



29th September 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Food & Nutrition/Design & Technology Contributions
Years 7, 8 & 9

As part of SMSJ's broad and balanced curriculum, I am delighted to inform you that your child will be studying Design & Technology (D&T) and Food & Nutrition as part of the carousels at Key Stage 3, along with Art and Computer Science. Students in years 7, 8 and 9 spend approximately 9 weeks studying each discipline, learning a range of theoretical and practical skills.

D&T allows students to gain a greater understanding of why products are designed and how they work as well as learning how to use a range of tools and equipment to bring their own design ideas to life. Food & Nutrition teaches students the importance of healthy eating and how to safely prepare and cook nutritious meals. In Art, students work in a range of different mediums, exploring the work of artists past and present from around the world. Computer Science gives student at KS3 the opportunity to be adequately prepared for living in the technological age. This is achieved through a curriculum that has been developed with a focus on creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration, which is essential to prepare the students for the future.

To cover the cost of the various materials students will be using in D&T this year, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £3.00.

In addition, as part of Food & Nutrition, the ingredients will be provided by the school for your child's lessons this year. We have found this is the most cost effective way to ensure that all students can participate in lessons, and as a result, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £8.00 towards the cost of the ingredients.

The total payment of **£11.00** is available on Parent Pay. If possible, may we ask that this payment is made by Friday 22nd October.

Please feel free to contact myself or your child's D&T/Food & Nutrition teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Mrs. P Deeley
Head of Create & Design
Food Teacher