

September 2023

Year 7 Art & Design Technology Contribution

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

I write to inform you of the exciting Art & Design Technology opportunities that your child will be participating in as part of their KS3 studies this year and ask for your support.

The programme of study has been carefully designed to offer your child a diverse and stimulating experience across all areas of Art & Design Technology, which are studied on a carousel system throughout the year. These include Product Design, Textiles, Graphic Design, Ceramics and Food Preparation and Nutrition.

To ensure your child receives a high quality and varied experience, we kindly request a contribution of £10 towards the cost of materials used in each subject area. This annual contribution enables us to maintain the necessary resources for our students to engage in hands-on and innovative projects. This year the projects for Year 7 include:

- o Product Design – Block Bots
- o Graphic Design – Keyring
- o Textiles – Identity Bunting
- o Ceramics – Fantasy Buildings
- o Food Preparation and Nutrition – Introduction to Food

Your donation will also cover the cost of consumables in food such as oils, herbs and spices that would have been charged for in the past. **Pupils will however still need to pay for and bring in the main ingredients for food**, but no money will be needed to take products home in product design, ceramics, and textiles once the contribution has been paid.

To support the department and pay towards the materials used by your child a payment of £10 can be made through the **school's online payment system**. Payment of this donation will be open until the end of October. If you have any issues using the system, then please contact Mrs Davis – sed@balcarras.gloucs.sch.uk.

We understand that each family's financial circumstances are unique and would like to emphasise that this contribution is entirely voluntary. Those on Pupil Premium or experiencing any form of financial difficulty are under no obligation to donate.

Yours faithfully,

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