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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Technology Key Stage 3– Year 7

For many years, parents have contributed towards the cost of practical work in technology by either providing materials themselves or by purchasing those provided by the school. This has enabled us to maintain a wide variety of work and students to produce individual designs. It also serves to encourage the students to take more care with their work and not waste materials. Therefore, they design and make products of good quality, using the best possible materials. We believe this helps our students to value their work and in our experience, almost without exception, parents wish to retain the products that their child has made.

Your child will start their Key Stage 3 Design and Technology this year. This course involves considerable use of the consumable materials and components in discrete specialist areas including: resistant materials, engineering, electronics and textiles. Rather than charge per item, we would prefer to ask for a voluntary contribution of £15.00 to cover the cost of the products made in year 7. A further contribution will be asked for in year 8 and year 9. **Please note that this contribution does not cover the cost of ingredients for food preparation and nutrition. Students are asked to provide their own ingredients for these modules.**

This contribution covers the basic design of the product. There may be times when your child may choose to extend their design idea and include further components/ materials. If this is the case then we will notify you of the cost in advance.

The projects undertaken in Year 7 are:

- **Electronic Night Light**
- **Cushion and cover**
- **Pinball Machine**

As a reminder, if parents are unable to make such a provision, materials will be provided by the faculty although, of course, in these circumstances your child would be unable to bring the finished item home.

If there are any difficulties related to meeting costs described above, please do not hesitate to contact me in confidence. Students who are eligible for free school meals or are pupil premium are able to apply for financial support to cover the cost of the Technology provision. Please contact your House Progress Leader or Year Support Manager to request an application form.

Your contributions can be made online through **ParentPay**.

Yours sincerely,

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