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Dear Year 7 Parent

Key Stage 3 Voluntary Contribution Scheme for Design Technology Project Work

Design Technology has become an essential part of the National Curriculum with Problem Solving and Project Management at its core, creating design solutions in Food Technology, Product Design and Textiles Technology. We would like to share the following aims for your child's D & T experience at St Augustine's:

- To provide a foundation for GCSE and A Level courses
- To prepare for possible careers in Product Design, Graphics, Food and Textiles

Experience in DT prepares students for:

- The acquisition of practical skills for life
- Becoming an educated consumer in society
- Becoming a reflective decision-maker

The Key Stage 3 Foundation Course comprises four module areas: initially in Year 7, again in Year 8 and then in Year 9. After that, students can choose their options route for KS4 and beyond. These modules are all Design & Make activities enabling students to make a product/design of their choice within the given contexts. Students will then bring these products home on completion.

In order to fund the range and quality of Textiles and Product Design required for KS3 project work, we rely to a large extent on parental support through a **voluntary contribution one-off payment of £15.00**. Please complete and return the slip on the reverse side of this letter.

- This is payment towards materials in Textiles and Product Design (Resistant Materials, Graphics and Electronics) at £5.00 per student per year.
- Students will still be asked to supply principal ingredients for Food Technology Product recipes
- Students will, of course, be provided with any materials free of charge should financial difficulties apply.

If you have any queries regarding this Voluntary Contribution Scheme please do contact Mr Nowlan. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

David Forster
Headmaster

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To: Reception or Finance Office

Organiser: Mr H Nowlan

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Please return this slip together with your Voluntary Contribution of £15.00 (*Please make cheques payable to 'St Augustine's Catholic College'*).

Student's name Form:

Signed (Parent/Guardian) Date: