



November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition NEA 2

We are writing to inform you that your child is now preparing for their NEA 2 controlled assessment, which is to research, prepare and cook three dishes with accompaniments if appropriate. This is worth 35% of their final mark. We have been giving the students clear guidance and classroom resources in lesson time, so they are fully prepared and understand what is required of them. These resources will be available for them to access on the school drive: P drive/student resources, GCSE Food, Year 11.

It is recommended that students spend 12 classroom hours on the NEA 2, 9 hours of written work and the final 3-hour exam. For the exam, the class will be split into two allowing students to have more space in the kitchen. These two practical exams will take place **Monday to Friday week commencing 19 February 2024.**

Please find below a breakdown of how the assessment will be conducted. As this is controlled, we do expect all students to be focused and independent throughout the assessment period.

We are providing you with this information so that you can be aware of what your child should have completed by each date and hopefully this will help them to be organised with their work.

Typing up written work must only be done in school, however, students can make rough hand written notes at home. Most home learning in Term 2 will be carrying out research and Term 3 will be revision for the mock exam.

Term 2	
Week commencing	Activity
27 November 2023	Initial response to brief and plan of action
4 December 2023	Secondary research
11 December 2023	Primary research
18 December 2023	Identify trial dishes

Term 3	
Week commencing	Activity
8 January 2024	Trial dish practical 1
15 January 2024	Trial dish practical 2
22 January 2024	Trial dish practical 3
29 January 2024	Choosing final menu
5 February 2024	Time plan

Term 4	
Week commencing	Activity
19 February 2024	NEA 2 Controlled Practical Exam
26 February 2024	Evaluation and conclusion
4 March 2024	NEA 2 Deadline

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When your child has their practical exam, the students will be taken 'off timetable' for all six periods to allow for clearing up, photographing and evaluation work. We will inform students nearer the time which group and date they will be in. Students will need to provide their own ingredients and plates/bowls/napkins or garnishes they would like to use to gain marks for presentation. We will obviously provide additional equipment and resources where possible.

We appreciate providing ingredients each week is costly. High marks are awarded for well executed dishes that are presented beautifully – the ingredients do not have to be expensive, and recipes can be divided in half to make single portions which is more than acceptable for exam purposes.

This assessment must be completed by **Friday 8 March 2024**.

Thank you for your continued support. If you require any further information or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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