



# St Augustine's Catholic College

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Dear Parent/Guardian of Year 7 Student

## 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, Graphics, Product Design and Textiles. 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 all contain design and 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, Graphics and Product Design required for KS3 project work, we rely to a large extent on parental support through a one-off voluntary contribution payment of £15.00. Please arrange for payment to be made using our preferred payment method of ParentMail. Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque by completing and returning the slip overleaf.

- This is payment towards materials in Textiles, Graphics and Product Design at £5.00 per student, per year
- Students will still be asked to supply principal ingredients for Food Technology 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 Mrs Bindon. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

*David Forster*

**David Forster**  
Headmaster

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**To:** Reception

Organiser: Mrs E Bindon

**Key Stage 3 Voluntary Contribution Scheme for Design Technology Project Work**

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: .....