



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

## **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.

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

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

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.

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We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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