



26th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition mock practical exam – group 1

As part of the AQA Food Preparation and Nutrition course, students are required to demonstrate high level practical skills as part of their non-examined assessment (NEA), which is worth 50% of the course. Students are required to make and present three dishes with accompaniments in a three-hour practical cooking exam. Alongside this they will produce a 20-page folder which includes planning and evaluation of the dishes and photographic evidence. This is all completed over 20 hours.

In order to fully prepare students for the upcoming practical exam, I am running a mock practical exam for group 1 on **Monday 5th February** from period 1 until period 3. This mock practical exam helps students to know what to expect from this course requirement and it is also an invaluable opportunity to make mandatory dishes for Section B in a timed period.

During the forthcoming lessons students will be selecting appropriate dishes and accompaniments to make on the day and will have a list of ingredients that they need to bring with them to the mock. Photographic evidence of the dishes is taken and used to support their NEA, so it is imperative that they present food well. Students are welcome to bring in crockery from home to plate up their food and are encouraged to bring in garnishes etc.

The real practical exam will take place next half term. Students will be making a completely different range of products from the mock practical in order to demonstrate more skills.

Please let me know as soon as possible, if there is a problem with providing ingredients. It may be possible for the school to provide ingredients in particular circumstances if enough notice is given.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support with these skills sessions. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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