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Dear Parents/Carers

Due to a national reduction in per pupil funding we now have a reduced budget for art and design from which it is becoming difficult to provide all of the materials and equipment needed by students on the GCSE and A Level courses. For students to improve their practice in art and design they should have access to a range of equipment including clay, acrylic paint, specialist inks, markers, pastels, good quality paper and digital resources as well as reference books.

We are inviting you to make a one-off, annual payment towards the cost of providing materials and equipment for GCSE and A Level art lessons at Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form. We are suggesting a donation of £10 per family, however, please feel free to give more or less than the suggested figure. All monies received will be ring-fenced and will be dedicated solely for use in art lessons; the money will go towards providing specialist equipment, books and photocopied materials.

You can donate online using ParentPay. Alternatively, you can pay by cheque, made payable to North Essex Multi Academy Trust; please write 'Art funding' on the back of the cheque and have your son/daughter put it into the trips box at school. Unfortunately, we are no longer able to accept cash donations.

Your help will help us to maintain the high standards of student experimentation and development offered on our GCSE and A Level courses.

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

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