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Dear Parent/Carer

Key Stage 4 Year 11 - GCSE Product Design

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 the contribution is also used to cover the variety of components and materials 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. This also covers the materials they will use to model their ideas during the development process.

Payment should be made via www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system, as soon as possible. If you have any problems accessing the ParentPay system, contact the Finance Team at finance@backwellschool.net.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals and/or is Pupil Premium, the contribution will be automatically transferred from your Pupil Premium account so there is no need for you to do anything.

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

Yours sincerely

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