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Dear Parent/Carer

Key Stage 4 Year 10 - 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**. This contribution is used to purchase resources for the students, which allow us to produce high quality and ambitious outcomes

This year students will be manufacturing a game box from hardwood and then, in following projects, using polymers and metals to enhance the design by adding tray inserts and making the game pieces using a variety of manufacturing processes. We will also be working with various modelling materials throughout the course.

Payment should be made via www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system, by **Friday 14 November 2025**. 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 and 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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