



1 October 2018

Dear Parent / Carer

Subject: **KS4/5 Contribution for Design & Technology Exam Courses – 2018/19**

The Design & Technology Department at Vyners has always strived to get a very high standard of work from those completing GCSE and A level courses. In our experience, offering students the opportunity to use a wide range of materials and resources has enabled them to produce really superb work. There is however, a financial impact to this, especially in the use of the Laser Cutter, the 3D printing, electronic projects and the rising cost of materials. To enable the Department to continue with the high standard of work, we would ask parents to make a voluntary annual contribution of **£15** towards the cost of the materials for the GCSE and A level courses (specialist materials may require additional funding). The money will go back into the department to help develop and fund creative designing, modelling and high quality manufacturing.

This process will allow your child to take the completed projects home without any additional cost (though we may ask to temporarily hold work to enable us to showcase it at certain school events such as Open Evening before releasing it).

Payment should be made via sQuid, our online payment system. Cash and cheques will no longer be accepted. Please log onto the new version of the system (www.squidcard.com) and select the 'school trips and offers' purse, select '**2018/2019 Contribution for D&T – Years 9 and above**'. An emailed receipt will automatically be sent to you by the system once payment is made.

Please could you make the payment before the end of **October 2018**.

Yours sincerely

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