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Re: GCSE Design Technology and L1/2 Graphic Design Contribution, Year 10

Dear Parent/Carer

For many years the parents of Marple Hall students have aided the Technology department by making a voluntary contribution towards the cost of good quality materials, tooling and equipment. This is needed to create high quality products which will inspire and engage our students on a daily basis.

Where possible the Technology department purchases materials in bulk to reduce costs. This allows us to create high quality projects for our students with as little cost as possible. The estimated approximate cost for materials per student for G.C.S.E is **£10**, which covers the purchase of a £3.00 A3 work folder or portfolio already provided for your child, and a range of both resistant materials such as plastics, woods and CAD CAM materials. This also covers paints, printing costs and machinery maintenance.

Under the terms of the 1988 Education Act, the **£10** fee is a voluntary contribution. There is no legal obligation to pay this contribution, but we must make it clear that without your donations the limit for which we can afford to pay for materials is greatly reduced, having impact on the readily available materials we use throughout the G.C.S.E course for Design Technology and Graphic Design.

If you wish to help by making the contribution for your child, please complete the payment of **£10** via Gateway using the School Gateway app or alternatively follow the link directly from the school website at <http://www.marplehall.stockport.sch.uk>

If you require support with Gateway please contact the school Finance Office on accounts@marplehall.stockport.sch.uk.

I would also like to use this opportunity to ask that you help support your child with essential equipment for the Design Technology and Graphic Design course, to be used in lessons and coursework/NEA. This should include the following:

- good quality HB pencils and sharpener,
- good quality pencil crayons (6 to 12 colours),
- black fine liner or outlining pen,
- 30 cm ruler,
- rubber/erasers.

Thank you for your time and continued support.

Yours faithfully

Miss EJ Sargent
Curriculum Leader of Technology

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