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Dear Parent/Carer

Food Preparation and Nutrition NEA

We are now well into Year 11. This is an important year and there are a lot of key dates when your son/daughter will need to complete Non-Examined Assessments (NEAs) that will count towards their final GCSE grade in Food Preparation and Nutrition. I am writing to let you know when these dates are so you have as much notice as possible in order to support your child through these key elements of their course.

NEA1 is the Food Investigation task that is 15% of their final GCSE grade. This week they will be given the official Task and must commence their own research.

Over the coming lessons and weeks students will conduct detailed research for homework and carry out practical investigations. They will then report on their findings covering research, investigation and analysis. The NEA1 practical three hour investigation will take place from the 6-9th November when they will be off timetable for half a day. A contribution of £2.50 per student is requested to enable us to supply all ingredients for these investigations. Please bring your contribution, in cash, to me. All written work must be completed at school under exam conditions but students should research and plan their written work at home before each lesson. Students should ensure they attend all lessons, if they are absent then they must catch up after school in compulsory sessions. Deadlines for each section are on their Scheme of Work and on Show My Homework. I attach the scheme of work for you so you may support your child with their homework.

The mock written exam will be in the lesson on Wednesday 19th December. Students must revise for this using the digital textbook for guidance and revision books they have ordered (currently awaiting delivery) and complete practice exam questions for homework.

NEA2 is the Food Preparation Task, which is 35% of their final GCSE grade. This task involves showcasing their cooking skills, and students will need to produce a written portfolio to show research, practical skills demonstrated, time plans, evaluations and conclusions for **all** dishes. This task includes a three hour practical exam, where all ingredients are to be provided from home. The NEA2 will run from December to the end of February 2019. The three hour practical exam will take place week commencing 11th February 2019.

The final written exam, which is 50% of their GCSE grade, will be in June 2019 (exact date to be confirmed). I will be running catch-up and revision lessons to support the exam on Thursday lunchtimes in Tec9. Alternatively students can log on to the digital book <http://www.illuminate.digital/eduqasfood/>

If you have any enquiries about the course, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you at the Year 11 Parent Consultation Evening on the 15th November 2018.

Yours faithfully

Miss Russell

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