

To Parents/Carers of all Pupils in Years 7,8 and 9

29th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Voluntary Contribution: Art and Design at Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9)

As an Art and Design Department we pride ourselves on delivering interesting and relevant creative learning experiences. We have created a curriculum that is accessible to all pupils, to encourage individuality and instil confidence in pupils' art and design journeys.

To support the department to continue to provide a wide variety of opportunities for pupils in Key Stage 3, we ask for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of materials. These contributions are particularly relevant in Art and Design to help pupils create 2D and 3D artwork that is challenging and inspiring, using a range of materials and resources.

Whilst education provided during school hours to pupils in maintained schools must be free of charge, the Education Act 1996 (Chapter 56) allows Governing Bodies to levy a charge in certain circumstances.

As a department we really appreciate your support and we continue to be committed to giving your child the best educational experience they can receive in Art and Design. The annual voluntary contribution we ask for is one single payment of £35. If you are currently struggling financially, please consider making a smaller contribution.

We are sure that pupils will want to bring their work home at the end of the year. Please be advised if they choose not to take their work at the end of the year, we may display some work but the majority will be discarded as we do not have capacity for storage.

I hope that you will agree to support us in this so that we can continue to develop a curriculum that inspires and motivates. You will find the details on ParentPay and we ask that voluntary contributions are made by 17th November.

Yours faithfully,

Stella Allan
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