



30 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Design and Technology**

We're pleased to welcome your son/ daughter to Year 8 in the Design and Technology department at The Castle School and would like to tell you a little about the course and our expectations.

This year students will focus on two main project areas – timbers, design and movement (a functioning acrobat toy in the design of their choosing) and polymers and electronics (a functioning steady-hand game where the aim is to move a wand around a metal shape without setting off the LED and buzzer!).

Over the last few years, the cost of materials for Design and Technology has increased hugely and we request a *contribution towards* (not the full cost of) the materials to be bought-in to enable students to complete their practical work. For Year 8 the sum of this is **£6.00**.

Please complete the donation by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October so we can arrange this year's materials. Please pay either via the school's online payment system <https://www.scopay.com/castleschool-somerset>, by cash or by credit/debit card (either in person or over the phone with the Finance Department).

Yours sincerely

Mr J Batchelor  
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**The Castle School**