



Where Pupils Achieve and Excel
Headteacher: Mrs T Price BA (Hons) MA Ed

Our Ref: LH/DM

16th September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of the KS3 Design and Technology provision at James Bateman Middle School, students are taught Product Design lessons, within which they successfully design and make a product to take home. I am delighted to also inform you the school now has a fantastic new laser cutter in the department, which will be introduced into areas of the KS3 curriculum and extra curricular activities this year.

In Year 7, students are introduced to using workshop tools and equipment in their practical lessons, with an emphasis on safety. They are given a brief to design and make a noteholder using manmade board and they also learn how to apply a suitable painted finish to their products.

In Year 8, students move onto the focus of comparing and using plastic materials to make products. They design and make an acrylic clock for a product user of their choice. The clocks are battery powered and suitable for mounting on the wall.

Examples of student's work are available to be seen on the school website, within the Design and Technology curriculum area.

If you wish for your son/daughter to take their products home, we ask for a small contribution of £3.50 towards the cost of the above project they will be making this year.

Please pay by Friday 24th September 2021.

Online payments: Parents should now have received their Activation Letter for Parentpay. Simply activate your account and pay online. If you have no computer access at home, there are computers available at Biddulph Library and Biddulph Town Hall.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Lucy Hibbert
Curriculum Leader for Art, Design & Technology