



29th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

During Year 8, Design Technology students will study three different subject areas; food technology, textiles and product design. Students will spend a full term in each subject.

In food technology students will be learning about international cuisine and will take part in a number of practical lessons to develop key technical skills to become an independent learner. The dishes students will be cooking are: jollof rice, croque monsieur, spaghetti Bolognese, polish dumplings, pizza focaccia and scones.

Students will need a large container for every practical lesson to take food home. Ingredients will be provided by the school however students will be given the opportunity to bring in optional extra ingredients for some practical lessons and will be told in advance of the lesson.

When working in textiles technology students will be introduced to patchwork and folded circles, they will continue to develop machine sewing skills and applique. Students will design and make a tartan themed cushion and will use a variety of different materials.

For product design students will design and make a phone stand, they will continue to develop 2D design skills and will be introduced to Google SketchUp to design in 3D.

Students will take home all products at the end of each term for textiles and product design.

To support the department by providing ingredients and materials, we ask for a one-off contribution payment of £12. This can be made via www.parentpay.com and can be made in installments if needed. When on ParentPay, you will be able to pay the payment of £12 under the tab 'payment items'. If you have lost the original login details, please ask your child to visit the Finance Office to collect a new letter.

If there are questions regarding the practical lessons or the contribution, please contact me via the school telephone number.

Thank you for your continued support.
Yours sincerely

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