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Dear Parent/ Carer

Year 11 GCSE Design and Technology: Resistant Materials contributions and equipment.

As you will or may be aware, your child has recently started their GCSE Design and Make coursework; this contributing to 50% of the final qualification, with the remaining 50% based on the written examination in summer 2019. The course involves a considerable use of consumable materials and components which incur extra costs. As you may be aware from KS3, the department kindly asks for a contribution from parents/carers, this to support the cost of practical work in technology. It also encourages our students to take greater care and ownership of their work and not waste materials, helping students to value their work. However, in year 11, there is now a different approach, one that places greater ownership and responsibility on the student, especially as the work they produce will contribute to their overall GCSE qualification within the subject.

When students begin the practical component of the controlled assessment, (approximately December 2018), they will need to provide their own materials and consumables for their own project choice. To support the student and the material selection, these can be ordered through the department/school or the student, parent or carer can purchase their materials externally and bring them into school. If the student wishes to order materials from school, they will need to be aware of the size, quantity and materials choice. Before the materials are ordered, the overall cost will need to be paid up front.

Any parent/carer suffering financial hardship may contact myself as we would not wish this to be a barrier to learning and the successful completion of the final project and we will assist where possible.

Students studying the course are also required to bring in additional equipment. Therefore they are able to engage in their learning without having to spend time seeking items. The equipment required are; HB pencils, black and blue pens, a rubber, a pencil sharpener, a 30cm rule (this can be one that folds in half), a set of coloured pencils, and a suitable pencil case that will hold all the equipment stated, coupled with an appropriate school bag. Additionally the student will require an A3 presentation folder (with minimum of 20 wallets) and these can be purchased from school.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me or any other member of the Design and Technology team.

Yours sincerely

*J Taylor*

Mr Taylor  
Director of Design and Technology

Year 11 GCSE Resistant materials Contribution 2018/19

Student's Name : ..... Tutor group.....

Amount paid: ..... Date: .....

Method of payment: Cash / Cheque / Online\* - Order No: .....

Cash and cheque payments should be taken to the Finance Office where a receipt will be issued. Please make cheques payable to 'Lealands High School'.

Signed :.....(Parent/Carer) Date.....



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