

December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students have started their **NEA (Non-Examination Assessment) 2 The Food Preparation and Assessment** part of their GCSE course. From now until after the February 2024 half term, the students will be working towards their 3-hour practical exam and the coursework that accompanies it.

Each student will be carrying out research into their chosen task and will, each week, need to select and print out a recipe that they will be trialling in preparation for their 3-hour practical exam. Additionally, they have all been given access to a PowerPoint which lays out exactly how they should be writing each task. This will be made available on Show My Homework. After each practical lesson, it is advised that they write an evaluation of their dish as homework, ready to type it up in their next theory lesson.

The NEA 2 is worth 35% of their overall grade and is therefore vitally important. The coursework should consist of up to 15 double side pages of A4 (30 pages in total) which will include photographs and charts.

The students will be cooking every week so that they can carry out recipe trials. From now on, students should be thinking about how they are going to present their food ready for the GCSE NEA 2 Practical. This will take place the week commencing immediately after the February Half-term, with the first exam taking place on Monday 19th February 2024. The students will be taken off timetable from their other lessons, and will spend the day with myself or Mrs Watkins cooking their three dishes plus accompaniments, cleaning up and then evaluating them.

If your child catches the bus to school, it might be a good idea to bring some of their food and dishes in the day before and they can be stored ready for their use.

The **Year 11 catch-up session takes place every Tuesday** after school and **Thursday lunchtimes**. This is a chance for the students to really apply themselves to the task and get the high grades they deserve. I would expect **all** students to attend these sessions if they have missed any lessons due to sickness or have just fallen behind.

If you have any questions, please contact myself, or Mrs Watkins.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L de-Gay
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