



CATERHAM SCHOOL

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To Parents and Guardians of First and Second Year pupils

Dear Parents and Guardians

It has come to my attention that many of you are unsure of the reasons behind the £5 charge for 3D Design Materials on the recent school bill, I am therefore writing to explain in more detail why this charge has been made.

Within 3D Design all students design and make two projects over the course of each year in the lower school, and are currently as follows:

First Year: Acrylic maze game & pewter cast key ring.

Second Year: Wooden lamp stand and mixed media lamp shade.

For these projects we use the best materials and processes available, and it is expected that the students take these projects home at the end of the year. The projects are designed to encourage the growth of design talent as well as being achievable for all students. The £5 charge helps subsidise the purchase of materials for these projects.

This charge is added to the school bill once and is timed so that we can buy materials in bulk. It may be that your son or daughter has not had any 3D lesson yet but you have still been charged. If this is the case your child will be taking 3D in the spring and summer terms this year.

Over the past 5 years 3D design has developed its machinery and design capability extensively, so that your son or daughter has the best possible experience in this subject. As a result of this improvement numbers opting for 3D Design in the Third Year and at GCSE have tripled within this time. If you would like to see examples of this work we have a dedicated gallery of pictures on the School web-site.

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I would be very happy to talk further to any parent who has any other questions about the subject or who would like to be shown round the department.

Yours sincerely

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