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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Key Stage 3: Voluntary Contributions – Design and Technology

As part of the Key stage 3 Technology curriculum your son/daughter will experience working with Resistant Materials, Food, Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Manufacture technology. I am writing to request a voluntary contribution of £15.00 towards covering the cost of the basic materials that will be used in these lessons. This contribution will cover costs across the whole 2 year course from year 7 to the end of year 8. 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. Pupils will then be able to take the finished products home. Payment for this can be made via your child's existing sQuid account.

In year 7 and 8 we are concentrating on developing practical skills and each student will make:

- Product Design—A Racing machine, an architectural model of house, storage box using hand tools and computer aided design. A clock created using hand tools and the laser. A metal name and hook stand.
- Food – Pizza, fruit crumble, stir fry, spaghetti bolognese, chilli con carne, fajitas, seasonal and savoury bakes such as pastries, muffins, cakes and scones.

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 Food Technology where store cupboard staples are provided but perishable foods should be brought from home. In Food Technology there will be opportunities for pupils to taste different products and food items. It is, therefore, important that the department is aware of any specific cultural, dietary requirements or food allergies. We would ask that these requirements or allergies are made known to us by submitting a note with your child's payment.

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

Yours sincerely

Miss Rapsey
Head of Technology