

## Course costs

Dear Student, Parent, Guardian,

**There are a number of courses that require an extra charge. These charges are for items that the student retains with them at the end of the course.**

**These payments should be paid by 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

**Students can bring cash or a cheque to their Enrolment interview.** Cheques should be made payable to 'Varndean College'.

Or payments can be made once the student is enrolled, through the College Website at the Online Payments services found in the Parent/Carers or Student section <https://pay.varndean.ac.uk/> or by going in person to the Finance Office. You can also pay over the phone by contacting the Finance office on 01273 508011. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying for any Course Costs, please contact the Finance Office directly.

Students can apply for help with these costs if they fall into a priority group for the Bursary or Discretionary Learning Grant; eligible students will have these payments automatically deducted. Please check the Financial Support section on our website for details.

Students provide their own sketchbooks and printing paper for Photography, which can be bought at cost from the College shop. There may also be some one-off charges for specialist materials on some courses.

**NB:** There are a number of courses where students are expected to go on trips as part of their course and these need to be paid for. This is particularly true for students studying Visual Arts, Public Services, Drama, Geography and Travel and Tourism courses.

Yours sincerely,

Donna-Marie Janson  
 Deputy Principal

Please tick the box for your course(s), detach and return with your contribution.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Art Art A level & IB £135		Design Graphic Design A level £135 3D A level £135		Creative Media BTEC L2 £10 L3 £15	
Art Textiles A Level £135		Drama A level & IB £10		Performing Arts BTEC L3 Single £10 Double £20	
Art & Design Level 2 BTEC 1 <sup>st</sup> Certificate £75 BTEC 1 <sup>st</sup> Award £30		Life Drawing £20		Performing Arts BTEC L2 £10	
CACHE Level 3 (Early Years) £77		Health and Social Care Level 3 Double £54		Photography A level £135 AS Level £70 GCSE £50	

I enclose the material costs contribution/have paid online (delete as applicable) and agree that my son/daughter can take part in Creative Arts activities outside college in the local area during college hours.

Signed by Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## What are the materials fees paying for?

**Advanced Level Art / International Baccalaureate Art** The materials charge in Art is for 2 years. It contributes towards 'consumables' that are used by/given to students in lessons - including oil, acrylic and watercolour paint, many different kinds of paper, printing inks and rollers, pens, graphite, tools, brushes, wire, plaster, charcoal, oil and chalk pastels, adhesives, A1 plastic storage bags, reference books etc. Students also purchase sketchbooks and boards or canvas to work on in class.

**Advanced Level Graphic Design** The materials charge in Graphic Design is for 2 years. It contributes towards many things, including papers, paint, printing inks, inkjet paper, specialist pens, tapes, A1 plastic storage bags, reference books etc that are used/consumed in lessons. Students may need to contribute towards the cost of inkjet prints.

**Advanced Level Photography** The materials charge in Photography is for 2 years. It contributes towards many things, most of them 'consumables' that are used by/given to students in lessons - including - darkroom chemicals, negative bags, A1 plastic storage bags, acetate sheets, reference books etc. Students are asked to buy a box of photographic paper, which has 100 sheets in it; most students use that carefully and it lasts them a whole year. Students will also need to buy Black & White films and print tokens for inkjet prints, depending on the nature of the project.

**Advanced 3D Design** The materials charge in 3D Design is for 2 years. It contributes towards many things, most of them 'consumables' that are used by/given to students in lessons - including – photocopying, drawing pens, glues, wood, acrylic, plastics, metal, wire, light fittings, paper, A1 plastic storage bags etc. We also use this money for saw blades, nuts/bolts/screws etc. replacement of hand tools, scalpels, drill bits etc.as well as towards major equipment such as a fret saw, spot welder or electric drill. Students may have to buy some additional materials themselves to include in their work if they for example need coloured acrylic sheet or a specific type of metal, depending on what they choose to construct.

**Advanced Level Textiles** The materials charge in Textiles is for 2 years. It contributes towards many things, most of them 'consumables' that are used by/given to students in lessons - including - paint, printing inks, dyes, fabric, thread, papers, A1 plastic storage bags, reference books etc. Students may have to buy some additional fabrics themselves to include in their work, depending on what they choose to create.

Advanced level students have 3 lessons per week so that means over 100 practical lessons in each year. Other colleges in the local area ask for more in charges for doing Visual Arts A levels. A3 Varndean college embossed sketchbooks are great value if you compare them to similar books on sale in town and we sell those at cost price from the college shop to try to support students and make it as affordable and easy for them as possible.

**Pre Advanced GCSE Photography** – The materials charge is for one year. It contributes towards many things, most of them 'consumables' that are used by/given to students in lessons - including – specialist papers, pens, darkroom chemicals, A1 plastic storage bags, acetate sheets, reference books etc. Later in the course, students will also need to buy print tokens for inkjet prints and we encourage students on this course to have their own USB stick.

**Pre Advanced BTEC First Certificate in Art & Design.** This larger course has 11 periods per week so over 200 hours of practical lessons in total. The materials charge is for one year. It contributes towards many things, most of them 'consumables' that are used by/given to students in lessons – including – paint, paper, printing inks, clay, wire, fabrics, heat transfer dyes, lino, pens, A1 plastic bags, watercolour paints, reference books etc. Later in the course, students may need to purchase boards or canvas to work on, depending on their choice of exam final piece.

**Life Drawing** – The materials charge is for one short enrichment course. It contributes towards many things including Life Model fees, papers, charcoal, inks, paint, pastels etc.

With Visual arts courses, learners leave at the end with more than just a grade and expertise, they leave with a physical portfolio of work, which can be so valuable in seeking employment or progression to another course after college.