



Dear Parent/Carer

## **Essential Equipment**

### **Exam Pack**

The Maths Department requires all students to have a scientific calculator as well as a geometry set. With the new GCSE curriculum students will be required to use a calculator in 2 out of 3 exams so it is really important that they are confident in using a calculator and we will be using them in lessons from Year 7.

To ensure pupils arrive at their maths classes and exams properly equipped we are offering an 'Exam Pack' which includes a CASIO FX83GT+ calculator, geometry set in a tin and an exam approved transparent pencil case. If purchased through the school we can offer you this at a reduced cost of £11.50. If you would like to purchase an Exam Pack for your child you will be able to place your order via ParentMail (PMX) once you have received your registration email.

### **Printer Top-Up**

The school currently provides a £5.00 printer allowance per student per year. If however, this is exceeded you will be able to top-up your child's allowance online via ParentMail (PMX). You will be able to increase the value online by increasing the quantity required.

## **Donations**

### **John Colet School Fund**

We are asking for your help in providing a higher level of opportunity outside of the classroom to enhance your child's education. At John Colet School we are committed to excellence. We strive to ensure our students are equipped with the knowledge, skills and tools to prepare them for the paths they choose after they leave us. Public funding contributes to this, but will not allow us to provide everything we think your child needs and deserves.

We are inviting all parents/carers to make a regular agreement by standing order of £5 per month for the time your child is at John Colet School. The John Colet School Fund has charitable status meaning parents/carers can Gift Aid their donation, therefore we can claim back 25p every time an individual donates £1. This is how it works:

- A parent/carer donates £5 per month totalling £60 over the year
- We claim an extra £15 in tax meaning we get a total of £75
- Higher rate taxpayers can reclaim £15 back in tax on their self-assessment form meaning that the donation actually costs £45 to the parent/carer

All donations will make an enormous difference to the opportunities on offer to your child here at John Colet School. Previous donations into the Fund have been used to purchase ICT equipment in Modern Foreign Languages and Science as well as a new school minibus.

Setting up a monthly donation to the John Colet School Fund is as easy as filling in the attached form with the necessary Gift Aid declaration and returning it to the school office. We will keep you informed on how the money is being spent to benefit the students through the School Newsletter.

**Technology**

In previous years, the Technology Department has been able to provide pupils with free materials in their lessons. With escalating costs of essential equipment, this has become very difficult to sustain and maintain the high-quality practical outcomes that the students produce. We are therefore asking for a voluntary contribution of £5.00 per household to cover some of the costs.

**Medical**

The school provides various medical supplies such as Paracetamol, plasters, ice packs and bandages and is facing ever increasing prices in order to sustain these supplies. We are therefore asking for a voluntary contribution of £1.00 per household to cover some of the costs.

Yours Sincerely

*J Emburey*

Finance Manager