



September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition

I am writing to inform you that your child has now started their first Non Examination Assessment (NEA). This is worth **15%** of the total mark for GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition.

Please find below a breakdown of how the assessment will be conducted. We do expect all students to be focused and independent throughout the assessment period.

We will provide guidance, examples, writing frames and textbooks for research and all the ingredients and any equipment required for the practical element of the assessment. There is no excuse for not completing the work to the best of their ability!

This assessment must be completed by week ending **Friday 21 November 2025**, as the next Non Examination Assessment (NEA) will start in December 2025. The second NEA will be worth **35%** of the total mark for GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition.

Due to the time constraints of the NEA 1 coursework, there will be no revision lessons prior to the trial exam week taking place in November. Students will still be expected to undertake revision in their own time as home learning using the guidance provided by their teacher.

Please see the timetable of task dates below.

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

Julia Morris and Ben Hicken
Teachers of Design Technology (Food)

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Week ending	Task
Term 1	
8 September 2025	Introduction to brief and research
15 September 2025	Research and plan of action
22 September 2025	Hypothesis and preparation for experiments
29 September 2025	Experiment 1
6 October 2025	Experiment 2
13 October 2025	Analysis of experiments
20 October 2025	Final conclusion
Term 2	
3 November 2025	Final improvements
10 November 2025	Final Improvements (Year 11 trial exams week)
17 November 2025	Deadline week (Year 11 trial exams week)