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Dear Parent/Carer

The Design & Technology department are very pleased and excited to be welcoming your child onto the creative KS4 journey that they have opted for.

Over the course of the next two academic years, each GCSE Design and Technology student (Graphics, Textiles, Resistant Materials) will be completing design and make projects for products and packaging as part of their skills development, and their NEA work (Non-Exam Assessment).

Students are already beginning to experiment with higher level skills, processes, and techniques to further their expertise and increase their NEA marks. We are expecting great results from the enthusiasm and motivation that we have seen from the students thus far.

Students will be bringing their technical skills work home upon completion, and at the end of the course pupils will be very welcome to collect their NEA products and portfolios after the retention period set by the examining board.

For GCSE students the Design and Technology department aim to give the largest possible range of high quality materials for students to work with. On average the cost of materials if purchased individually can amount to £40-£50 per student, depending on the materials selected, and this estimate obviously continues to rise dramatically in the current climate.

We would like to continue to offer a range of materials that are needed for the successful completion of high quality products, and will be able to do this with your support.

We are asking each pupil to make a contribution of **£30.00** to cover some of the costs towards the materials which will be used over the next **two years** of their GCSE course.

To make payments please log on to Wisepay using your username and password. If you do not have a Wisepay account please email the finance office, finance@gms.bucks.sch.uk, who will be happy to assist.

Thank you very much for helping us to give the best support to students at Great Marlow School.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Taylor

Head of Design and Technology