



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

October 2022

Dear Parents/carers

## **Design & Technology – KS3 Voluntary Contribution**

KS3 students complete a wide range of projects within the department and across all three material areas – Food, Textiles and Product Design. We continually develop new and exciting projects using the latest materials and technologies to engage the pupils and expand their knowledge and understanding of the subject areas. The majority of materials for these projects are provided by the Design and Technology department as set down in the Education Act (1989).

The department has been most grateful for the support parents have given in the past to our request for contributions towards the cost of materials needed for project work. This has enabled us, in spite of rising costs, to continue to provide pupils with the best quality materials and resources. As we continue to rely on these contributions as are writing to you to request that you consider supporting our departments with a voluntary donation.

The suggested **voluntary contribution** to cover **all 3 years is £25.**

Please use your **Parent Pay** account to make the contribution; the item will be available to view when you next log-on to your account.

Money from voluntary parental contributions is divided equally between the areas of Design and Technology and allows us to:

- Provide the latest materials and components to enhance Product Design, Textiles and Food (main ingredients for food dishes and fabrics for projects are not covered by this contribution).
- Use specialist techniques such as Screen Printing, Sublimation Printing and Laser Cutting, which replicates industrial practices.
- Provide Sensory Food Testing and some specialist ingredients for Food Technology lessons.

We thank you in advance for your continued support.  
Yours faithfully

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## Food & Nutrition

We very much hope the Year 7 pupils are looking forward to beginning their cooking. To support their practical lesson, we have compiled the following information:

Ingredients lists are printed and glued into planners as required (the minimum notice for the provision of ingredients is 1 week). Pupils need to weigh and measure ingredients ahead of lessons and bring to school in food bags (we would really like to discourage the use of individual containers for ingredients during this period as several are left at school and returning them to their correct owners will be difficult; additionally, storage for separate Year group ingredients is limited).

In addition to food ingredients, it would be really helpful if pupils had the following item:

A named container to take prepared dishes home. An example below



On a few occasions they will also need an oven-proof dish/container for baking. This could be metal, glass or ceramic. A good example is below

