

RIPLEY ST THOMAS

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

The Design & Technology department at Ripley St Thomas CE Academy is nationally recognised as an outstanding specialist area and has won numerous awards including the Design Council's 'Design Mark' for outstanding Design teaching, and the 'Best D&T department in the North West'.

The projects that pupils complete as part of the Key Stage 3 course are innovative and involve some specialist materials and processes. Many use new SMART materials, which are very expensive to purchase but do enhance the work of the pupils and provide them with the opportunity to see these new developments in technology. As a result, the department asks for a contribution of £10 from each year 7 pupil to cover the additional costs of materials for four exciting projects over the next two years. These are:

- A SMART LED Torch and a Laser Cut Veneered Flowerpot – Year 7
- A clock manufactured from hardwood and acrylic with a working battery operated mechanism (batteries not supplied) and a gift set of soap and soap dish – Year 8

The preferred method of payment is via the online payment system at www.scopay.com/ripley using your personal login details from the letter issued to pupils. If you have any problems using this system, please contact the school office for assistance. Simply log in and use the link "Design and Technology Materials", enter 10.00 into the box and add to basket. Alternatively you can send cash in a sealed envelope, with 'Design Technology' and your son/daughter's name marked on it. Please ask him/her to place the envelope in the secure blue box situated next to Learning Support (near the dining room hatch).

If you have issues with this contribution, please contact me via 'ParentLine'.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs V Bell
Subject Leader of Design & Technology

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