



Friday, 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Introduction of Workshop Materials Contribution for Year 8 Woodworking Projects

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the spring season. As we approach the Easter break, we are excited to share that our Year 8 students will be embarking on a new learning adventure in our woodworking workshop. This hands-on experience is designed to enrich our students' education by teaching them valuable skills, fostering creativity, and encouraging craftsmanship.

Woodworking offers a unique opportunity for students to develop practical skills while creating something tangible and lasting. Our goal is for each student to complete a project that they can take home, cherish, and be genuinely proud of. These projects are not just assignments; they are pieces of work that can stand the test of time, reflecting the hard work and creativity of our students.

However, we are faced with a challenge that affects many educational and creative endeavors: the rising cost of materials. The cost of woods and other necessary materials for our workshop has increased significantly. This increase impacts our ability to provide the quality of resources we would like to, that our students deserve and that are necessary for creating high-quality, durable projects.

After careful consideration, we have decided to introduce a small contribution of £10 per student for the term. This contribution is specifically to cover the costs of the materials needed to complete their woodworking projects. By implementing this contribution, we aim to ensure that our students have access to the best possible materials and can work on projects that enhance their learning experience and result in outcomes they can be proud of.

For pupils in receipt of Free School Meals or entitled to Pupil Premium, the contribution will be reduced to £1. Our priority is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to participate fully and benefit from this valuable workshop.

The fee will be collected before the beginning of the term via Parent Pay and should be live by the time of receiving this letter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We look forward to an exciting term ahead in the woodworking workshop and to seeing the wonderful projects our students will create.

Warm regards,

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