



Monday 29th September 2025

Dear Parents/ Carer,

Art, Design and Technology: Voluntary Contribution

During the current school year your son/ daughter will complete a number of projects in their Art, Design and Technology lessons. In the past, upon completion of a project, students have handed money for materials directly to their Technology teacher and then been able to take their manufactured item home.

To avoid students carrying additional money around school and to facilitate the bulk buying of materials (therefore reducing overall material costs to students) I would like to request that students pay a fixed amount at the start of the year. Therefore, I am asking for a voluntary contribution of **£10.00** to cover the cost of materials for *Art, Product Design and Textiles Technology* this year. The contribution helps support us to incorporate innovative materials and techniques into the work and students will, of course, be able to take home the products that they have designed and made. In recent years in Technology this has included mini maze games, a laser cut keyring, angle poise lamps, cushions, iPad cases, passive amplifiers and laser cut products. In Art this has included ceramic tiles, ceramic sculptures and artwork using high quality acrylic paints.

School can provide a 50% subsidy to those students who are currently in receipt of free school meals. If this applies, we would encourage a voluntary contribution of £5.00.

Please note that students will still be required to bring ingredients for their *Food Technology* lessons. This will be set as a home learning task.

It is preferable that the voluntary contribution is paid using our online system. However, cash will still be accepted. These should be placed in clearly labelled envelopes (name, form and "Art and Technology Project") and should be handed in to the Finance Office located beside the Main Hall, or posted through the Finance letterbox if the office is closed.

I would be grateful if contributions could be made by **Friday 7th November 2025**.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Blakeley

Faculty Leader for Art, Design and Technology