



September 2025

Dear Parent/ Carer

Your son/daughter will be studying Design Technology this year. The programme of study is divided into three assessment topics, studied on a carousel system across the year. As directed by the National Curriculum students will explore different materials including food, fabric, metal, wood and acrylic in order to provide them with a varied and broad experience throughout the year.

In order for your child to create inspiring and exciting practical projects we politely request a contribution towards the cost of materials used in each subject area. This contribution enables us to provide students with a far superior and quality experience.

At Key Stage 3 this money will be used to provide:

Product Design: All wood, screws/nails, adhesives and wood finishes (paint, varnish etc.).

Textiles: Fabric for product and samples, dyes, printing paste, other materials and components. Year 9 are asked to bring an item of old clothing to up-cycle but wadding, decorative trims and materials are provided.

This will of course mean that all the products that the students make in Key Stage 3 will have been paid for so can be brought home at no extra cost. This payment does not include Food so ingredients for this subject will still need to be provided from home.

We always welcome all donations of unwanted materials for example fabric, thread, wood or acrylic. This enables us to minimise or reduce student charges in the future.

We are kindly asking each parent to make a voluntary contribution of £8 for the academic year. However any contribution will be gratefully received and we understand that if your child is receiving free school meals then you may be unable to make a contribution. All contributions can be paid through the School Gateway App or through the College's Finance Office in cash or via credit or debit card in person or over the phone.

The School Gateway app now allows more effective communication between home and college. With the app you can receive instant messages and information about your child's attendance and behaviour. In addition you can send messages to college for free and make payments securely.

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We appreciate the help and support that you are able to give and we look forward to working with your child this year.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

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