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Re: GCSE Art and Design Contribution, Year 10

Dear Parent/Carer

The Art Department would like to request that you aid your child's learning across year 10 and 11 by making a voluntary contribution towards the cost of good quality materials and equipment. This is needed to create high quality work which will inspire and engage our students on a daily basis.

Where possible the Art 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 GCSE is **£10**, which covers the purchase of sketchbook, a portfolio folder to keep loose work, and a range of none reusable and specialist materials including acrylic paint, printing inks, clay, shading pencils, paper and card, oil pastels, collage materials, drawing inks and good quality pencil crayons.

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 GCSE course for Art and 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 Art and Design course, to be used in lessons and at home for homework. This should include the following:

- good quality shading pencils and sharpener,
- good quality pencil crayons (6 to 12 colours),
- black fine liner or outlining pen,
- 30 cm ruler,
- rubber/erasers.
- Acrylic paint set (primary colours with black and white)

Thank you for your time and continued support.

Yours faithfully

 Miss H. Aspinall
Director of Teaching & Learning: Creative Arts

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