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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you will be aware your son/daughter has recently started the GCSE Design and Technology course. We have a very exciting curriculum planned for Year 9, which we are very much looking forward to sharing with your son/daughter. In Year 9 students will use a wide range of materials, including; timbers, polymers, metals, boards, textiles, and electronics. Further ahead in Year 10, students will complete some fantastic projects in their specialist material ahead.

As a department we pride ourselves on the high quality outcomes made by our students. One of our core principles is for all students to complete practical projects to the highest standard possible, and from the best quality materials possible. We also believe that all students should take everything home with them and value what they have created. Previous experience has taught us that this leads to high student engagement and most importantly pride.

Each year we ask parents to very kindly contribute towards the costs of these materials. It is a single payment of £10 that would cover the whole of Year 9 and 10. Our goal is that by completing this in a single payment, we would commit to not asking for further contributions towards materials over the next two years. We have set this up on Parentpay and I would be most grateful if payment could be made by 30 September 2022.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Mr J Smith**

Director of Learning for Design and Technology