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Dear Parent/Carer

## Key Stage 5 – A-Level Design Technology – Year 12

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 £20.00 per student**. This contribution is used to purchase extra resources for the students, which allow us to produce experimental and ambitious outcomes. This year we will be manufacturing a screwdriver using a range of metal working techniques, cast with epoxy resin and explored vinyl cutting along with other processes such as 3D printing and sand casting.

It is necessary for students to have access to a Hodder AQA A-Level textbook for this course.

Following each theory lesson, students should be reading the unit in the textbook.

Either a physical copy of the textbook or the online version are available;

<https://www.hoddereducation.com/subjects/art-design-technology/products/16-18/aqa-as-a-level-design-and-technology-product-desi>

Students should also consider adding a pack of good quality marker pens and a basic pencil and fine liner kit to their pencil case.

Please can you open the attached MS Form link <https://forms.office.com/e/X6ZrAGtkwP> and complete the required information. Payment of **£20.00** should be made via [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com), the school's online cashless payment system as soon as possible. If you have any problems accessing the Parentpay service, please contact the Finance Team on 01275 465941 or email [finance@backwellschool.net](mailto:finance@backwellschool.net)

In cases of financial assistance, please contact the Finance Team who will be able to provide information regarding the 16-19 Bursary Fund. This is available to post-16 students who are in receipt of Free School Meals or whose parents/carers receive Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit.

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please contact me: [rlavelle@backwellschool.net](mailto:rlavelle@backwellschool.net)

Yours sincerely

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