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Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 11 fine art students,

I am writing to you to about the funding of the GCSE fine art course. Whilst the Art Department at LRGS is resourced with a certain amount of equipment and materials, financial pressures on state schools across the country have meant that academic departments are obliged to work with ever more frugality. This is perhaps especially true of departments where expendable materials are an intrinsic part of the course. As far as GCSE fine art is concerned, what we find is that even with good housekeeping and thrifty practice, we increasingly find that our stocks of materials do not go far enough. When we couple this with the running costs of our departmental colour printer (which all GCSE students may use free of charge) **and the cost of displaying artwork at the end of the GCSE course**, I wonder quite how our pupils will continue to produce vibrant artwork, in part determined by the quality of artistic materials employed. **To this end I am requesting that parents/guardians of Year 11 fine art students make a contribution of £12 towards the cost of the materials that go beyond the essential minimum.** Payments may be made using *Wisepay*, Ref. 'Art Dept Parental Contributions'.

I will not be making a request of this kind again while your son is in Year 11 and thank you very much for your understanding and generosity.

Yours faithfully,

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