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KS4 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY YEAR 10

Dear Parents/Carers,

Throughout the GCSE Design and Technology course your child will be developing an extensive range of practical work in order to demonstrate the skills required by the examination board.

With Government funding under increasing pressure, it is becoming ever more challenging to provide the equipment and materials necessary for pupils to fully develop their design ideas and to evidence their practical skills. With central funding declining in real terms, the traditional model whereby the school funded all materials and equipment has become unsustainable.

We therefore have a very successful system for creative subjects at CFS, whereby parents/carers pay a contribution for materials at the beginning of the academic year. This includes KS4 Design and Technology and enables us to support pupils with the equipment and materials they need during this time of unparalleled financial constraint. We have not increased this contribution since it was introduced, and endeavour to maintain it at the lowest possible rate.

We ask that parents/carers pay a one-off minimum contribution of **£20** at the start of Year 10 towards the key materials that will be used throughout the GCSE course to May 2027. This will help us to provide a range of materials such as various woods, metals and plastics, textiles, modelling materials and other components, including those needed for a final assessed design project in Year 11.

We would therefore be grateful if you could pay **£20.00** by **3 September 2025**. Please pay using your ParentPay account. If this payment is likely to cause difficulty, please contact our Finance Office (finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk).

We hope that you will enjoy seeing your child's products develop as they progress through the course.

Yours faithfully,

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