



September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

KS3 Design & Technology Years 7, 8 & 9

At KS3 we deliver Design and Technology through a variety of creative and practical activities supported by local businesses. Students are taught to problem solve real life contexts using knowledge and understanding, skills and techniques in the workshops. Students will work with a range of materials needed to engage in an iterative process of Designing and Making.

They will work in a range of domestic, industrial and local contexts *for example, home, health, leisure and culture.* (Robotics, engineering, manufacturing, construction, fashion & food.)

We have developed the policy of providing the materials and components required for these experiences. Such specialist items include, thermochromic paint, high vis fabric, glow in the dark paint, electronics, conductive thread and a variety of components including, snap fasteners, eyelets, and USB ports.

This has proven to be popular with parents as it can save a lot of time, effort, and cost by sourcing, collecting and paying for expensive materials for their daughter's project. By buying 'in house' also ensures that all students participate in practical sessions with the correct materials and that the cost for each individual student's materials can be kept to a minimum.

(Food & Nutrition courses are separate as their learning outcomes are tailored through the year dependant on seasonality and classes. Students are requested to bring in their ingredients and containers as directed by their food teacher.)

We are therefore asking for a voluntary contribution of £5 to cover the cost of materials for design and technology projects for the whole year.

Payments can be made online **via WisePay only**, please select: School Shop, DT Contribution.

Students currently eligible for Pupil Premium funding will automatically be allocated these materials free of charge, however, if you are able to make the voluntary contribution, this can be done via WisePay.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J.Green
Assistant Head of Design & Technology