



18 September 2025

Dear Year 9 Parent/Carer,

In Art and Design in year 9, we aim to provide our students with lots of hands on and practical activities to give them a taster of the subjects that we offer at GCSE; Fine Art, Photography and Textile Design. We will provide a range of art materials for the students to use throughout the year. We shall also issue each student with a brand new A4 sketchbook. To enable us to continue to provide this, and to undertake some activities requiring additional materials such as felt, embroidery threads, specialist papers and acrylic paints, we ask for a contribution of £5 for this academic year.

This is a voluntary donation, although we will be unable to undertake specialist activities if we do not receive enough contributions. Your contribution can be paid via online system Arbor. As the school receives a grant for students currently receiving free school meals, we do not require a contribution from these students as this can be funded from the grant.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Summers
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