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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware the Design & Technology department at Great Marlow School run a reduced carousel system in year 8 (and year 9). We have received very positive feedback in the past from all those who have understood the time constraints previously experienced by year 8 and 9 and who have seen that a reduced carousel gives greater focus to students, most of whom have already made some sort of decision regarding Design Technology as a GCSE option in the future.

The process for year 9 is currently under review for 2022 but is likely to remain as a similar system which will run up until the GCSE options take place.

Over the course of the next two years, each student will complete a number of dynamic Design and Technology projects within their two subject areas. The year group will be using a selection from our variety of specialist materials such as wood, cards, metal, acrylic, fabrics as well as decorative materials, and the tasting of new and different food products throughout the faculty.

The actual cost of these materials if purchased individually can amount to £30-£40 per student for the two remaining years of KS3, and this estimate obviously continues to rise dramatically in the current climate. Food ingredients aside it would not be practical to ask students to bring in these other materials themselves, as we would have problems with quality, quantity and suitability.

We offer a range of appropriate materials that are needed for the successful completion of high quality products, but we are unable to do this without some support from parents and carers.

We ask each year 8 student to make a contribution of **£20.00** to cover some of the costs towards the materials required to deliver the exciting projects for **Year 8 and Year 9 combined**. On completion of their work, students will be able to take home and keep the projects to show to family and friends and to cherish for years to come. 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

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