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Dear Parent/Guardian

GCSE Food tech NEA 2 task

Your son/daughter is currently undertaking their NEA 2 task (non-exam assessment 2) which normally would be completed in school.

This is a section of work that is part of their actual GCSE and is worth 50% of their overall mark. With the changes to the examinations in place, the decision regarding NEA2s is currently under consultation with Ofqual. As are many other schools, we are continuing with coursework, and starting the trial cooks as we have received guidance that this is permissible to be completed at home. This also provides me with further evidence to base teacher assessment of practical/ research skills.

Students have completed their research and are now due to complete four dishes as "skills trials". This will take place in their double lessons (2 x cooking sessions). They then will write up the results and develop and time plan for two final dishes which they have to make in a 3hour exam (details to be confirmed once Ofqual consultation is complete).

All the dishes have to be expertly presented as well as cooked and photographed. Students should be aiming to demonstrate a range of practical skills in a range of dishes (based on the task of either brunch or a picnic).

I am therefore writing to ask for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter is fully prepared for these sessions and that they plan everything carefully and give you notice to get ingredients. They also require your permission to cook at home, preferably with supervision. All students have been trained over their GCSE course in safe food preparation and good working practices, so it is expected that they work appropriately, tidying and clean up after cooking.

It may be required that I need you to authenticate their work as their own.

If there are any concerns or problems with ingredients or equipment, I've asked students to let me know to see if I can assist in any way.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Ashley
Food & Nutrition, Head of Year 11