

30 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Design and Technology

We are pleased to welcome your son/daughter to Year 8 in the Design and Technology department at The Castle School and would like to tell you a little about the course and our expectations.

This year students will focus on two main project areas – timbers, design and movement (a functioning acrobat toy in the design of their choosing) and polymers and electronics (a functioning steady-hand game where the aim is to move a wand around a metal shape without setting off the LED and buzzer!).

Over the last few years, the cost of materials for Design and Technology has increased hugely and we request a voluntary contribution towards the materials to enable students to complete their practical work. For Year 8 the sum of this is **£7.00**.

Payments can be made online via Arbor by Monday 6 October. We don't expect contributions from students receiving Free School Meals.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Batchelor
Head of D&T Department
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