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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Key Stage 4: Voluntary Contributions – Design and Technology**

Your son/daughter has just started a Key Stage 4 Technology Course. During their lessons they will experience working with a variety of Resistant Materials. I am writing to request a voluntary contribution of £20.00 towards covering the cost of the basic materials that will be used in these lessons. This is to cover the whole of KS4 - a total of three years. By charging at the beginning of the course it allows us to buy in bulk and therefore receive larger discounts, which in turn means we can charge less. Students will then be able to take the finished products home including their final GCSE piece. Payment for this can be made via your child's existing sQuid account.

In year 9, 10 and 11 students will make:

- A clock
- Metal work project
- Storage box
- Flat pack furniture
- A challenge project
- Their final coursework piece

Please note that when students are designing their products, due to the diversity of ideas a student may need on occasion to bring in some of his/her own materials. This particularly applies to the final piece where specialist materials such as glass cannot be sourced through the school. Most other materials are available including a range of hardwoods and softwoods and a range of metals and plastics. We do not limit pupils to a set amount of materials for the final piece as we do not want to stifle creativity, therefore most pupils will exceed £20 worth of materials for this one project alone.

Your support is greatly appreciated and really helps in making your child's experience more meaningful and enjoyable.

Yours sincerely

Miss Rapsey  
Head of Technology