

7 September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

KS4 Design and Technology Contribution 2026/2027

As your child begins or continues their Key Stage 4 (GCSE) studies in Design and Technology, we are committed to providing a high-quality, engaging curriculum that supports both practical skill development and examination success.

To enable this, we request a contribution of £25 for the academic year. This covers the cost of either Hospitality and Catering ingredients or Engineering materials, depending on your child's chosen subject.

This contribution will allow your child to:

- Fully participate in practical and coursework-based activities
- Develop the technical skills required for GCSE success
- Produce high-quality outcomes as part of their assessed work

For students studying Hospitality and Catering, please ensure your child brings a suitable container to transport their finished products home safely. Students may also wish to bring in additional ingredients to enhance their dishes; this is entirely optional and at your own expense.

As a department, we carefully source high-quality materials and ingredients while keeping costs as low as possible. However, as resources are purchased in advance for all students, we regret that we are unable to offer refunds for missed practical lessons, regardless of the reason for absence.

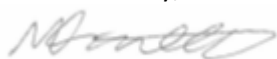
If you have any concerns regarding this contribution or feel your child may be eligible for financial support, please contact your child's Pastoral Manager, who will be happy to support you.

Payments should be made via ParentPay by Friday 2 October 2026. School does not accept cash or cheques.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, it is essential that we hold accurate and up-to-date information regarding any allergies or intolerances. It is essential that we are made aware of any allergies through the Arbor app to ensure there are no reactions. Due to the recently introduced Benedicts law, we will provide alternative ingredients where required and it may be that a whole class uses alternative ingredients if the allergy is severe. Additionally, please refrain from sending any nut products in to school as these can result in serious reactions.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child succeed in their GCSE Design and Technology studies.

Yours faithfully,



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