



January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Key Stage 4 Year 11 - GCSE Product Design

We are quickly approaching the final deadline of **8 March 2024** for the NEA worth 50% of the GCSE grade.

This term students will be manufacturing their final prototype from a variety of materials. To allow students to keep up with the NEA work I will be opening the workshop **in DT4 lunchtimes on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.**

I will also be running an **afterschool session on Wednesdays from 3.15 pm to 4.25 pm.** These sessions are not compulsory and can be used to complete folder or practical work to ensure students stay on top of their NEA tasks.

The Design and Technology department aims to do its best for students by providing opportunities which will allow them to develop their abilities fully, including as wide a range as possible of processes and materials to work with. Obviously, this can be very expensive and, as a result, we have to ask for an **annual contribution of £15 per student.**

In Year 11 this contribution is used to cover the variety of resources the students choose to manufacture their Non-Examination Assessment (NEA) project.

Depending on the scale and details of their final product design, students may also have to buy additional materials and components.

Payment of **£15.00** should be made via www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system. Please can you open the attached MS Form link <https://forms.office.com/e/DUwfXQxtPU> and complete the required information.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals and/or is Pupil Premium, financial assistance is available. If you have any problems accessing ParentPay, please contact the Finance Team at finance@backwellschool.net or via their direct line 01275 465941.

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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