

Dear Parent/Carer

September 2022

**Re: Year 8 - Design and Technology**

We're 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!). For the first time, we have also added a short practical task where students will design and make a 3D table decoration!

Over the last few years the cost of materials for Design and Technology has increased hugely and we request a *contribution towards* (not the full cost of) the materials to be bought-in to enable students to complete their practical work. For Year 8 the sum of this is **£5.00**.

It is worth mentioning that students have always contributed towards project materials but this used to be in dribs and drabs throughout the year and we hope this makes it clearer and easier for everyone!

Please complete and return the slip below to your son/daughter's D&T class teacher by Friday 30 September so we can arrange this year's materials. Please pay either via the school's online payment system, by cash/cheque (made payable to The Castle School) or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone with the Finance Department).

With regard to department expectations, these are few and simple – we expect all students to arrive on time and ready to learn. Homework is set only when required by the project (often involving some aspect of design or research where the work is needed for the next lesson) and must be brought in on time so students do not fall behind in lessons; a missed homework will result in a detention where the work can be caught up. There are clear school guidelines on behaviour and the department will follow these as required.

Yours sincerely



**Mr J Batchelor**  
**Head of D&T Department**

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**FAO: Mr Batchelor/ Mrs Hobson/ Mrs Fishlock, Design and Technology Department (Year 8 D&T materials)**

Student's Name: .....

Please provide my son/ daughter with a Design and Technology materials, I have paid **£5.00** by:

- Scopay - the school's online payment system
- Cash (take to Finance Office)
- Cheque (made payable to The Castle School and take to Finance Office)