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Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child 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 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 for:

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 upcycle, but wadding, decorative trims and materials are provided.

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

We always welcome donations of unwanted materials such as 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 Arbor App or through the College's Finance Office in cash or via credit or debit card in person or over the phone.

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

Yours sincerely,

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