

Dear Parent,

As your child continues their journey into being a Designer in BCIS Secondary School there are some essential software requirements which we need you to ensure they have access to. As our various Design Projects involve both photo-compositing and use of the laser-cutters students need to have access to appropriate applications for photo-editing and vector drawing as well as the ability to draw digitally. Once learned, your child will also be able to use them to create products for various subject's assessments where appropriate.

Most of the applications we use in the Department are free, but these two pieces of software need to be purchased, as well as the additional piece Graphic Drawing Tablet to enable them to draw digitally. Please ensure that your child has these applications installed on their computer for the start of the new school year in August.

**Vector Drawing:**

Affinity Designer – 328rmb – One-off Payment

<https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/designer/>

**Photo-Editing:**

Affinity Photo – 328rmb – One-off Payment

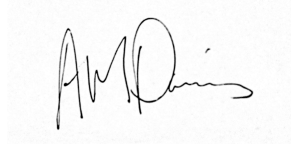
<https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/photo/>

**Graphic Drawing Tablet**

Each student should also have a graphic drawing tablet. We have identified the tablet below as being the most appropriate to our needs whilst keeping the weight to a minimum. The Wacom Intuos “Art Edition” also comes with software which would be helpful to them in various subjects across the Secondary School.

<http://www.wacom.com/en-us/products/pen-tablets/intuos-art>

We look forward to years of success with your child,



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