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Dear Parents / Carers,

Re: Paying for projects made in Design and Technology KS3

Projects will include: -

Textiles - Learning to hand sew with a variety of stitches. Also, an introduction to sewing machines and their safe use, natural fibres and the environmental issues connected to creating fabrics and their disposal.

Product Design – Students will be learning to work with basic hand tools and machines in the school workshop. Students will be introduced to the process of Computer Aided Design and manufacturing using Techsoft 2D design software and the laser cutter. Students will be taught to apply these skills when designing and making their products. There maybe the opportunity to undertake some electronics and 3D printing across their Key Stage 3 Design and Technology lessons.

We ask for a contribution towards the cost of projects of £12 covering both Years 7 & 8. This charge ensures that students can take home the projects that they make without the need for complex charging systems. By the terms of the 1988 Education Reform Act, projects that take place in school time may not be subject to compulsory charges. Parents/Carers may, however, make a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of the project provided that no student is excluded whose parents are unwilling or unable to pay. Should a parent/carer choose to exercise that legal right, the student's cost must be borne by the school from other funds. If the school will not, or cannot do this, the project may be cancelled.

This £12.00 cost does not include ingredients for Food Technology lessons. Students will be asked to bring in ingredients for these lessons, along with an apron and tea towel.

Thank you for your co-operation. This money will continue to allow your child to undertake exciting projects using a choice of sustainable materials.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Department - Design and Technology