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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Support for College Curriculum – Key Stage 3

As a college, we wish to give every child the best possible experiences as we strive to teach them to '*learn to live life to the full*', be it through curricular experiences within lessons or through extra-curricular opportunities at lunchtime or at the end of the college day.

We are very fortunate that staff at the college give extremely generously of their time, hence why we are able to offer so many clubs, fixtures, trips, residentials and other experiences. We try very hard not to pass on any costs to parents/carers for curricular or extra-curricular activities, but in order to run trips and residentials, it is usually necessary to ask for parents/carers to contribute at the given time.

Within Key Stage 3 design and technology and pottery lessons, we unfortunately do not have the financial resources to provide the quality or quantity of consumable materials that we wish to use that will enable pupils to design and make a piece of work, which they will then be able to bring home. Pupils in each Key Stage 3 year group will complete one or two pieces of pottery which they will glaze, along with up to three items each year within design and technology lessons. Pupils will also participate in food technology lessons, for which the college will provide the necessary ingredients.

In order to fund the consumable materials needed to complete all the projects in Key Stage 3, we unfortunately need to rely on financial contributions from parents/carers each year. We are therefore asking for a £15.00 contribution per pupil, other than for pupils who qualify for free school meals. This is a contribution towards the consumable materials, as the donation does not cover the full amount per pupil. If your child qualifies for free school meals, we will make the contribution for you from school funds. Further funding is also available for pupils receiving free school meals towards enrichment opportunities organised by the college and we will issue details to parents shortly.

In those other secondary schools that offer similar opportunities, it is often the practice to ask parents/carers to provide all ingredients for food technology lessons and to charge pupils at the end of each project an amount for the item that they have made. For the number of projects completed by pupils at Brockington, this amount would exceed £15.00 and, if collected in this manner, would be less convenient for parents/carers and staff.

We really hope that you will be able to support your child's education in this respect and if you are willing to do so, I would appreciate your payment being made via ParentPay, where you will also have the opportunity to utilise the 'Gift Aid' option. For those who do not have internet access, please contact the school office for details of how to pay using Pay Point.

Thank you very much in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

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