projects and skill based areas which will underpin knowledge needed for any students taking the GCSE course in the future.

Along with these changes we are delighted to be offering each year group Computer Aided Design, Systems & Control, Electronics and more sustainable projects that project current world wide issues as well as industrial practices. I am proud of how the department is developing and the team that have contributed to make this happen and the feedback from students so far has been very positive.

With these changes that we have made to enrich student learning it is inevitable that this comes at a cost to which we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £10 to help cover the costs of materials and components used in each year group which students will be able to take home.

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Without such contributions, the range and scope of project work possible would have to be reduced. Naturally some variations in material costs is absorbed in the system, as this is balanced with specialist machinery and equipment available to use throughout each topic area.

We would like to thank you, for your support with these positive changes to our department and our curriculum.

Yours sincerely

Ms Mindy Smith

Head of Design and Technology

The voluntary contribution of £10 is set up and available through parent pay. Thank you

