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Dear Parent/Carer

The Design and Technology department would like to thank you for your support with our Year 12 Product Design and Fashion & Textiles students last year. Across the department we have seen a significant growth in standards of work, maturity, and the commitment of our students, and are very buoyant about the results that we will see in the summer term.

Whichever Design & Technology discipline your child studies they will be using a selection from our variety of specialist materials such as wood, cards, metal, acrylic, fabrics as well as decorative materials.

Students will be very welcome to collect their NEA products and work 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 are used over the two year A-Level course. This is a reminder letter for you, if you did not make a contribution in Year 12, we would be very grateful if you could support the students and the technology faculty so that we can continue to deliver the best possible Design and Technology experience.

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.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Taylor Head of Design and Technology