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Dear Parent/Carer

The Design & Technology department are delighted and excited to be welcoming your child onto the creative KS5 journey that they have chosen as part of their academic/career path.

Over the course of the next two academic years, each A-Level Design and Technology student (Product Design, Fashion & Textiles) will be requiring high quality manufacturing materials to explore and develop skills, and to ultimately produce outstanding outcomes with their NEA work (Non-Exam Assessment).

Students are already demonstrating a growing passion for Design and Technology, and we are expecting great results from the enthusiasm and motivation that we have seen from the students thus far.

Students will be very welcome to collect their NEA products and portfolios at the end of the course, following the retention period set examining board.

For A-Level 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-£60 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 voluntary contribution of **£30.00** to cover some of the costs towards the materials which will be used **over the next two years** of their A-Level 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