THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

Design & Technology

I hope this message finds you well. I would really like to thank all parents who supported our Design & Technology drive last year; we were overwhelmed by the support from the community and it really helped us to develop some outstanding resources for the students in the last academic year.

As we continue to strive for improvement in our Design and Technology department, we are reaching out once again, to seek your support in enhancing the learning experience for our students in Key Stage 3. We are constantly expanding our curriculum to offer our students more access to exciting new technologies like 3-D printing and CAD engraving/Laser cutting, which are used by KS3 students to help design and produce their final pieces.

Our curriculum has been designed over the last four years to provide students with a well-rounded experience, by allowing them to explore four different threads each year: Resistant Materials, Food Technology, Textiles, and CAD 3D Design. This diverse approach not only engages students but also helps them develop a broad skill set that is essential for success in our Key Stage 4 Design and Technology options.

By incorporating these varied threads, we have created excellent pathways for our students, preparing them for future challenges and opportunities in the world of design and technology. Our goal is to inspire creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, ensuring that each student can thrive in their educational journey.

To ensure that we can provide your child with high-quality materials and resources, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £5. This contribution will help us purchase essential supplies and develop innovative resources that will enable your child to create impressive final designs that they can be proud to bring home. Should you, either as a family or on behalf of a business, like to donate more, then please, by all means email me to arrange the best way to make the donation.

We believe that with your support, we can continue to inspire creativity and foster a passion for design in your child. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a significant difference in enriching their educational experience.

If you can assist us in this endeavour, please make your contribution via ParentMail – every donation will be hugely appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can create an engaging and resourceful learning environment.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M McElroy
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The Buckingham School is committed to ensure that every student should have the opportunity to attend school activities/obtain equipment, regardless of their financial circumstances. As such, it may be possible to subsidise those students who would otherwise be unable to attend trips/purchase items. Please feel free to write in confidence to finance@buckinghamschool.org, if you wish to seek assistance, or obtain more information about Pupil Premium funding.