

September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

## **GCSE Design & Technology – Graphics and Product Design – KS4**

We take a lot of time and trouble to provide an interesting, wide ranging and stimulating course for all students. Units of work have a booklet which sets out the work, provides guidance and gives details of deadlines. You can help us to support your son/daughter by looking through the unit booklets with them, in particular by helping them to manage their time effectively.

At GCSE, students need good resources of their own to enable classwork and homework to be done effectively, to manage their projects and keep their work clean and safe. We have selected a good pack of resources for students, which we are able to offer at a very substantial discount.

**Resource Pack:** This pack contains essential resources needed for the course and as it is bulk purchased and VAT exempt it is a fraction of the retail price (approx. retail value £22.00). There is no profit element for the school; we provide this as a service to our students to help them afford good resources. The pack comprises:

- An A3 portfolio to transport work to and from school, dry and secure
- An A3 flip file to store and manage ongoing project work
- A set of 3 quality drawing pencils H, 2H, HB and an automatic clutch pencil
- A quality plastic eraser
- A fine black marker
- A 300mm ruler
- A CGP D&T Revision Guide – this full colour book covers every aspect of design and technology that is required for the examination. The book will be used to support coursework and will be the main source of revision material for the examination.
- An A4 sketchbook used for sketching, gathering research and recording information.

**This inclusive pack price is £8.00 (a saving of over 60%)**

**Materials Contribution:** This course will involve students in a wide range of activities in many materials. We are therefore asking for a voluntary contribution of **£12.00** for the 2 years to offset these costs. Contributions will ensure that students will be able to access a wide range of materials and components to help them achieve high quality results. If parents can help towards meeting these costs then the Design & Technology Department will be able to channel more of its monies towards providing books, equipment and printing support materials, all of which are becoming increasingly expensive.

Our preferred method of payment, using a credit/debit card over the Internet, is via SCOPAY (formerly Tucasi Online Payments.) If you pay via SCOPAY, the student does not need to return the attached slip. **Please Note:** the contribution is waived for students who are eligible for Pupil Premium.

Alternatively, please complete and return the attached reply slip with payment (cheques made payable to The Blue School with your child's name and tutor group on the reverse) **to the Finance Office**, at break only (11.10am – 11.30am) as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation of this payment.

Yours sincerely



**Mr A Salvidge**  
**Head of Graphic and Product Design**

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**To: The Finance Office at break only (11.10am – 11.30am)**  
**Mr A Salvidge - GCSE D&T Product Design Resource Pack / Materials Contribution**

**Name of Student:** ..... **Tutor Group:** .....

Please order one Resource Pack for which I enclose the sum of **£8.00**

I agree / do not agree to pay a voluntary contribution of **£12.00**

I enclose cash / cheque for **£**..... (Cheques made payable to The Blue School)

**Signature of Parent/Carer:**.....**Date:** .....