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Dear Parents and Carers.

Art and Design Sketchbooks

The Art and Design department would like to make you aware that as part of our successful curriculum, we source excellent quality sketchbooks for Key Stage 3 students to produce their work in. These sketchbooks provide a far better resource than standard exercise books as they contain high quality paper which can withstand a wide range of materials, a large size to allow students to produce larger pieces of work to enable them to demonstrate their full potential, a sturdier, hard wearing cover to hopefully ensure that they will last for years to come.

We hope that these sketchbooks will provide students a better resource and also a greater sense of pride in their art work in the future. It will certainly allow them to keep their work in better condition at school, home and for future reference. In order to cover the cost generated by the higher quality of the sketchbooks, the department asks for a voluntary contribution of £3.18 to cover all three sketchbooks that they will be provided with throughout year 7, 8 and 9. This represents a cost of £1.06 per sketchbook.

Ideally, all students will be equipped with a new sketchbook before the end of September. Any later would lead to the loss of a large amount of valuable recorded artwork. Students are also expected to complete all homework in their new sketchbook.

This payment has been added to your ParentPay account and should be paid by Friday 15 September at the latest.

If the school receives additional Pupil Premium (PP) funding for your child this will be funded through the School and will not appear on your ParentPay account.

We hope that you can assist with this small extra cost. All students will be given their sketchbook as soon as they have paid. If for any reason you feel unable to make this contribution, please ask your child to see me with a note from yourselves explaining your reasons and an alternative arrangement can be made.

Yours sincerely,

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