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Dear Parents/Carer,

Re: Voluntary Contribution for Design and Technology/Hospitality and Catering

I hope this letter finds you well and that your child is enjoying their studies in Design and Technology/Hospitality and Catering. As we start the new academic year, I am writing to request a voluntary contribution that will greatly benefit your child's learning experience.

These courses play a vital role in fostering creativity, problem-solving skills, and practical knowledge. They provide students with a platform to develop innovative ideas and turn them into tangible projects. To facilitate this process effectively, I am kindly requesting a voluntary contribution of £30 per student, to cover the cost of basic materials/ingredients over the course of Key Stage 4, which includes both Year 10 and Year 11.

While the school does its best to provide essential materials, it is important to acknowledge that students may have individual project ideas that require specific materials, not readily available within our resources. This becomes particularly relevant during the final project in Year 11, when students are encouraged to explore their unique design concepts.

Our Hospitality and Catering classes also rely on contributions from students. While we supply store cupboard items, perishable food items such as fruits, vegetables, and other ingredients may need to be brought from home. Throughout the Hospitality and Catering curriculum, there will be opportunities for students to taste different products and food items, fostering their understanding and appreciation of various cuisines.

By contributing to this fund, you will enable your child to fully immerse themselves in the creative process and explore the limitless potential of these courses. It will empower them to bring their ideas to life and enhance their learning experience beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

We understand that financial circumstances may vary, and although this contribution is voluntary, it will go a long way in enriching your child's education and ensuring they have the necessary resources to excel in their chosen course.

Please make your contribution via your child's existing sQuid account. The funds raised will be used solely for purchasing additional materials, ingredients, equipment, and resources to support our students' creative endeavours.

Thank you once again for your understanding and consideration. I look forward to working together to create a vibrant and inspiring learning environment for our Year 10 and Year 11 students.

Yours sincerely,

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