



September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Your son/daughter has chosen to study Design and Technology this year. The Key Stage 4 course is very resource intensive so in order for your child to create professional and exciting practical projects we politely request a contribution towards the cost of materials used. This contribution enables us to provide students with a far superior and quality experience than would otherwise be possible.

At Key stage 4 this money will be used to provide resources for the following two areas:

Product Design: All wood, metal and plastic, fixings (screws, nails, etc.), adhesives, wood finishes (paint, varnish etc.), along with any miscellaneous items such as USB lights

Textiles: Calico for modelling and miscellaneous items such as zips/piping cord, bias binding, interfacing, decorative trims/fabric. In year 10 students will have an opportunity to supply their own fabric for one of the projects so that it will match their design. (School can provide plain fabric if needed)

Along with the materials needed students will also be given a quality sketch book to keep and record all their design concepts.

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. As the year progresses examples of student's work will be posted on the DT Instagram.

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 contribute. 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 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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